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EUROPEAN SUMMIT

FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED  
AFTER THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE HELD IN PARIS ON 9 AND 10 DECEMBER:--

1. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE NINE STATES OF THE COMMUNITY, THE  
MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION,  
MEETING IN PARIS AT THE INVITATION OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT, EXAMINED  
THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONTING EUROPE. THEY TOOK NOTE OF THE  
REPORTS DRAWN UP BY THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND RECORDED THE  
AGREEMENT REACHED BY THESE MINISTERS ON VARIOUS POINTS RAISED IN THE  
REPORTS.
2. RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR AN OVERALL APPROACH TO THE INTERNAL  
PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ACHIEVING EUROPEAN UNITY AND THE EXTERNAL  
PROBLEMS FACING EUROPE, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL  
TO ENSURE PROGRESS AND OVERALL CONSISTENCY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
COMMUNITIES AND IN THE WORK ON POLITICAL CO-OPERATION.
3. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO MEET, ACCOMP-  
ANIED BY THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THREE TIMES A YEAR AND,  
WHENEVER NECESSARY, IN THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITIES AND IN THE  
CONTEXT OF POLITICAL CO-OPERATION.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR IN AN APPROPRIATE  
MANNER WITH DUE REGARD FOR EXISTING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTINUITY  
OF WORK, THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MEETING IN THE COUNCIL OF  
THE COMMUNITY, WILL ACT AS INITIATORS AND CO-ORDINATORS. THEY MAY  
HOLD POLITICAL CO-OPERATION MEETINGS AT THE SAME TIME.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT THE RULES AND PROCEDURES  
LAID DOWN IN THE TREATIES OR THE PROVISIONS ON POLITICAL CO-OPERATION  
IN THE LUXEMBOURG AND COPENHAGEN REPORTS. AT THE VARIOUS MEETINGS  
REFERRED TO IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS THE COMMISSION WILL EXERCISE  
THE POWERS VESTED IN IT AND PLAY THE PART ASSIGNED TO IT BY THE  
ABOVE TEXTS.



WITH A VIEW TO PROGRESS TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNITY, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT RE-AFFIRM THEIR DETERMINATION GRADUALLY TO ADOPT COMMON POSITIONS AND CO-ORDINATE THEIR DIPLOMATIC ACTION IN ALL AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WHICH AFFECT THE INTERESTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE PRESIDENT IN OFFICE WILL BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE NINE AND WILL SET OUT THEIR VIEWS IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY. HE WILL ENSURE THAT THE NECESSARY CONCERTATION ALWAYS TAKES PLACE IN GOOD TIME.

IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING ROLE OF POLITICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE, THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY MUST BE MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORK OF THE PRESIDENCY, FOR EXAMPLE THROUGH REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ON POLITICAL CO-OPERATION PUT TO HIM BY ITS MEMBERS.

5. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE SOLIDARITY OF THE NINE BOTH BY IMPROVING COMMUNITY PROCEDURES AND BY DEVELOPING NEW COMMON POLICIES IN AREAS TO BE DECIDED ON AND GRANTING THE NECESSARY POWERS TO THE INSTITUTIONS.

6. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY CONSIDER THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RENOUNCE THE PRACTICE WHICH CONSISTS OF MAKING AGREEMENT ON ALL QUESTIONS CONDITIONAL ON THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE MEMBER STATES, WHATEVER THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS MAY BE REGARDING THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN LUXEMBOURG ON 28 JANUARY 1966.

7. GREATER LATITUDE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES SO THAT ONLY THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL PROBLEMS NEED BE DISCUSSED IN THE COUNCIL. TO THIS END, EACH MEMBER STATE WILL TAKE THE MEASURES IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND INVOLVE THEM IN PREPARING THE NATIONAL POSITIONS ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

8. MOREOVER, THEY AGREE ON THE ADVANTAGE OF MAKING USE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY OF ROME WHEREBY THE POWERS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT ARISING OUT OF COMMUNITY RULES MAY BE CONFERRED ON THE COMMISSION.

9. CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE NINE IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE TREATY WILL BE CONTINUED WHERE IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN. IT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER AREAS BY BRINGING TOGETHER THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL WHENEVER POSSIBLE.



4. A WORKING PARTY WILL BE SET UP TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PASSPORT UNION AND, IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS, THE INTRODUCTION OF A UNIFORM PASSPORT.

IF POSSIBLE, THIS DRAFT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 1976. IT WILL, IN PARTICULAR, PROVIDE FOR STAGE-BY-STAGE HARMONIZATION OF LEGISLATION AFFECTING ALIENS AND FOR THE ABOLITION OF PASSPORT CONTROL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

11. ANOTHER WORKING PARTY WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO STUDY THE CONDITIONS AND THE TIMING UNDER WHICH THE CITIZENS OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES COULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL RIGHTS AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

12. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT NOTE THAT THE ELECTION OF THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES LAID DOWN IN THE TREATY, SHOULD BE ACHIEVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY AWAIT WITH INTEREST THE PROPOSALS OF THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY, ON WHICH THEY WISH THE COUNCIL TO ACT IN 1976. ON THIS ASSUMPTION, ELECTIONS BY DIRECT UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE COULD TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME IN OR AFTER 1978.

SINCE THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLES OF THE STATES UNITED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, EACH PEOPLE MUST BE REPRESENTED IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EUROPEAN UNITY. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FAIL TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE POINTS OF VIEW WHICH, IN OCTOBER 1972, THEY ASKED IT TO EXPRESS ON THIS SUBJECT.

THE COMPETENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY WILL BE EXTENDED, IN PARTICULAR BY GRANTING IT CERTAIN POWERS IN THE COMMUNITIES' LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION

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THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM EXPLAINED THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO PREVENT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE OTHER EIGHT MEMBER STATES FROM MAKING PROGRESS WITH THE ELECTION OF THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT COULD NOT THEMSELVES TAKE UP A POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL BEFORE THE PROCESS OF RENEGOTIATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THE RESULTS OF RENEGOTIATION SUBMITTED TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

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STATEMENT BY THE DANISH DELEGATION

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THE DANISH DELEGATION IS UNABLE AT THIS STAGE TO COMMIT ITSELF TO INTRODUCING ELECTIONS BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IN 1978.

13. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT NOTE THAT THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMING THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION TAKEN IN PARIS IN OCTOBER 1972, HAS ALREADY STARTED. THEY ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY CONSIDER THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE NINE TO AGREE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON AN OVERALL CONCEPT OF EUROPEAN UNION. CONSEQUENTLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE PARIS MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE AND OF GOVERNMENT IN OCTOBER 1972, THEY CONFIRM THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THEY ATTACH TO THE REPORTS TO BE MADE BY THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS. THEY REQUEST THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY, THE COMMISSION AND THE COURT OF JUSTICE TO BRING THE SUBMISSION OF THEIR REPORTS FORWARD TO BEFORE THE END OF JUNE 1975. THEY AGREED TO INVITE MR. TINDEMANS, PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM, TO SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END OF 1975, ON THE BASIS OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE INSTITUTIONS AND OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH HE IS TO HAVE WITH THE GOVERNMENTS AND WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THE COMMUNITY.

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14. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVING NOTED THAT INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE PREVENTED IN 1973 AND 1974 THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF EXPECTED PROGRESS ON THE ROAD TO EMU AFFIRM THAT IN THIS FIELD THEIR WILL HAS NOT WEAKENED AND THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

CONVERGENCE OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

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15. THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DISCUSSED THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE WORLD AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

16. THEY NOTED THAT THE INCREASE IN ENERGY PRICES IS ADDING TO INFLATIONARY TENDENCIES AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS AND INTENSIFYING THE THREAT OF GENERAL RECESSION. THE RESULTING ALTERATIONS IN THE TERMS OF TRADE ARE FORCING THE MEMBER STATES TO REDIRECT THEIR PRODUCTION STRUCTURES.

