

3rd INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEES (October 1-2, 1990)

Draft Conclusions

After a thorough debate on the preparatory aspects in view of the Conference of the Parliaments of the European Community, in the context of the decisions made by the Presidents of the Parliaments of the European Community and of the European Parliament on the occasion of the Rome Conference of September 20 1990, the representatives of the European Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of Community member States and of the European Parliaments - meeting in Rome on October 1-2 1990 - have examined the central topic of the Conference, i.e. "The future of the Community. The implications for the European Community and its Member States of the proposals related to the Economic and Monetary Union and the Political Union, with special reference to the role of national Parliaments and the European Parliament".

The Conference has adopted the following conclusions:

- It recommends that the proceedings of the Conference of the Parliaments of the European Community be organized by sessions focusing on the four general topics listed below:

I THE NEW GOALS OF THE COMMUNITY:

- a) The Economic and Monetary Union

- a.1) Schedule establishing the stages towards the implementation of the Economic and Monetary Union;
- a.2) Convergence of economic and budgetary policies;
- a.3) Ways of financing the Community and tax harmonization;
- a.4) Democratic control over the new monetary institutions.
- b) The Political Union
 - b.1) Foreign and security policy;
 - b.2) Social policy;
 - b.3) Regional policy;
 - b.4) Environment;
 - b.5) Culture.

II STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC LEGITIMACY:

- a) Strengthening of democratic legitimacy within Community institutions
 - a.1) Constituent role of the European Parliament;
 - a.2) Initiative and decision-making power on

legislative matters assigned to the European Parliament;

a.3) Power of the European Parliament to appoint the Commission;

a.4) Transparency of the Council's decisions;

a.5) European citizenship;

a.6) Broadening of the Commission's executive competences and "control" over its legislative competences;

b) Strengthening of democratic legitimacy in the relations between the Community and member States

b.1) Role of national Parliaments;

b.2) Institutionalization of the cooperation between the Parliaments of the Community;

b.3) Creation of a permanent Secretariat for European Affairs Committees;

b.4) Information to national Parliaments on the activity of the Commission and the European Parliament;

b.5) Implementation of Community law in the national law systems and relevant control;

b.6) Role of the Court of Justice and of the Court of Auditors in the application of Community law.

III ALLOCATION OF COMPETENCES BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND MEMBER STATES

- 1) Efficiency and effectiveness
- 2) Definition of the principle of subsidiarity
- 3) Allocation of competences at European, national and regional level.

IV RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF EUROPE

- 1) Relations with EFTA
- 2) Relations with CSCE
- 3) Relations with Central and Eastern Europe
- 4) Relations with WEU
- 5) Relations with the Council of Europe
- 6) Membership or association of new States
- 7) The borders of the Community.

- Recommends to the national Parliaments which intend to send - within the delay established by the Presidents' Conference held on September 20th - their written contributions for the preparation of the Conference of

the Parliaments of the European Community, to take the above outline into consideration.

- Invites the Chairmen of the European Affairs Committees of national Parliaments and the European Parliament, meeting in Rome on November 14th next, to examine the documents supplied in view of the Conference of the Parliaments of the European Community and possibly to revise - in the light of any new proposals which may arise - the conclusions adopted.