

European Parliament Resolution on the Milan European Council (10 July 1985)

Caption: On 10 July 1985, the European Parliament delivers its opinion on the outcomes of the European Council meeting held in Milan on 28 and 29 June 1985.

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The European Parliament,

— having regard to the conclusions of the European Council in Milan of 28 and 29 June 1985,

— having regard to the final declaration made by the President of the European Council, Prime Minister Craxi,

— having regard to its resolution of 9 July 1985 on the convening of an Intergovernmental Conference,

1. Recognizes that the European Council endeavoured to overcome the obstacles to the further development of the European Community which have arisen and to reach the consensus which is absolutely essential for the attainment of political objectives;

2. Regrets that, faced with a further rise in the level of unemployment in Europe, the Council did not arrive at specific measures to combat unemployment;

3. Regrets the struggle for employment as still being the chief priority so as to create prospects for the future for millions of unemployed people in Europe, especially the young unemployed;

4. Takes the view that the Council should speed up progress towards a coherent monetary policy vis-à-vis the international monetary markets, and particularly vis-à-vis the dollar, for example by increased utilization of the ECU in private money transactions, together with the simultaneous and improved harmonization of the rules for the control of the capital market and the extended use of the official ECU;

5. Stresses in this connection that the utilization of the ECU should be extended as soon as possible both in international trade and in money market business;

6. Suggests, for this purpose, public investment programmes in the fields of energy, transport and communications policy, for urban renewal, environmental protection, regional infrastructure and new technologies;

7. Stresses once more the importance of the proposals adopted at its part-sessions in April and June 1985 regarding the need for appropriate measures to deal with the dramatic problem of unemployment, and in particular youth unemployment, notably by adopting a multiannual European labour and employment programme, the principles of which were approved by the Council of Social Affairs Ministers meeting in Luxembourg on 13 June 1985, and which must be seen as an integral part of the European social area, an essential precondition for the creation of a large Community internal market;

8. Reiterates the proposal made repeatedly to the Commission and Council to consider financing this multiannual employment programme by the most comprehensive use of additional credit facilities in ECUs, either by means of Community loans or by using Community budget funds to make a substantial increase in the European Social Fund;

9. Calls on the Commission to submit specific proposals for the creation of a European social area as part of its proposals concerning the definition of the Community internal market, partly so as to reassure the peripheral regions of the Community and areas where unemployment is particularly high which are alarmed that they will be affected by a loss of investment if the internal market is completely opened;

10. Welcomes the fact that the Council has decided on common action at European level in the field of technological policy in order to maintain European competitiveness and, hence, to maintain existing jobs and create new ones;

11. Regards as important the statement that the EUREKA project must be developed with the participation of the European Parliament;
12. Welcomes the Council's decision on hunger in Africa and emphasizes that the fight against hunger in the world requires increased efforts, not only in the form of humanitarian aid but especially in the form of development cooperation, in order to help these countries which are suffering from a structural food shortage to re-establish the conditions for self-sufficiency;
13. Welcomes particularly the Council's decision to strengthen relations between the Community and Central America, to support the Contadora Group and to hold a Foreign Ministers' Conference in November 1985 as a continuation of the Conference held in San José, Costa Rica;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the governments and parliaments of the 12 states which will take part in the Conference and to the Council and Commission.