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Report

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

on the communication from the Commission of the
European Communities to the Council on/improvement
of relations with the social partners in the
context of the Tripartite Conferences

Rapporteur: Mr ALBERS

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The Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education on 7 March 1978 requested authorization to report on the whole area of the Tripartite Conferences. Authorization was given by the President of the European Parliament on 22 March 1978 and on 30 March 1978 the committee appointed Mr Albers rapporteur.

Pursuant to this mandate¹, the committee instructed Mr Albers on 30 April 1979 to report on a subsequent document from the Commission on improved preparations and arrangements for the next Tripartite Conference² and adopted a draft motion for a resolution on this document at its meeting of 30 April 1979.

Present: Mr Van der Gun, chairman; Mr Albers, rapporteur; Mr Caro, Mr Dinesen, Mr Dondelinger, Mr Martinelli (deputizing for Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti), Mr Meintz, Mr Pisoni, Mr Power, Mr Schreiber, Mr Schyns (deputizing for Mr Wawrzik) and Mrs Squarcialupi.

The rapporteur will present the explanatory statement orally.

¹See also Doc. 31/79 - Report on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education on the conclusions to be drawn from the Tripartite Conference on 9 November 1978

²COM(79) 224/final - 'Communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on improvement of relations with the social partners in the context of the Tripartite conferences'

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 communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on improvement of relations with the social partners in the context of the Tripartite conferences

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(79) 224/final),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education (Doc. 147/79),
1. Particularly welcomes the submission of the proposals for improving the preparations and arrangements for future Tripartite Conferences;
 2. Notes with satisfaction, although the principle is basically self-evident, that this communication to the Council has been forwarded to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee;
 3. Takes the view that, in the interests of efficient preparations for the Tripartite Conference, it is essential for communications and draft resolutions on this Conference to be forwarded, for information, in good time to the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee in order to ensure democratic political control, inter alia over the Commission;
 4. Acknowledges the fact that the Commission of the European Communities has taken the necessary action on the criticisms made by all the interested parties;
 5. Recalls the views put forward by the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education in its final report on the 1978 Tripartite Conference, which the Commission would appear to have accepted, although it does not mention them as proposals of the European Parliament;
 6. Takes the view that the Council of the European Communities and the European Council should, as a matter of urgency, adopt these new ideas so that the Tripartite Conference already planned for this year is not, like the 1978 Tripartite Conference, detrimental to the Community's image;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the European Council, the Commission of the European Communities and to the social partners and governments in the Member States.