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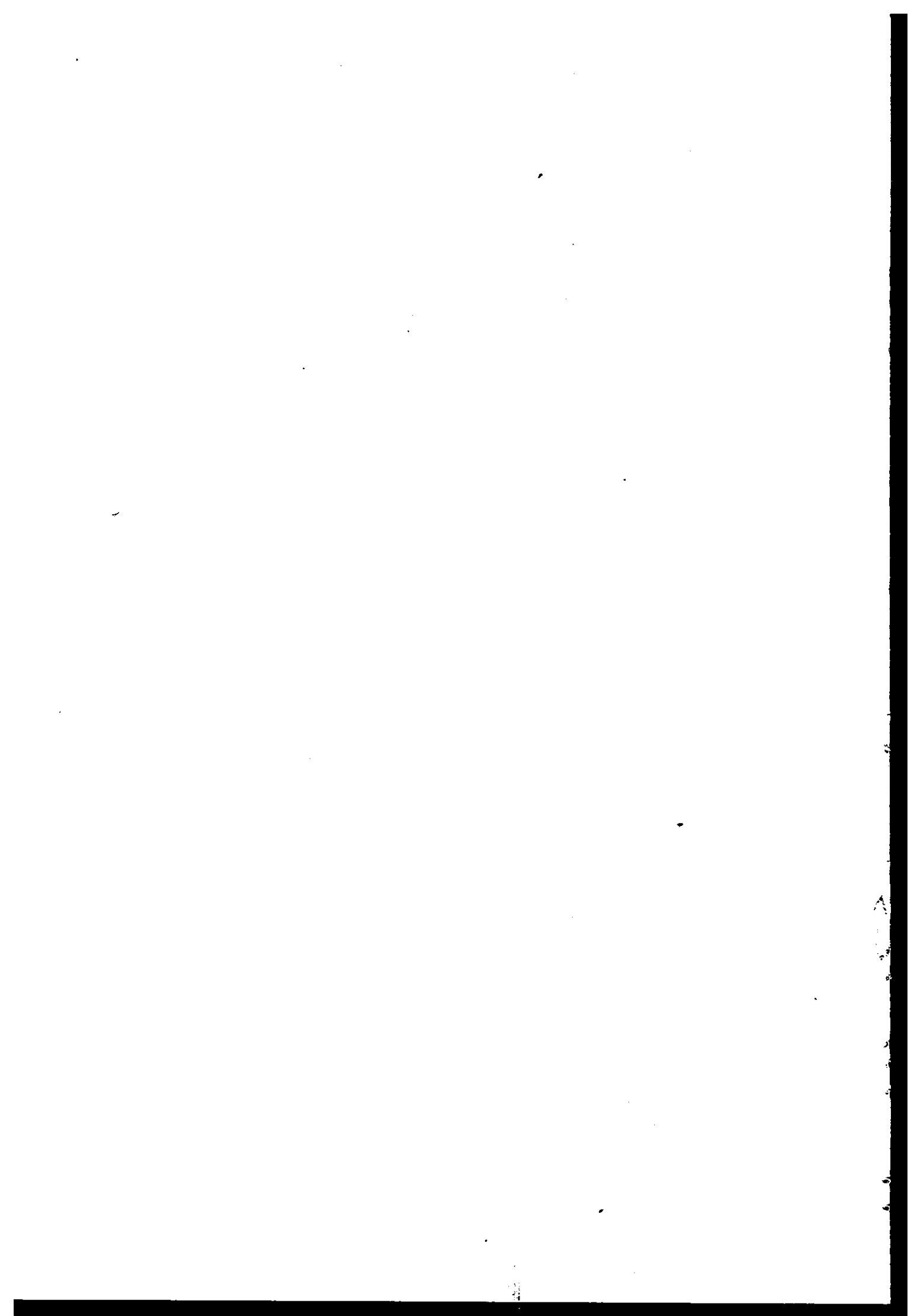
on procedures for involving the European Parliament in the conclusion of trade agreements between the Community and non-Member States

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Chairman of the Committee

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By letter of 24 November 1972 the Political Affairs Committee requested authorization to draw up a report on procedures for involving the European Parliament in the conclusion of trade agreements between the Community and non-Member States.

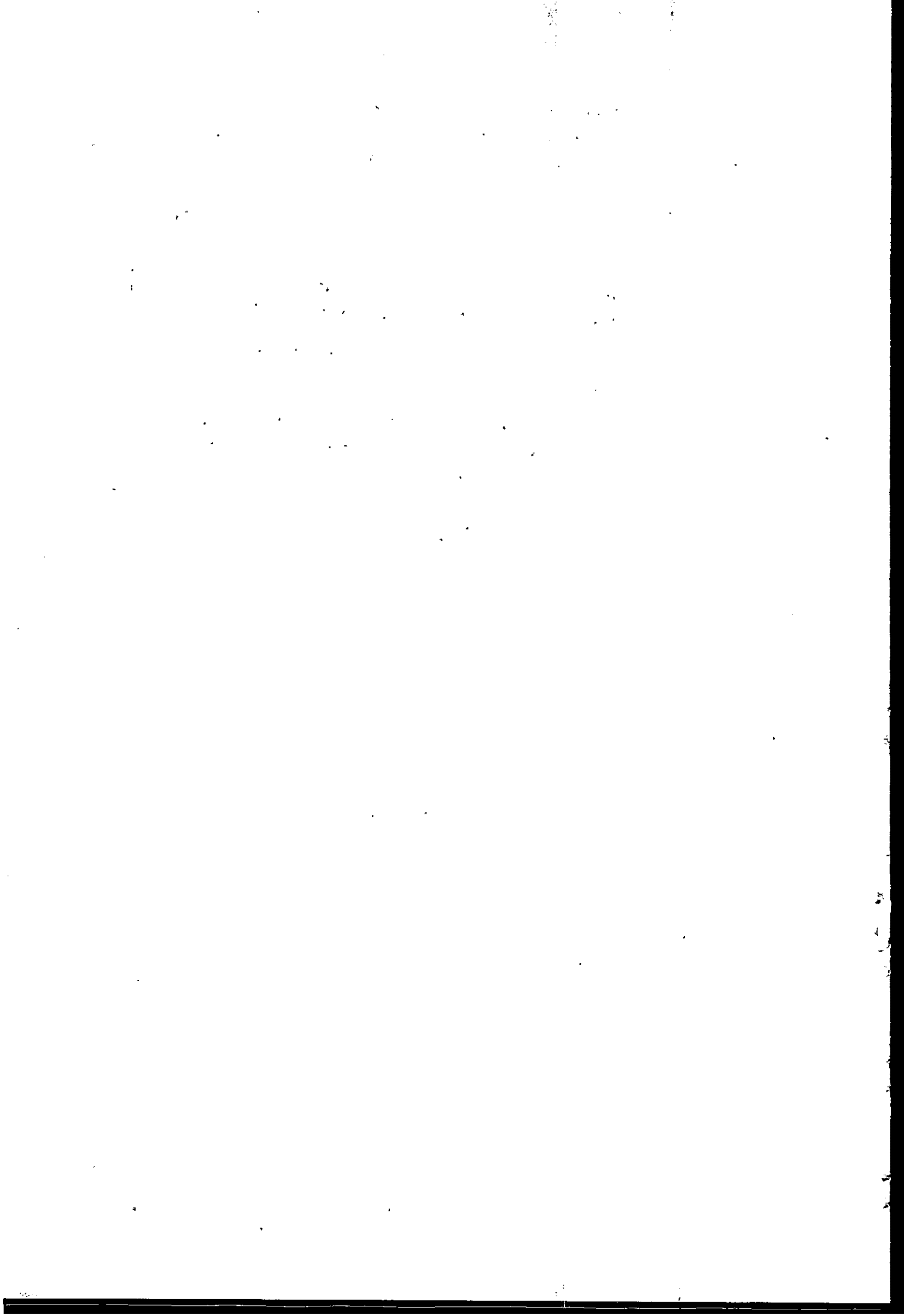
Authorization was given by the President of the European Parliament in his letter of 11 December 1972.

The Political Affairs Committee appointed Mr Giraudo, Chairman of the Committee, rapporteur at its meeting on 23 November 1972.

The committee discussed the draft report at its meeting of 4 and 5 December and adopted it unanimously.

The following were present: Mr Giraudo, Chairman and rapporteur; Mr Berkhouwer, Vice-Chairman; Mr Lautenschlager, Vice-Chairman; Mr Achenbach, Mr Broeks, Mr Furler, Mr Habib-Deloncle, Mr Kriedemann, Mr Lucius (deputizing for Mr Glesener), Mr Lückner, Mr Muller, Mr Radoux, Mr Scelba

The committee asked the rapporteur to present his explanatory statement orally in plenary session.



The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on procedures for involving the European Parliament in the conclusion of trade agreements between the Community and non-Member States.

The European Parliament,

- drawing attention to the Council's resolution of 22 April 1970 concerning Community action having financial effects, and cooperation between the Council and the Assembly,
 - in view of the Council's repeated statements in favour of strengthening cooperation between Parliament and the Council itself on all important Community action,
 - in view of Parliament's powers in regard to the Community budget,
 - in view of the fact that as from 1 January 1973 all trade agreements with non-Member States are to be concluded in the name of the Community in pursuance of the common commercial policy.
 - in view of the fact that bilateral trade agreements entered into by Member States are to be changed, under the common commercial policy, into trade agreements concluded by the Community as such and that it will therefore no longer be for national parliaments to express an opinion on such agreements,
 - in view of the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 226/727),
1. Appreciates the positive resolve, shown by the Council at the conclusion of trade agreements with non-Member States, to involve Parliament in the conclusion of such agreements by notifying the appropriate parliamentary committees prior to their signing;
 2. Requests as from the coming into force of the common commercial policy:
 - (a) that the initiation of negotiations with non-Member States on trade agreements liable to entail appreciable changes in the common commercial policy be preceded by a policy debate in the European Parliament when the recommendations from the Commission to the Council, provided for in Article 113(3) of the Treaty, are submitted;

(b) that at the close of the negotiations on such agreements and before they are finally concluded by the Council pursuant to Article 228, Parliament be consulted, in accordance with standard procedure, on their content and the desirability of signing them;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.