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The 'Folkebevaegelsen mod EF (People's Anti-EEC Party) is very strongly opposed to the content of this report, the aim of which is to support the development of the EEC into a foreign policy and defence union.

We would point out that EPC cannot take the form of Council meetings without amendment of the Rome Treaty agreed to by the national parliaments after democratic debate in the Member States. For the same reason the Commission cannot take part in EPC meetings.

Similarly, the defence ministers and their officials cannot take part in EPC since the EEC does not embrace security policy.

The measures proposed in the report are opposed to the conditions under which Denmark joined the EEC and to our Government's present position.

We shall do everything we can to oppose the proposal both in the European Parliament and in our own country.

(sgd) Else Hammerich, 19. 6. 1981