

European Parliament resolution on the conclusions of the Dublin European Council (17 May 1990)

Caption: On 17 May 1990, the European Parliament adopts a resolution in which it welcomes the European Council's support for the process of German reunification.

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European Parliament Resolution on the conclusions of the special meeting of the European Council in Dublin on 28 and 29 April 1990 (8 May 1985)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the outcome of the European Council in Dublin on 28 and 29 April 1990,
- having regard to the most recent developments within Germany related to the process of German unification and especially the declaration by the newly elected Members of the Volkskammer, the Government Coalition Programme within the German Democratic Republic, the proposal by the Federal Republic of Germany for a Treaty on the establishment of German economic, monetary and social union and the progress made in the negotiations on a Treaty between the two German Governments,
- having regard to its resolution of 4 April 1990, on the impact on the European Community of the German unification process,

1. Welcomes the European Council's unambiguous support for the German unification process and its recognition of the need for such a process to take place within the European Community context;
2. Notes the undertaking that the Federal Republic of Germany will keep the Community fully informed of any measures discussed and adopted by the authorities of the two Germanies for the purpose of aligning their policies and their legislation during the period prior to unification; considers it essential that the Federal Republic of Germany should confer with the European Community in all cases where steps towards German unification have implications for the Community and wishes, in particular, that the European Parliament should be involved in these consultations;
3. Notes that the European Council accepted the Federal Republic of Germany's position in stating that the integration of the GDR into the Community can take place without revision of the Treaties; expects the Commission to take due account of the Treaties and calls for careful adaptation of the Community's secondary legislation; calls, in this latter context, for clarification as to when these modifications will be achieved and the necessary degree of legal certainty attained and as to how this is to come about;
4. Notes that, according to the European Council, integration of the territory of the GDR into the Community will help to speed up economic growth and asserts that economic and monetary stability must continue to be safeguarded;
5. Welcomes the fact that the GDR will be granted immediate access to Community loan facilities, and that further Community contributions could be forthcoming in the wider framework of Group of 24 actions, and of Eureka projects;
6. Regrets, however, that the European Council did not specifically support the idea of a special pre-accession Community aid package for the GDR as suggested by Parliament in its abovementioned resolution of 4 April 1990; recognizes that the main financial burden will inevitably have to come from the Federal Republic of Germany alone, but considers that a Community contribution in such directly relevant fields as environmental protection would have been an appropriate way of demonstrating existing links with the GDR with a view to its accession to the European Community;
7. Recalls, in this connection, the European Parliament's earlier wish that multilateral aid should take precedence over bilateral aid from the Member States, in the framework of an overall programme coordinated by the Commission;
8. Supports the European Council's call for smooth and harmonious integration of the territory of the GDR within the Community, whilst, at the same time, fully respecting Community commitments and objectives, notably those concerning the completion of the internal market and the creation of an economic, monetary

and social union;

9. Calls for the rapid submission by the Commission of its proposals for derogations and transitional provisions which will be subject to negotiations and on which the Parliament will have to be consulted;

10. Warmly welcomes the decisions by the European Council that the process of German unification should be accompanied by reinforcement of the process of European integration, including a timetable for the completion of Economic and Monetary Union and the holding of a second Intergovernmental Conference on Political Union, whose work would parallel that of the Conference on Economic and Monetary Union, with a view to ratification of its conclusions by the Member States under the same timetable;

11. Welcomes the fact that, in parallel with German unification, the Community also intends to pursue the development of its external relations, in particular relations with the other countries of Central and Eastern Europe, with which individual association agreements will be negotiated; believes that their eventual Community membership must be considered in this context;

12. Notes the European Council's statement that a Summit meeting of the CSCE would be desirable before the end of the year, and that the preparatory meeting should be held as soon as possible; insists on a European Community contribution to this process;

13. Looks forward to rapid progress in the current negotiations between the two German Governments, leading to a democratically legitimate unification; welcomes, in this context, the presentation of a draft treaty on German economic, monetary and social union, the recent declaration by the newly elected Volkskammer and the Coalition Programme put forward by the new government of the German Democratic Republic; believes that the path towards unification should take due account of the interests of the citizens of the GDR, especially those in lower-income categories, to avoid creating economic and social inequalities that would perpetuate divisions and injustices that unification should be helping to remove; welcomes, moreover, the progress in the negotiations between the two German Governments, aimed at the simultaneous achievement of economic, monetary and social union from 2 July 1990;

14. Takes the view, therefore, and in the interests of the development of the Community's social dimension, that negotiations between the two Germanies, in collaboration with the Community, must facilitate the introduction of social legislation which takes into account and respects social rights acquired previously in the two countries;

15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Governments and Parliaments of the GDR and of the Member States.