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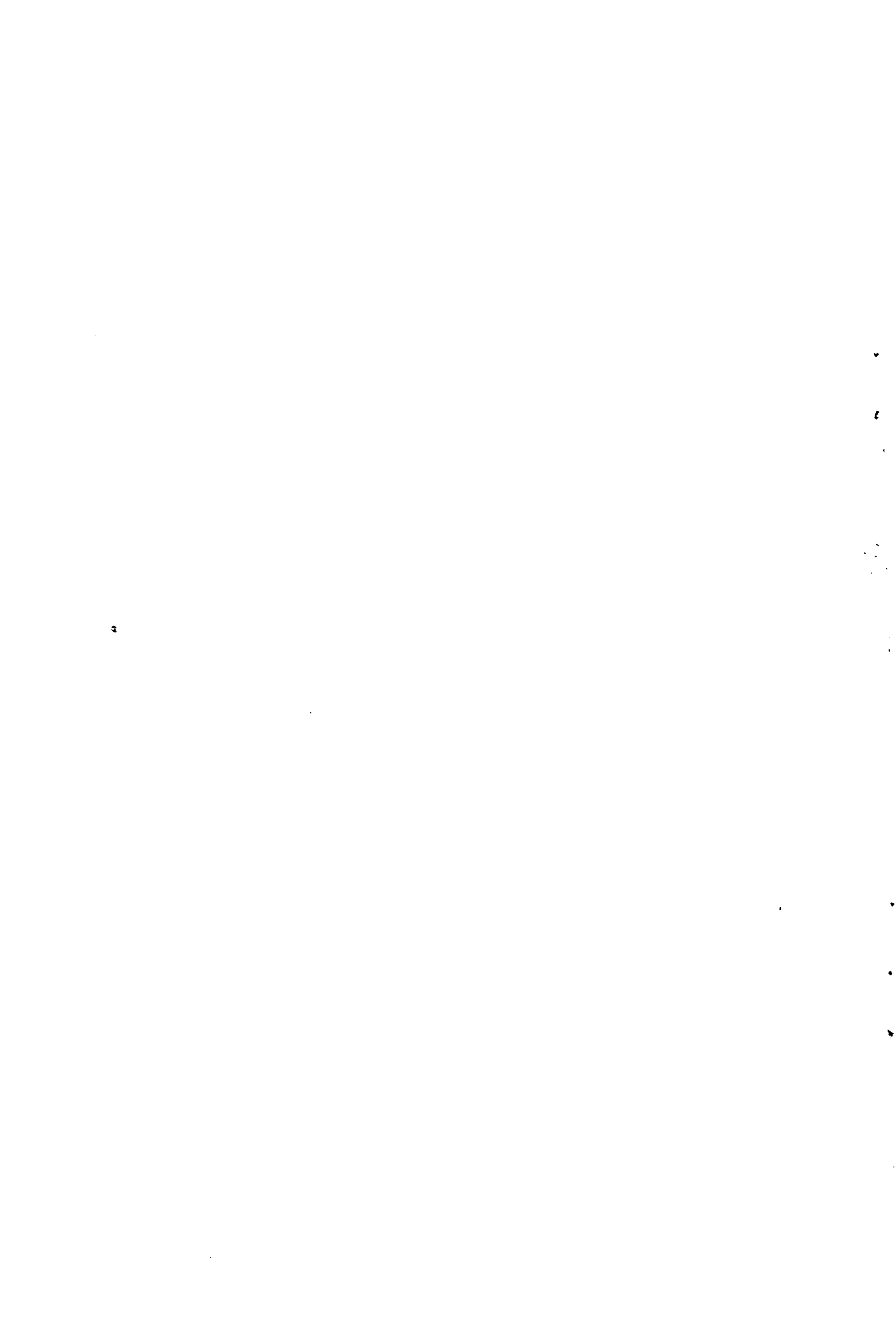
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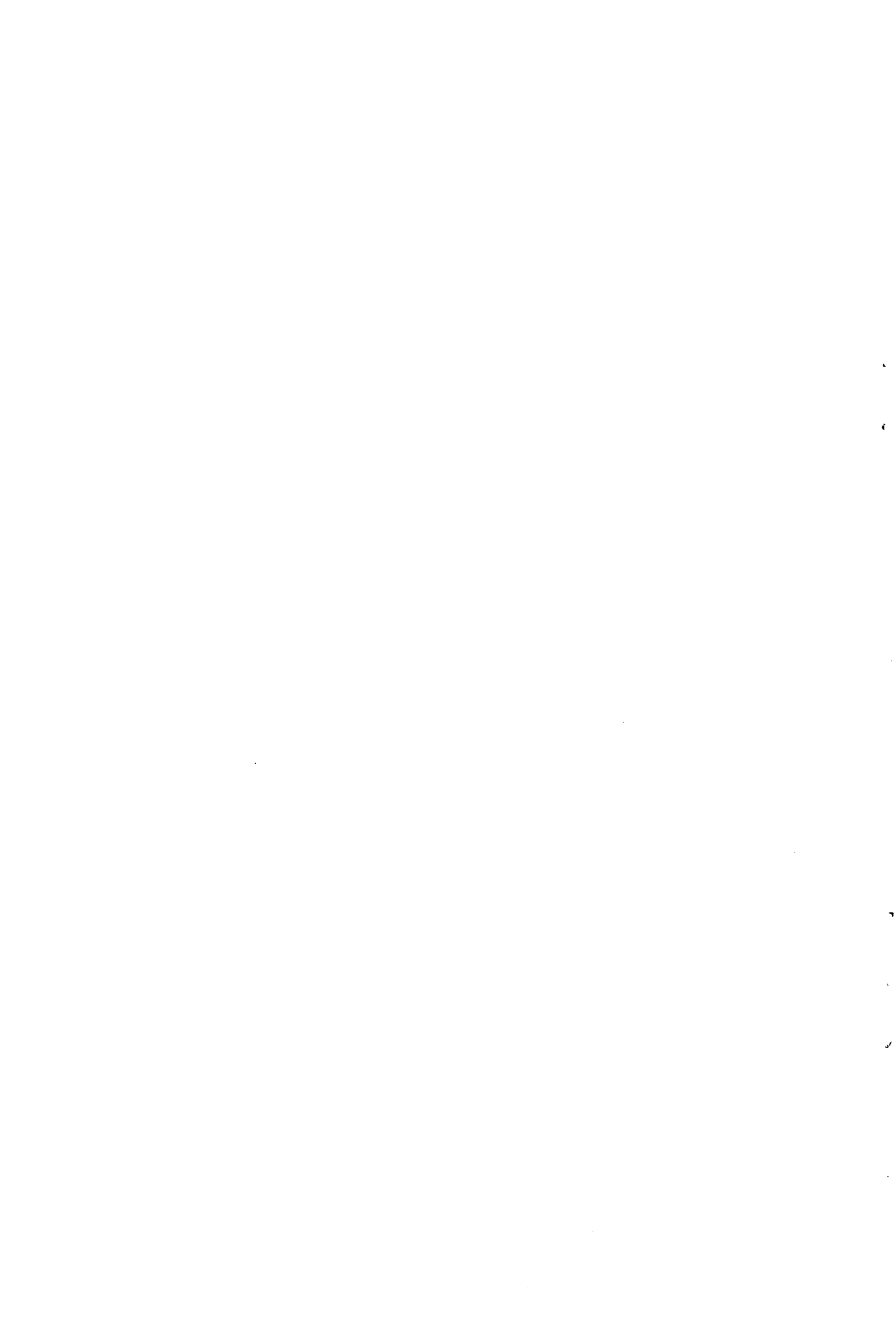
Dear Mr President,

You will find attached the recommendations adopted by the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee at the end of its Xth session in Rome from 8 to 10 December 1975.

Yours sincerely,

Paul DE CLERCQ
Co-chairman

Jean PESMAZOGLOU
Chairman



Xth SESSION

8-10 December 1975

ROME

Palazzo Montecitorio

The EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee met from 8 to 10 December 1975 in Rome under the chairmanship of Mr DE CLERCQ, Leader of the delegation of the European Parliament, and Mr PESMAZOGLU, Leader of the delegation of the Greek Parliament.

Taking part in this session of the parliamentary organ of the association between the European Community and Greece were representatives of the Council of Association, the Government of the Republic of Greece, the Council and Commission of the Communities.

The Joint Parliamentary Committee discussed the international situation and political questions of common interest, notably the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean. The accession of Greece to the European Community, the harmonization of agricultural policies, the conclusion of a financial protocol and questions of social progress were considered in depth. The parliamentarians also discussed the situation in Cyprus in the light of the resolutions adopted by the UN General Assembly and Security Council.

Following its deliberations, the Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted three recommendations which were forwarded to the Greek Parliament, the European Parliament, the Council of Association, the Government of the Republic of Greece, the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

RECOMMENDATION I

The EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- Emphasizing the common aspirations of the peoples of Greece and the Community Member States to a Europe politically and economically united in spirit of democracy, liberty and social progress,
- 1. Expresses its support for the efforts to form a European Union and for the decision to hold elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage;
- 2. Reaffirms that accession to the Community will increase Greece's strength and capacity for action as a community of peoples resolved to consolidate peace and liberty throughout the world in a spirit of international co-operation and solidarity with economically weaker peoples;

3. Trusts that the Commission of the European Communities will submit its opinion on Greece's application for membership at the end of this year and that negotiations will be opened as soon as possible allowing substantial progress to be made before its next session;
4. As a representative body of the peoples of the Community and Greece, asks to be kept informed of the progress of those negotiations and for a report to be forwarded for its next session in the spring of 1976.

RECOMMENDATION II on the state of the association

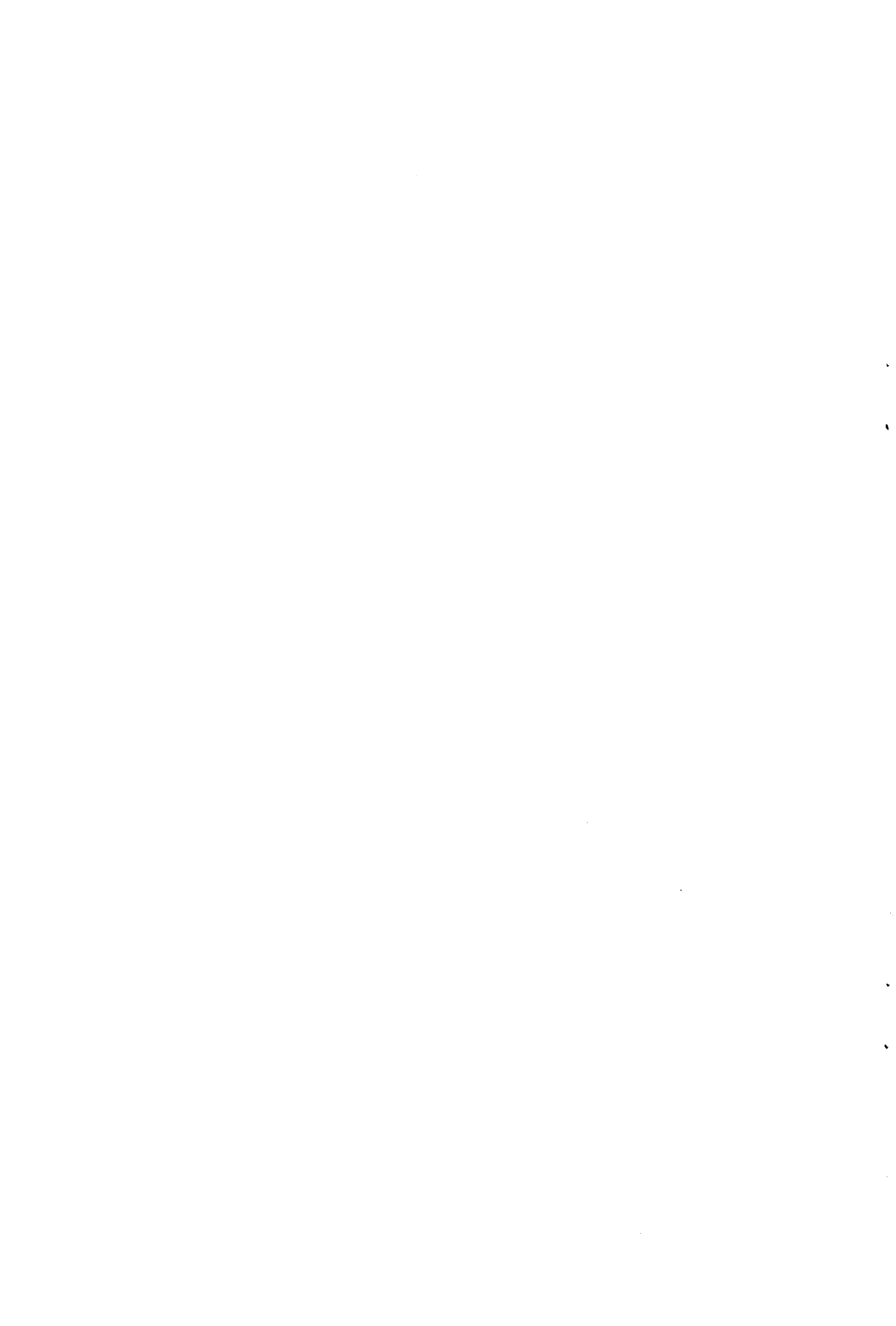
The Joint Parliamentary Committee of the Association

1. Stresses the need to systematically orient the association's development in such a way as to expedite Greece's accession to the Community;
2. Accordingly requests that, in consolidating and strengthening economic, commercial and political ties between the two parties, special importance should be attached to :
 - the harmonization of agricultural policies,
 - the conclusion of the second financial protocol,
 - questions of social progress;
3. Notes with satisfaction that at the last meeting of the group of experts, harmonization arrangements were spelt out along the lines recommended in the preceding paragraphs;
4. Recommends that further to the proposals of the Greek government, the negotiations on the financial protocol be completed as soon as possible and that the protocol take effect as soon as an agreement is signed, thus ensuring continuity in the Community's contribution to the financing of the Greek economy.

RECOMMENDATION III on the situation in CYPRUS

The EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee,

- recalling its resolution of 27 June 1975,
 - emphasizing that the nine Community Member States have supported the decisions of the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, in particular the General Assembly's Resolution No. 3398 (XXX) of 20 November 1975;
1. Observes how important it is to apply within a set period, the full provisions of the above-mentioned resolutions of the UN Security Council and General Assembly;



2. Stresses the urgent need to resume negotiations between the island's two communities with a view to ensuring the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus;
3. Requests the European Community and its Member States to take stronger action to this end and to increase their efforts to restore a just and lasting peace in Cyprus, a country which, like Greece and Turkey, is linked with the Community by an association agreement.

