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### Report

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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation

on the resolution adopted by the Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/EAC  
Association in Nairobi on 28 November 1972 (Doc. 255/72)

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By decision of 12 December 1972 the European Parliament instructed the Committee on Development and Cooperation to examine the resolution of the Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-East African Association adopted at Nairobi on 28 November 1972 (Doc. 255/72).

The Committee on Development and Cooperation appointed Mr Bersani rapporteur at its meeting of 23 February 1973.

The Committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution on 19 March 1973.

The following were present: Mr Achenbach, chairman; Mr Dewulf, deputy chairman; Mr Bersani, rapporteur; Mr Aigner, Mr Christensen (deputizing for Mr Cruise O'Brien), Mr Colin, Mr Härzschel, Mr Kollwelter, Mr McDonald, Mr Schuijt, Mr Seefeld and Mr Wohlfart.

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The Committee on Development and Cooperation hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement :

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the resolution of the Parliamentary Committee of the EEC-East Africa Association adopted at Nairobi on 28 November 1972

The European Parliament,

- having noted the resolution adopted on 28 November 1972 at Nairobi by the Parliamentary Committee of the Association between the European Economic Community and the East African Community (Doc. 255/72),
  - having regard to the report of its Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 3/72),
1. Welcomes the positive outcome of the first meeting of the Parliamentary Committee instructed to ensure, on a joint basis, political control of the workings and development of the EEC-East Africa Association;
  2. Endorses the conclusions reached by that committee in its resolution;
  3. Stresses in particular the importance of the position adopted by the Parliamentary Committee on future relations between the EEC and the Partner States of the East African Community;
  4. Is convinced that these States will be called upon to play a decisive role in the preparation and progress of the forthcoming negotiations on renewal of the association between the EEC and the African countries and in the search for common ground between the associated and associable countries;
  5. Invites the Council and Commission of the European Communities to take all necessary measures to ensure that the aims of the Nairobi resolution are achieved;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and in addition to the parliaments of the Partner States of East Africa and to the East African Legislative Assembly for their information.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Article 29 of the Association Agreement (the 'Arusha Agreement') between the EEC and the member countries of the East African Community, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, provides for the establishment of a Parliamentary Committee of the Association which shall 'meet once a year to discuss matters concerning the Association'.

Following preparations at secretariat level, the committee held its first meeting in Nairobi on 27 and 28 November 1972. The meeting was attended by nine representatives of the parliaments of the three Associated States and nine members of the European Parliament<sup>1</sup>.

After adopting the Parliamentary Committee's rules of procedure, the delegates elected Mr Ndolo Ayah, member of the National Assembly of Kenya, chairman and Mr Fellermaier, member of the European Parliament, deputy chairman.

There followed a full discussion on the present and future functioning of the Arusha Agreement in which all the parliamentarians, as well as the representatives of the Association Council, the East African Community and the Council of the European Communities, took part.

The Parliamentary Committee then unanimously adopted a resolution, which was forwarded to the European Parliament and the other Community institutions.

2. The theme which received most attention in the Nairobi discussions and should be drawn to the attention of the European Parliament was that of future relations between the enlarged Community and the African countries. This subject is of course under close study in the Community institutions and the African regional organizations for political and economic cooperation, and is high on the agenda for discussion at the EEC-AASM Parliamentary Conference in Kinshasa.

Noting that the enlarged Community would have to face up to greater responsibilities in regard to the developing countries, the Parliamentary Committee of the Association declared its awareness of the importance of the three options contained in the enlarged Community's offer to the African Commonwealth countries. It also expressed the hope that negotiations on the

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<sup>1</sup> Also taking part were the President-in-Office of the EEC-EAC Council of Association, the President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities, the East African Community's Minister for the Common Market and Economic Affairs, and the Director-General of Aid and Development in the Commission of the European Communities.

renewal of the association agreements between the EEC and the African countries (Yaoundé Convention and Arusha Agreement) could begin, as scheduled, in August 1973.

3. The Committee on Development and Cooperation is convinced that Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, which - with Mauritius - are the only Commonwealth countries already associated with the European Community, will have a vital and decisive part to play in preparing and conducting the coming negotiations on the renewal of the association between the EEC and the African countries. The committee therefore invites Parliament, in adopting this resolution, to emphasize the important contribution which the English-speaking countries will be in a position to make towards the arrangement of the new relations between the enlarged Community and Africa as from 1975.

RESOLUTION

The Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/EAC Association,

- having met in Nairobi on 27 and 28 November 1972, in accordance with Article 29 of the Association Agreement between the EEC and the Partner States of the East African Community;
- having noted the statements made by the Association Council as well as by the Council and Commission of the European Communities and the East African Minister for Common Market and Economic Affairs;

I. With regard to the functioning of the Association

1. Notes that a dialogue has been initiated between the EEC and the Partner States within the joint bodies of the Association, which should enable cooperation to be adjusted to changing situations in the areas covered by the Agreement;
2. Is pleased that in setting up this parliamentary body, the Association has now fully completed its institutional structure;
3. Records that both the Council and the Association Committee - each in its particular sphere - have carried out, from the moment the Association came into force, useful work, also in connection with matters which, although outside the scope of the Agreement, have a bearing on the development of the Association;
4. Approves the decisions taken by the Council to promote the development of trade within the Association, with particular reference to the marketing in the EEC of maize and tinned pineapple from East Africa, and notes the efforts made on either side to find short-term compromises in sectors that are particularly sensitive to the economies of the Partner States;
5. Hopes that a flexible interpretation of the Agreement will permit the maximum possibilities to be achieved, with particular reference to coffee and cloves, as has been the case for the interim agreement reached regarding tinned pineapple.
6. Notes with regret that East African exports to the EEC stagnated in 1970 and 1971, although it observes that this trend was reversed during the first months of 1972, and invites the Association Council to consider means of remedying such stagnation.



II. With regard to future relations between the EEC and the East African Partner States

7. Notes that from 1973 the enlarged EEC will be confronted with increased responsibility towards the developing countries;
8. Notes that, from 1973, the exports of the Partner States to the enlarged EEC will represent a substantial part of their total exports;
9. Is aware of the significance of the three options contained in the offer made by the enlarged EEC to the Partner States and the other African States in the Commonwealth with a view to enabling them to shape the relations they might wish to establish with the EEC from 1975;
10. Trusts that the Partner States will be in a position to indicate their views on this matter in time for the negotiations on the renewal of the Association Agreements between the EEC and the Partner States to be started, as scheduled, in August 1973;
11. Notes the concern of the Partner States that any future arrangements of the Association should take into account the desire of the Partner States to export to Europe their manufactured and semi-manufactured goods;
12. Requests its Chairman to forward this Resolution to the EEC/EAC Association Council, to the European Parliament and to the Parliaments of the Partner States, to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities, to the East African Ministers and the East African Legislative Assembly.

