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INTERIM REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and
Education

on the stage reached in the preparation of the analytical and summary working
documents to be drawn up by the Commission of the European Communities for
the 1978 Tripartite Conference

Rapporteur: Mr W. ALBERS

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By letter of 7 June 1978 the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education requested authorization to draw up an interim report on the stage reached in the preparation of the analytical and summary working documents to be drawn up by the Commission of the European Communities for the 1978 Tripartite Conference.

At its meeting of 22 June 1978, the Bureau of the European Parliament authorized the committee to draw up a report on this matter.

On 30 March 1978, the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education appointed Mr Albers rapporteur for all matters connected with the 1978 Tripartite Conference.

At its meeting of 19 June 1978, the committee considered the interim report and adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously with three abstentions.

Present: Mr Nolan, acting chairman; Mrs Dunwoody, vice-chairman; Mr Pistillo, vice-chairman; Mr Albers, rapporteur; Mr Adams, Mr Bouquerel, Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti, Mr Dinesen, Mr Geurtsen, Mr Howell, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Lemp (deputizing for Mr Schreiber), Mr Lezzi, Mr Pisoni, Mr Power and Mr Vanvelthoven.

The rapporteur will present the explanatory statement orally.

The Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the stage reached in the preparation of the analytical and summary working documents to be drawn up by the Commission of the European Communities for the 1978 Tripartite Conference

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the documents drawn up by the Commission Work-sharing, meeting of the Standing Committee on Employment (March 1978) (SEC (78) 740) and
The role of the tertiary (including public) sectors in the achievement of growth, stability and full employment (SEC (78) 1526 final 2),
- having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 179/78),
- 1. Is dismayed to note that of the four documents announced by the Commission as long ago as mid-1977 and containing their proposals on subjects for discussion at the 1978 Tripartite Conference, only two are as yet available to the European Parliament and its committees;
- 2. Notes with increasing concern that this tactic is being repeatedly used by the Commission, although it has been sharply criticized by Parliament on several occasions, and therefore for the November 1978 Tripartite Conference the European Parliament is again left with no scope for serious discussion of the Commission's final summary document, which is scheduled to appear by the end of September 1978 at the earliest;
- 3. Calls, in the interests of a credible European policy, for the submission without delay of practical and flexible proposals, which take account of justified social interests, to enable the Member States to reduce unemployment and stimulate economic activity;
- 4. Believes that, because the Commission's summary document is at present still unavailable, political conclusions will be extremely hard to draw, so that it would appear advisable to reconsider November 1978 as the date for holding the Tripartite Conference and to give serious thought to postponing it until spring 1979;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

