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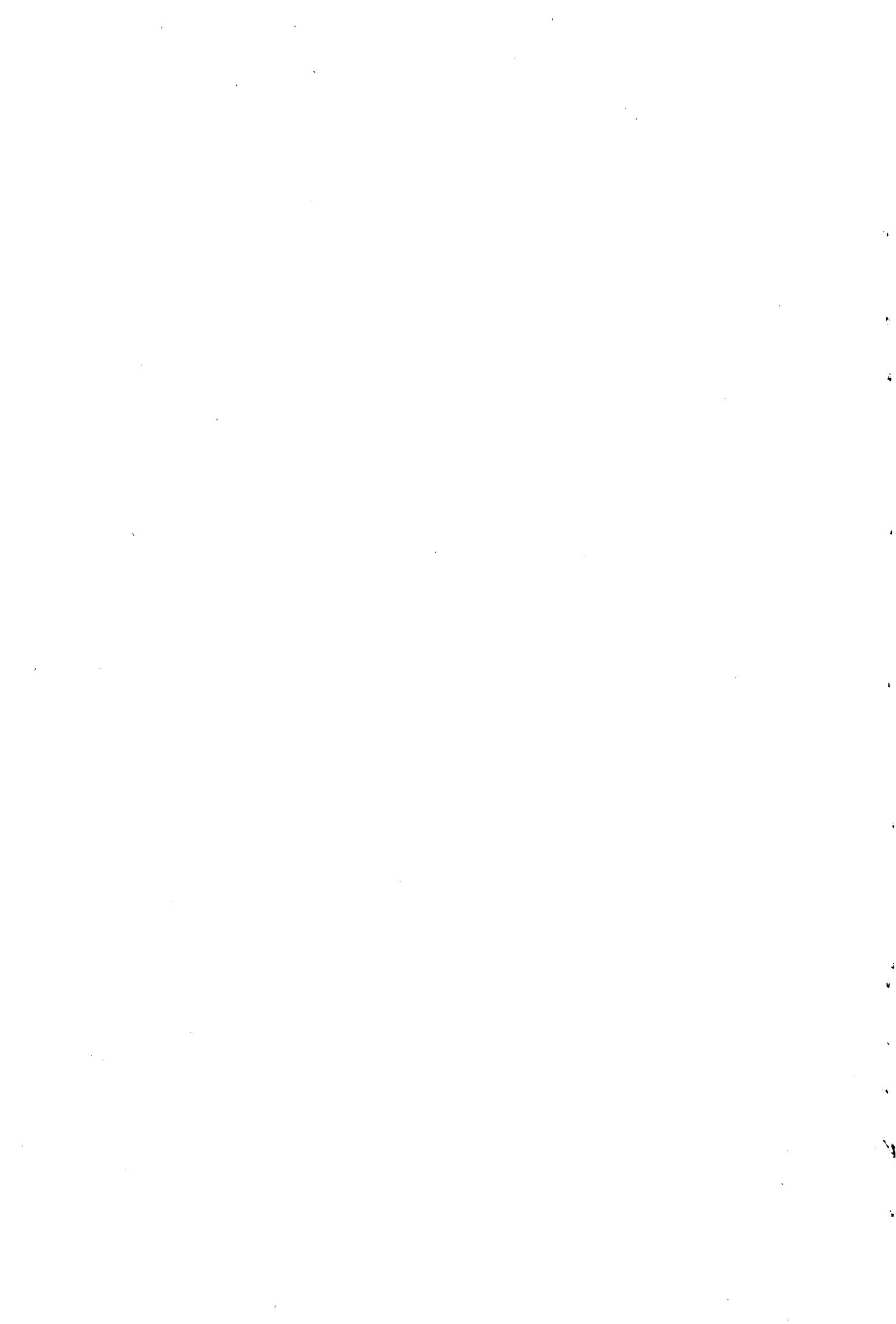
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on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

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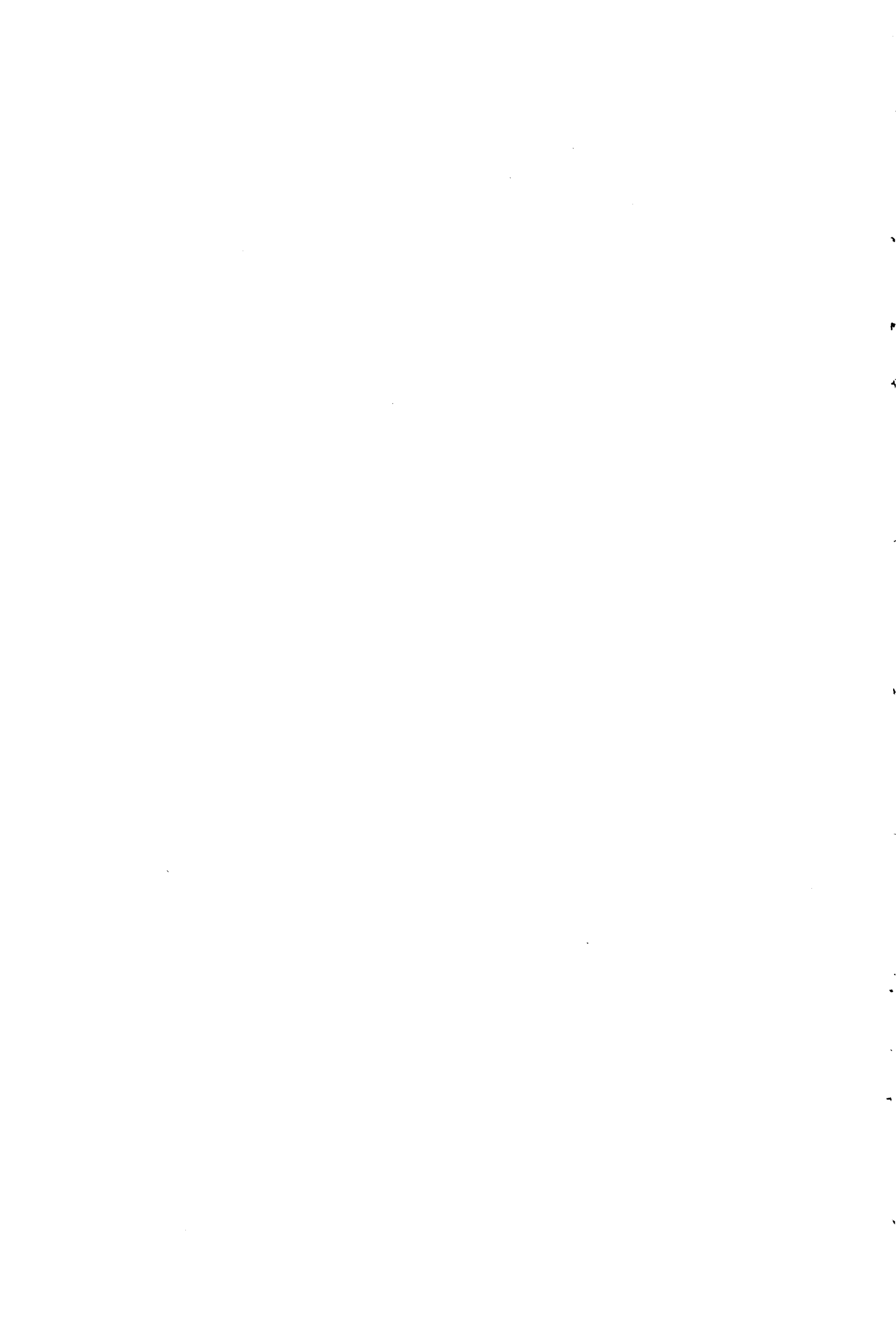


Pursuant to the instructions received from the European Parliament when the resolution on the adoption of a draft convention introducing elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage was adopted on 14 January 1975, the Political Affairs Committee decided on 13 July 1976 to submit a motion for a resolution on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage following the decisions taken by the European Council on 12 July 1976.

At its meeting of 2 September 1976 the committee confirmed Mr Patijn as rapporteur on the matter.

It considered the motion for a resolution at its meeting of 2/3 September 1976 and adopted it unanimously.

Present: Mr Boano, chairman; Mr Radoux and Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairmen; Mr Patijn, rapporteur; Mr A. Bertrand, Mr Corona, Mr Covelli, Mr Espersen, Mr Glinne (deputizing for Mr Seefeld), Sir Peter Kirk, Mr Kofoed (deputizing for Mr Achenbach), Mr Mitchell, Mr Premoli (deputizing for Mr Guldberg), Lord Reay, Mr Scelba, Mr Schuijt, Mr Stewart and Mr Yeats (deputizing for Mr Terrenoire).



The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following

Motion for a Resolution

on direct elections to the European Parliament by universal suffrage

The European Parliament

- having regard to its resolutions of 14 January 1975 (Doc. 368/74)<sup>1</sup>, 11 March 1976 (Doc. 11/76)<sup>2</sup>, 7 April 1976 (Doc. 45/76)<sup>3</sup> and 16 June 1976 (Doc. 174/76)<sup>4</sup>;
  - having regard to the undertaking given by the European Council on 12 and 13 July 1976 that the act concerning the election of the European Parliament would be signed by the end of July;
  - deploring the decision by the Council of the Communities on 27 July to postpone the signing until its meeting of 20 September 1976;
  - considering that any further delay in the approval of the act by the Council would jeopardize the implementation of the European Council's decision that the elections should take place on the date fixed by it;
  - convinced of the need to broaden as soon as possible the democratic basis of the Community by election of the European Parliament by universal suffrage;
1. Calls upon the Council of the Communities to finally sign the act at its meeting of 20 September 1976;
  2. Insists that the European Council's decision on 2 December 1975 in Rome that the election will take place in May/June 1978 should be respected;
  3. Notes the total number of seats and their distribution between the Member States decided by the European Council on 12 July 1976 and declares its agreement thereto;
  4. Calls upon the governments and parliaments of the Member States to put the ratification procedures in hand as soon as possible after the signing of the legal act and to adopt the necessary implementing

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 32, 11.2.1975, p.15

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. C 79, 5.4.1976, p.27

<sup>3</sup> OJ No. C 100, 3.5.1976, p.24

<sup>4</sup> OJ No. C 159, 12.7.1976, p.23

measures so that the election can take place on the agreed date;

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the parliaments and governments of the Member States.