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PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
AND THE ASSOCIATED AFRICAN AND MALAGASY STATES

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 1973

IN THE CHAIR: MR CORNELIS BERKHOUWER

*Retiring President of the Parliamentary Conference
of the Association*

The constituent sitting was opened at 11.10 a.m.

Opening of the annual meeting of the Conference

The President declared the annual meeting of the Conference open.

Composition of the Conference

Pursuant to Rule 4 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, the President informed the Conference of its composition.

The list of representatives to the Conference will be appended to the minutes.

The President welcomed the representatives of the new Member States of the European Community.

Mr McDonald and Lord Reay then spoke.

Admission of observers to the proceedings of the Conference

Pursuant to Rule 2 of its Rules of Procedure and on a proposal of the retiring bureau, the Conference decided to admit the representatives of Mauritius and of the Member States of the East African Commu-

nity, ie Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, to its proceedings as observers.

Election of the President

Mr Philippe Yacé was unanimously elected President of the Conference.

IN THE CHAIR: MR PHILIPPE YACÉ

Election of the Vice-Presidents

The Conference unanimously ratified the following appointments:

First Vice-President:

Mr Cornelis Berkhouwer

Vice-Presidents: Mr Bo-Boliko Lokonga

Mr Giovanni Bersani

Mr Marcel Marigoh M'Boua

Mr Achille Corona

Mr Da Ould Sidi Haiba

Mr Louis Briot

Mr Thaddée Bagaragaza

Mr Heinrich Aigner

The sitting was suspended at 11.30 a.m. and resumed at 11.35 a.m. as a formal sitting.

IN THE CHAIR: MR PHILIPPE YACÉ

President

The following spoke during the formal sitting:

Mr Kapwassa Kilishinga, *First Vice-President of the National Legislative Council*

Mr Berkhouwer, *President of the European Parliament and First Vice-President of the Conference*

Mr Philippe Yacé, *President of the Conference*

Mr Bo-Boliko Lokonga, *President of the National Legislative Council, on behalf of the Head of State*

The sitting was suspended at 12.45 p.m. and resumed at 4.10 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR PHILIPPE YACÉ

President

Documents received

The President stated that he had received the following documents since the last meeting of the Conference:

(a) *from the Association Council*

eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council to the Parliamentary Conference of the Association (Doc 42—I/II and Doc 42 III);

(b) *from the Joint Committee*

- Report by Mr Glinne on coordination of the activities of the 24 partner States of the Association in international organizations for economic cooperation and development, pursuant in particular to Protocol No 5 to the Second Yaounde Convention (Doc 41);
- Report by Mr François Bouda on the management accounts of the Parliamentary Conference of the Association for the 1971 financial year and the draft estimates for the 1973 financial year (Doc 43);
- Report and supplementary report by Mr François Perret on the eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council (Doc 42—I/II and III) to the Parliamentary Conference of the Association (Doc 45 and Doc 46);
- Report by Mr Heinrich Aigner on the memorandum by the Commission of the European Communities on a Community policy for development cooperation (Doc 47).

Order of business

The Conference adopted the following order of business on a proposal of the Bureau:

This afternoon:

- Report by Mr François Bouda on the management accounts of the Parliamentary Conference of the Association for the 1971 financial year and the draft estimates for the 1973 financial year,
- Report by Mr François Perret on the eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council.

Friday, 30 March 1973

9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Bureau

9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- Continuation of the discussion of the report by Mr François Perret on the eighth annual report,
- Report by Mr Ernest Glinne on coordination of the activities of the 24 partner States of the Association,
- Report by Mr Heinrich Aigner on the Community policy for development cooperation,
- Working document by Mr Louis Briot on the development of tourism in Africa,
- In the course of the day: Nomination of the members of the Joint Committee and appointment of its Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Saturday, 31 March 1973

9.30 a.m.

If necessary, continuation of Friday's agenda.

Management accounts of the Parliamentary Conference of the Association for the 1971 financial year and draft estimates for the 1973 financial year

Mr François Bouda presented his report (Doc 43).

The Conference unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the management accounts of the Parliamentary Conference of the Association for the 1971 financial year and the draft estimates for the 1973 financial year

The Parliamentary Conference of the Association,

- having regard to its Financial Regulations ⁽¹⁾ and in particular to Articles 6 and 11 thereof;
- having regard to the report of its Joint Committee (Doc 43);

1. Endorses the views contained in the report;
2. Notes that the expenditure of the Conference, to be charged to the Associated States under Article 2 (3) of Protocol No 10 annexed to the Convention of Association, amounts to FF 160 312.56 for the 1971 financial year;
3. Gives discharge to the Secretary-General of the European Parliament in respect of the management accounts for the 1971 financial year;
4. Takes note of the draft estimates for the 1973 financial year of expenditure chargeable to the European Parliament pursuant to Article 2 (3) of Protocol No 10, the amount of which has been fixed at FF 390 000;
5. Approves the draft estimates for the 1973 financial year of expenditure chargeable to the Associated States pursuant to Article 2 (3) of Protocol No 10, the amount of which has been fixed at FF 216 000;
6. Decides to maintain the contribution of each Associated State at 600 000 CFA francs for the 1973 financial year;
7. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the report of the Joint Committee to the Presidents of the Parliaments of the Associated States and of the European Parliament and to the Association Council.

⁽¹⁾ OJ 220, 24. 12. 1965, p. 3232/65.

Eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council

Mr Perret presented his report and supplementary report (Doc 45 and Doc 46).

IN THE CHAIR: MR GIOVANNI BERSANI

Vice-President

Mr Gishenga, *President in office of the Association Council, made a statement.*

Mrs Irene Petry, *President in office of the Council of the European Communities, made a statement.*

IN THE CHAIR: MR LOUIS BRIOT

Vice-President

Mr Deniau, *a member of the Commission of the European Communities, made a statement.*

Change in the order of business

On a proposal by Mr Spénale, and with the agreement of Mr Perret and Mr Aigner, *rapporteurs,*

the Conference decided to discuss jointly the reports by Mr Perret and Mr Aigner.

Joint discussion of the reports by Mr Perret and Mr Aigner

Mr Aigner presented his report (Doc 44).

Agenda of the next sitting

It was decided to hold the next sitting on Friday, 30 March 1973:

at 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.:

- Joint discussion of the reports by Mr Perret and Mr Aigner,
- Report by Mr Glinne on coordination of the activities of the 24 partner States of the Association,
- Working document by Mr Briot on the development of tourism in Africa,
- Nomination of members of the Joint Committee and appointment of its Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The sitting was closed at 7.35 p.m.

ANNEX I

MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Representatives of the European Parliament

Mr Achenbach	Mr Girardin
Mr Adams	Mr Habib-Deloncle
Mr Aigner	Mr Härzschel
Mr Antoniozzi	Mr James Hill
Mr Ariosto	Mr Hougardy
Mr Armengaud	Mrs Iotti
Mr Artzinger	Mr Jahn
Mr Baas	Mr Jozeau-Marigné
Mr Behrendt	Mr Kollwelter
Mr Berkhouwer	Mr Laudrin
Mr Bersani	Mr Lautenschlager
Mr Bos	Mr Ligios
Mr Bourdellès	Mr McDonald
Mr Briot	Mr Martens
Mr Bro	Mr Memmel
Mr Broeksz	Mr Normanton
Mr Colin	Mr Pounder
Mr Corona	Mr Radoux
Mr Cousté	Lord Reay
Mr Cruise O'Brien	Mr Schuijt
Mr Dalsager	Mr Schwörer
Mr Dewulf	Mr Seefeld
Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker	Mr Sourdille
Mr Fellermaier	Mr Spénale
Miss Flesch	Mr Triboulet
Mr Galli	Mr Vals
Mr Gerlach	Mr Wohlfart

Representatives of the Associated African and Malagasy States

<i>Country</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Delegates</i>
BURUNDI		Nzeyimana Laurent Bibwa André
CAMEROON	Marigoh M'Boua Marcel N'Goo Mebe Jean Nsakwa Peter Ngi	
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC		Ngambika-Bebe Bernard
CHAD	Moumine Mahamat Sileck Ali Abderhaman	
CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE		
DAHOMEY		Koukou Babatoundé Constant
GABON	Damas Aleka Georges Ngoulakia Pierre Claver Onwanlele Jules	
IVORY COAST	Yacé Philippe Coulibaly Gon Ebagnitchie Edouard	
MADAGASCAR		
MALI		Sissoko Alioune
MAURITANIA	Dah Ould Sidi Haiba Moulaye Mohamed Ahmed Ould Die	
NIGER	Gaoh Amadou Perret François Beidou Ibrahim	
RWANDA	Bagaragaza Thaddée Ndahayo Claver Mudenge Canisius	
SENEGAL	Amadou Cissé Dia Guillabert André	
SOMALIA		Ali Hashi Mattan
TOGO		Dagabou Victor Emmanuel Kouma Lucien Monsila Pierre
UPPER VOLTA	Bouda François Kondombo Norbert Ouedraogo Michel	
ZAIRE	Bo-Boliko Lokonga Monse Mihomo Kasongo Mukundji Kamossi Lulungu	

ANNEX II

OBSERVERS

MAURITIUS

Mr Boolell S.

Mr Jagdambi S.

Mr Teeluck M.

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

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OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 30 MARCH 1973

IN THE CHAIR: MR HEINRICH AIGNER

Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 9.35 a.m.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

Statement by Mr Boolell, representative of Mauritius

Mr Boolell, the Mauritian Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who was attending the Conference as an observer, made a statement.

Eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council — Community development policy (continued)

Mr Armengaud, Mr Marigoh M'Boua, Mr Bersani and Mr Guillabert spoke in the resumed debate.

IN THE CHAIR: MR MARIGOH M'BOUA

Vice-President

Mr Nzeyimana spoke.

Nomination of members of the Joint Committee

On a proposal of the Bureau, the Conference nominated the members of the Joint Committee and noted the fact that the representatives of the associated States had appointed deputy members.

The list of members and deputy members will be appended to the minutes of this sitting.

Appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee

The Conference appointed Mr Achenbach and Mr N'Goo Mebe Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee, by acclamation.

Eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council — Community development policy (continued)

Mr Galli, Mrs Iotti, Mr Normanton, Mr Oueddo and Mr N'Da Hayo spoke in the resumed debate.

The sitting was suspended at 12.30 p.m. and resumed at 4.15 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: MR GIOVANNI BERSANI

Vice-President

Mr Dah Ould Sidi Haiba and Mr Dewulf spoke in the resumed debate.

The general debate was closed, the vote to be taken on the next day, ie Saturday.

Coordination of the activities of the partner States of the Association

Mr Fellermaier, deputizing for Mr Glinne, the *rapporteur*, presented the report (Doc No 41).

Mr Bouda spoke in the debate.

Development of tourism in Africa

Mr Briot presented his working document (Doc 44).

Mr N'Goo Mebe, Mr James Hill and Mr Pounder spoke.

Agenda of the next sitting

It was decided to hold the next sitting on Saturday, 31 March 1973 at 9.30 a.m. with the following agenda:

Votes on the motions for resolutions.

The sitting was closed at 6 p.m.

ANNEX

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

Representatives of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾

Mr Achenbach	Miss Flesch
Mr Aigner	Mr Harmegnies
Mr Armengaud	Mrs Iotti
Mr Bersani	Mr Kollwelter
Mr Briot	Mr Laudrin
Mr Broeks	Lord Reay
Mr Colin	Mr Schuijt
Mr Corona	Mr Seefeld
Mr Dewulf	Mr Spénale
Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker	

⁽¹⁾ The European Parliament's Representatives on the Joint Committee are official members of the Committee on Development and Cooperation.

Representatives of the Associated States

<i>Country</i>	<i>Official representatives</i>	<i>Deputies</i>
BURUNDI	Nzeyimana Laurent	
CAMEROON	N'Goo Mebe Jean	Nsakwa Peter Ngi
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	Ngambika-Bebe Bernard	
CHAD	Mounine Mahamat	Silleck Ali Abderhaman
CONGO BRAZZAVILLE		
DAHOMEY	Koukoui Babatoundé Constant	
GABON	Ngoulakia Pierre Claver	Onwanlele Jules
IVORY COAST	Ebagnitchie Edouard	Gon Coulibaly
MADAGASCAR		
MALI	Sissoko Alioune	
MAURITANIA	Moulaye Mohamed	Mohamed Fall Babaha
NIGER	Gaoh Amadou	Perret François
RWANDA	Ndahayo Claver	Mudenge Canisius
SENEGAL	Guillabert André	
SOMALIA	Ali Hashi Mattan	
TOGO	Dagadou Victor Emmanuel	
UPPER VOLTA	Bouda François	Kondombo Norbert
ZAIRE	Kasongo Mukundji	Kamossi Lulungu

OF THE SITTING OF SATURDAY, 31 MARCH 1973

IN THE CHAIR: MR PHILIPPE YACÉ

The sitting was opened at 9.30 a.m.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the previous sitting were approved after Mr Memmel and Mr Marigoh M'Boua had spoken.

Eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council (continued)

The Conference discussed the motion for a Resolution contained in Mr Perret's report (Doc 46).

Mr Broeksz gave an explanation of vote.

The Conference adopted paragraphs 1 to 17.

Mr Marmegnies, deputizing for Mr Cruise O'Brien, submitted amendment No 1 replacing paragraph 18; the Conference adopted amendment No 1, the amended paragraph 18 and then paragraphs 19 to 41.

The Conference adopted the following motion for a Resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council

The Parliamentary Conference of the Association,

- meeting at Kinshasa from 29 to 31 March 1973, pursuant to Article 52 of the Convention of Association between the European Economic Community and the African and Malagasy States associated with that Community, signed at Yaounde on 29 July 1969;
- having noted the eighth annual report on the activities of the Association Council (Doc 42-I/II) and the report of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the administration of financial and technical cooperation in 1971 (Doc 42/III);
- having heard statements by the Presidents of the Association Council and Council of the Communities and by the representative of the Commission of the European Communities;
- having regard to the report and supplementary report submitted by Mr Perret on behalf of the Joint Committee (Doc 45 and 46),

I. Present problems of the Association*(a) Enlargement of the Community*

1. Welcomes the enlargement of the European Community which will enable Community development aid to be consolidated and expanded to match Europe's growing responsibilities throughout the world;
2. Notes that the present Association arrangements will remain unchanged until January 1975;

3. Notes with satisfaction that the Treaty of Accession confirmed once again that the aim of the enlarged Community in its Association policy remains to preserve the achievements and basic principles of the Association and recognized that any extension of this policy must not be allowed to weaken relations between the Community and the AASM;

4. Is well satisfied with the commitments entered into by the Paris Summit Conference,

— confirming the vital importance which the enlarged Community attaches to the association policy,

— inviting the institutions of the enlarged Community and the Member States to progressively adopt an overall policy of development cooperation on a worldwide scale;

5. Hopes that the enlarged Community, as the third world's largest trading partner, will take resolute steps to implement solutions capable of giving a more satisfactory and better balanced structure to international economic relations, in particular by regulating and improving the export revenue of the developing countries and giving increased support for the diversification of the economies of these countries, especially the least advanced among them;

(b) *Accession of Mauritius*

6. Recommends that all necessary steps be taken to ensure the entry into force at the earliest possible date of the agreement on the Accession of Mauritius to the Yaounde Convention which emphasizes the outward-looking and dynamic character of the Association;

(c) *Activities of the institutions*

7. Draws attention to its attachment to the joint institutions of the Association and notes that their activities have continued to be fruitful;

8. Welcomes the fact that, as a result of the enlargement, the three new Member States of the Community, while not having the same terms of reference as the six Member States which are partners in the present association convention, will in future be represented in the institutions of the Association;

(d) *Trade*

9. Notes with regret that while total European imports from all the developing countries increased, imports from the associated States showed a sharp decline in value in 1971;

10. Accepts that these results are essentially due on the one hand to the rise in price of petroleum products which the AASM do not supply in substantial quantities, and on the other to a fall in the price of cocoa and copper;

11. Expresses its serious concern over the present international trade difficulties, stemming in particular from fluctuations in primary commodity prices;

12. Deplores the repercussions of the prolonged closure of the Suez Canal on the economies of certain associated States, in particular on banana exports from Somalia, and hopes that a peaceful settlement will soon allow the reopening of this waterway which is of world interest;

13. Is also disturbed by the negative consequences of recent monetary events for the international economy;

14. Hopes that the forthcoming worldwide multilateral negotiations in GATT and the IME — in which the developing countries will all be participating for the first time — will result in a more equitable organization of world trade and international monetary relations and that concertation between the partners of the Association will be continued and intensified during these negotiations;

15. Expects the European Community to play an active part in the inter-governmental consultations which the Secretary-General of UNCTAD has begun pursuant to Resolution 73 (X), and to contribute to the search for and implementation of effective solutions for the products in respect of which consultations could be envisaged with a view to an international agreement or arrangement;

16. Notes with satisfaction that the multilateral negotiations with a view to the conclusion of an international cocoa agreement have finally been completed, while regretting that the largest consumer country has not become a party to it, and recommends that the necessary steps be taken to ensure that the agreement comes into force as scheduled on 1 July 1973;

17. Hopes that all necessary steps will be taken to break the present deadlock on the International Coffee Agreement and enable it to be renegotiated in the near future;
18. Urges the Community to participate actively in the renegotiation of the International Sugar Agreement;
19. Stresses the importance to the AASM of an international agreement or arrangement on oleaginous products and accordingly expects the European Community to give priority to the search for solutions in this area;
20. Notes with concern that under the EEC's system of generalized preferences which has been extended from 1 January 1973, the AASM, after forfeiting their exclusive right of preferential access to the Community market, have not obtained in return preferential access to the markets of other industrialized countries, particularly the United States;
21. Regrets that the Council of the European Communities has departed from the principle of duty-free imports of fruit and vegetables from the AASM, while noting that the latest interim decisions of the EEC allow a satisfactory outlet on the European market for the products of the associated States in the off-season;
22. Asks for the duty exemption to be restored when this matter is next considered by the Council of the European Communities;
23. Recommends that appropriate measures be taken at an early date by the EEC to facilitate, through harmonization of legislation on health protection, plant health controls and protection of natural food products, the marketing in Europe of certain agricultural products (such as beef and veal, fresh pineapples, vanilla, oil cakes . . .) which are of particular interest to the associated States;
24. Invites the EEC to pursue and intensify efforts to promote the sale of exports from the associated States and improve the commercial structures of these States;

(e) *Financial and technical cooperation*

25. Welcomes the fruitful activities of the Third European Development Fund;
26. Endorses the guidelines adopted by the Association Council on the objectives of financial and technical cooperation, with particular reference to the training of supervisory staff to handle development operations and also of trade officials;
27. Again recommends that steps be taken to ensure that parity changes do not affect the overall capacity of the Fund to provide assistance;
28. Hopes that, in the spirit of Article 23 of the Yaounde Convention, the guidelines approved at the Third Session of UNCTAD in Santiago on the treatment to be accorded to the least advanced countries will be borne in mind when the Fund's resources are allocated;
29. Stresses the need for effective coordination between the African countries at the level of viable economic areas as an essential prerequisite for the industrial development of the AASM;
30. Hopes that in the context of the financial assistance provided by the EEC, greater efforts will be made to develop the tourist potential of the associated States, bearing in mind at all times the need for the States concerned to safeguard the quality of the environment and of the tourist centres;

II. The future of the Association

31. Is opposed to any move to deprive the Association of its partnership content and transform it into a mere aid agreement;
32. Points out that the Heads of State or Government of the EEC Member States have formally stated their political resolve to maintain special links between the enlarged Community and the African and Malagasy States;
33. Notes with satisfaction that with a view to the renewal and extension of the Association, the African States have already begun efforts to seek common positions vis-a-vis the enlarged Community;

34. Points out that the results achieved by the Third Session of UNCTAD in Santiago, which appear modest in comparison with the practical achievements of the Yaounde Convention, confirm the need for the efforts undertaken in the Association to be continued, until comparable results can be obtained on a worldwide scale;
35. Notes that the Yaounde Association alone is based on an arrangement which simultaneously mobilizes three instruments of cooperation in the legal framework of free trade areas and therefore strongly emphasizes the need to leave the present structures and bases of the Association unimpaired;
36. Recalls, in regard to the future content of the Association policy, the position it adopted in its Resolution of 13 January 1972 on the seventh annual report on the activities of the Association Council ⁽¹⁾;
37. Welcomes in this connection the fact that under Protocol No 22 annexed to the Association Treaty, the Community has undertaken to safeguard the interests of those countries whose economies depend substantially on exports of primary commodities and that, by analogy with the existing arrangements for Commonwealth sugar, the principle of regional agreements on raw materials has accordingly been adopted;
38. Calls for resolute action by the European Community on regional agreements of this kind, in the spirit of the solutions proposed for several years by the Parliamentary Conference of the Association;
39. Recommends that the negotiations provided for in Article 62 of the Yaounde Convention should be opened as scheduled on 1 August 1973 and brought to a conclusion early enough for the ratification procedures to be completed in time for the future association arrangements to enter into force on 1 February 1975, when the present agreement expires;
40. Accordingly invites all the parties concerned to take timely measures to ensure strict compliance with those deadlines;
41. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the accompanying report to the Association Council, the European Parliament and the Parliaments of the associated States, the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the European Investment Bank and to the Governments of the countries referred to in Article 109 of the Treaty on the enlargement of the Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 11, 7. 2. 1972, p. 9, para. 23.

Community development policy (continued)

The Conference discussed the motion for a Resolution contained in Mr Aigner's report (Doc. 47)

The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the memorandum by the Commission of the European Communities on a Community policy for development cooperation

The Parliamentary Conference of the Association,

- meeting at Kinshasa from 29 to 31 March 1973, pursuant to Article 52 of the Convention of Association between the European Economic Community and the African and Malagasy States associated with that Community, signed at Yaounde on 29 July 1969,
- having regard to the Commission's memorandum on a Community policy for development cooperation and to the programme for a first series of measures attached thereto,
- having regard to the report of the Joint Committee (Doc 47);

1. Welcomes the initiative taken by the Commission of the European Communities and signifies its agreement to the structural review of the Community policy for development, as proposed in the memorandum;
 2. Expects the Community and the Member States to be accordingly better able than in the past to meet their growing responsibilities to all the developing countries;
 3. Draws attention to the constant responsibility which the European Community and the associated African States and Madagascar have for the success of the EEC/AASM Association;
 4. Stresses in particular that the EEC/AASM Association is demonstrably an original form of cooperation between the developed and less developed countries which has proved justified from the commercial, financial, technical and institutional as well as political angles;
 5. Considers therefore that the new dimension which the Community intends to give to its development policy must not be substituted for the Association with the AASM but could be a most welcome addition to the latter;
 6. Hopes that the forthcoming negotiations on a new Association Convention will lead to the enlargement and strengthening of the Association, not only in terms of the number of States which are associated but also in respect of the content of the Convention;
 7. Requests the parties involved in the negotiations to give particular attention to the social requirements and cultural structures of the countries concerned;
 8. Believes that the Community will only be able to fully implement its development policy to the extent that it succeeds in adapting its own economic aims accordingly;
 9. Considers it necessary for this to be done in concertation with the other important commercial powers, since the Community cannot on its own support the consequences of such a policy;
 10. Considers that the developing countries must, to a greater extent than in the past, move beyond the national framework to achieve regional cooperation;
 11. Stresses once again the value of international agreements on primary commodities for the improved functioning of the world markets and a more equitable distribution of earnings between the industrialized countries and the less developed countries, and emphasizes the responsibility of the Community and its Member States in respect of the international agreements which have still not been concluded;
 12. Urges the Commission — in working out its concepts on the expansion of trade with the developing countries — to take into account the experience it has acquired in this area in its relations with the AASM, and if necessary to broaden the existing programme with this end in view;
 13. Believes that the Member States must gradually harmonize excise duties on tropical products;
 14. Urges the European Commission to make proposals for the protection of designations and indications of origin of tropical food products and to give technical assistance to the countries concerned which so request to enable them to guarantee the authenticity of such products;
 15. Shares the European Commission's view of the need for a continuous flow of funds to enable the internal development of the developing countries to be programmed, and stresses specifically in this context that it is essential for the technical and financial aid given by the Community under the Association with the AASM to be increased;
 16. Considers that the coordination of bilateral aid given by the Member States and the Community must not be confined to an exchange of information but must gradually be extended to the instruments used and aims pursued;
 17. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution and the Joint Committee's report to the Association Council, the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Parliaments of the associated States and European Parliament.
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Coordination of activities of the partner States of the Association (continued)

The Conference discussed the motion for a Resolution contained in Mr Glinne's report (Doc 41)

The Conference adopted paragraphs 1 and 2.

After a statement by Mr Coulibaly Gom, the Conference adopted amendment No 1 by Mr Fellermaier and paragraph 3 so modified.

The Conference then adopted paragraphs 4 and 5.

The Conference adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

on coordination of the activities of the 24 partner States of the Association in international organizations for economic cooperation and development, pursuant in particular to Protocol No 5 to the Second Yaounde Convention

The Parliamentary Conference of the Association,

- meeting at Kinshasa from 29 to 31 March 1973, pursuant to Article 52 of the Convention of Association between the European Economic Community and the African and Malagasy States, signed at Yaounde on 29 July 1969,
- recalling its Resolution of 13 January 1972, and in particular section 2⁽¹⁾ thereof,
- having regard to the report presented by Mr Glinne on behalf of the Joint Committee (Doc 41),
- 1. Believes that more energetic efforts should be made by the partners in the Association in order to work actively towards a constructive political dialogue between the EEC and AASM;
- 2. Invites the Council of the Communities to take all necessary steps to prevent the consultation of the AASM, for which provision is made in Protocol No 5, from becoming purely formal, in particular by organizing a constructive dialogue between the partners, involving detailed examination of relevant issues;
- 3. Believes that closer consultation between the partners in the Association — especially after the enlargement of the EEC — should result in common international action with a view to the conclusion of world agreements on primary commodities;
- 4. Stresses the importance of the procedure for consultation and information on commercial policy and calls upon the Council of Association to devote greater space in its activity report to the implementation of Decision No 35/71 on this procedure;
- 5. Invites its President to forward this Resolution and the accompanying report to the Council of Association, the European Parliament and the Parliaments of the Associated States and also to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 11, 7. 2. 1972, p. 7.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of this sitting were approved.

Closure of the annual meeting

After a statement by Mr Kasongo, the President declared the 9th annual meeting of the Parliamentary Conference of the Association closed.

The sitting was closed at 10 a.m.