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### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

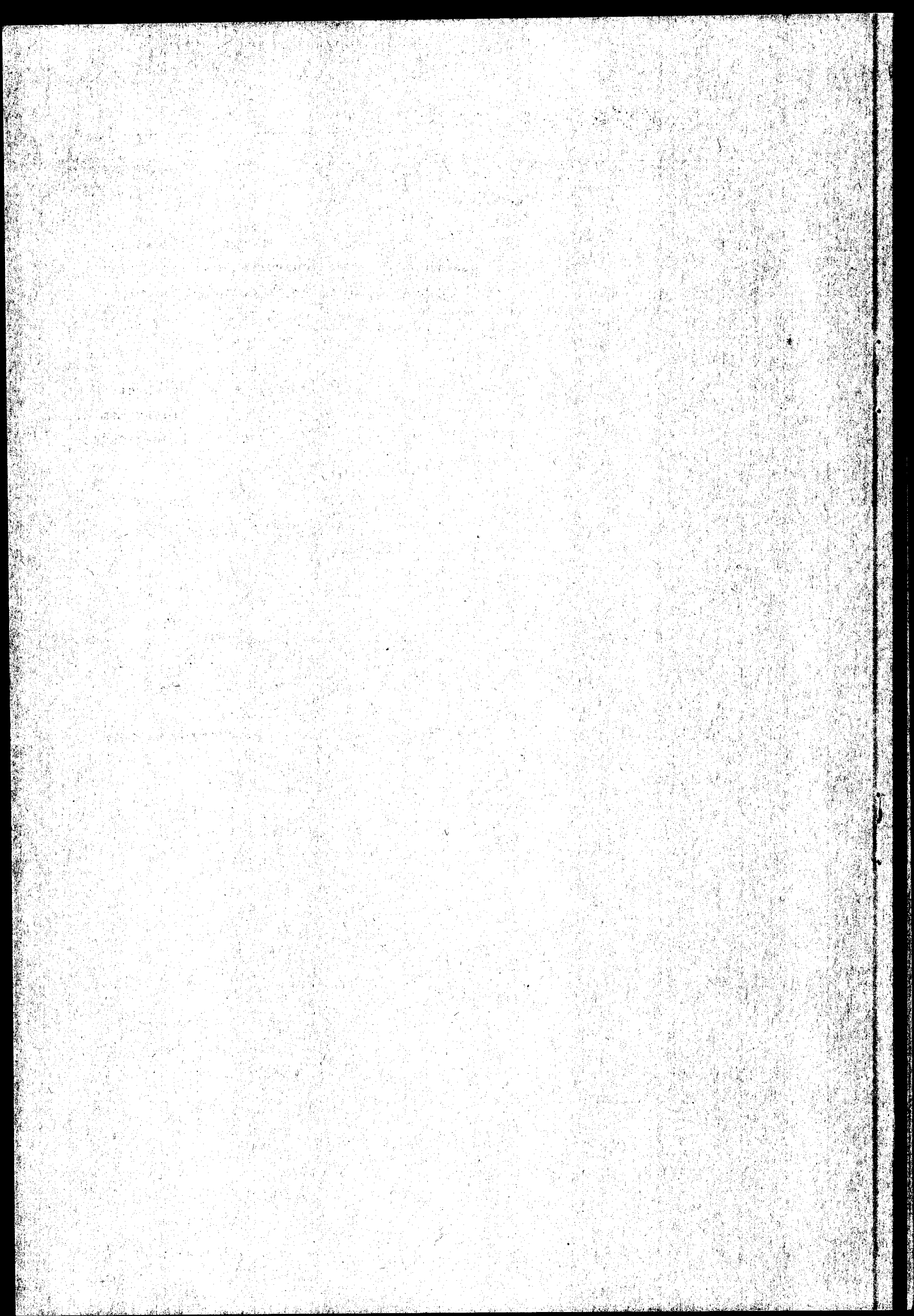
#### SITTING OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- pursuant to Article 10(3) of the Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of the representatives of the Assembly by direct universal suffrage -

ON 17 JULY 1979

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Under Article 10(3) of the Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of the representatives of the Assembly by direct universal suffrage, the European Parliament shall meet without requiring to be convened on the first Tuesday after expiry of an interval of one month from the end of the period of the election of Members, that is to say on 17 July 1979.

In accordance with Rules 6 and 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, the sitting of 17 July 1979 shall be opened by the oldest member and shall be devoted, after the verification of credentials, to the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents.

Consequently, the agenda for the constituent proceedings of the part-session beginning on 17 July 1979 is as follows:

Tuesday 17 July 1979

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

- opening of the sitting with the oldest member in the chair
- statement by the oldest member
- appointment, by drawing lots, of the temporary Committee on the Verification of Credentials
- after a suspension of sitting, oral report by the temporary Committee on the Verification of Credentials
- election of the President
- election of the Vice-Presidents
- suspension of sitting for a meeting of the enlarged Bureau
- resumption of sitting : order of business<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See, for information, working document on page 4.

WORKING DOCUMENT

As regards the order of business to be proposed by the enlarged Bureau of the directly-elected European Parliament, when constituted, the enlarged Bureau of the outgoing European Parliament, at its meeting of 25 and 26 June 1979, noted the following :

- (a) The constituent proceedings might not all be completed on Tuesday ; the President might not be elected until the end of the afternoon.

A large number of dignitaries will be present in the official gallery for the Tuesday and Wednesday sittings. The elected President could thus make his opening speech on Wednesday morning, to be followed by speeches by the President-in-Office of the Council, the President of the Commission and the spokesmen of the political groups.

- (b) A report<sup>1</sup> has been submitted by the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions adjusting and complementing the Rules of Procedure to take account of the requirements of a European Parliament of 410 Members.
- (c) From 1 July 1979 Ireland takes over the presidency of the Council. Traditionally, at the first part-session the new President of the Council makes a statement to the European Parliament on his programme of work.
- (d) There will be a European Council meeting shortly before this part-session; it is customary for the President of the Council and the President of the Commission to make a statement on the meeting at the first subsequent part-session of the European Parliament.

These statements have hitherto always been followed by a debate.

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<sup>1</sup> See Doc. 193/79, which is attached

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- (e) The inter-institutional arrangements for the timing of the budgetary procedure provide for the Commission of the European Communities to present in July the preliminary draft general budget of the Communities for the 1980 financial year, followed by a debate.
- (f) It should be noted that there was no vote on the report by the Legal Affairs Committee on 'sociétés anonymes'<sup>1</sup>, which was debated in plenary sitting on Friday, 11 May 1979, since it was ascertained, following a request, that a quorum was not present. Rule 33(3) of the Rules of Procedure states : 'If a quorum is not present, the vote shall be placed on the agenda of the next sitting'.

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<sup>1</sup> PE Doc. 136/79

The draft order of business to be drawn up by the Bureau of the European Parliament during the July part-session could therefore be as follows :

Tuesday, 17 July 1979

Resumption of sitting after meeting of the enlarged Bureau :

- Introduction of and vote on<sup>1</sup> the report (Doc. 193/79) on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament
- Vote on a motion for a resolution on the number and composition of Parliamentary committees
- suspension of sitting for a meeting of the enlarged Bureau
- resumption of sitting : appointment of members of parliamentary committees

Wednesday, 18 July 1979

10.00 a.m.

- Speech by the President of the European Parliament, followed by speeches<sup>2</sup> by the President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities, the President of the Commission of the European Communities and the spokesmen of the political groups  
(the morning sitting will be a formal sitting)

3.00 p.m.

- possibly, continuation of Tuesday's agenda
- possibly, any other business<sup>3</sup>
- possibly, after the sitting :
  - constituent meetings of committees

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Rule 54(2) of the Rules of Procedure, motions for resolutions amending these rules 'shall be adopted only if they secure the votes of a majority of the Members of Parliament'.

<sup>2</sup> Speaking time could be allocated as follows : 30 minutes for the President of the European Parliament and 20 minutes each for the President-in-Office of the Council, the President of the Commission of the European Communities and the spokesmen of the political groups.

<sup>3</sup> See in particular letter (f) (page 5).

Thursday, 19 July 1979

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

- Statement by the President of the Council of the European Communities on the programme for the Irish presidency
  - Statement by the President of the Council and the President of the Commission of the European Communities on the outcome of the European Council
- These statements would be followed by a joint debate

- possibly, 6.00 p.m.

- constituent meetings of committees

Friday, 20 July 1979

10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

- possibly, continuation of Thursday's agenda
- Presentation by the Commission of the European Communities of the preliminary draft general budget of the European Communities for the 1980 financial year, followed by a general debate

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In view of the nature of this part-session and of the fact that there would not be time to give sufficient notice, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, for tabling of questions, there would be no Question Time or oral questions with or without debate.

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