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Paragraphs 2 to 4:

- amendment 4 by Mr Segre and Mr De Pasquale: rejected;
- amendment 10 by Mr Turner and Mr C. Jackson: rejected.

Paragraphs 2 to 4: adopted.

Paragraph 5:

- amendment 5 by Mr Segre and Mr De Pasquale: rejected.

Paragraph 5: adopted.

After paragraph 5:

- amendment 6 by the same: rejected.

Paragraph 6: adopted.

#### *Explanations of vote*

The following spoke: Mr Ephremidis, Mr Prag, Mrs Gredal, Mrs Nielsen and Mr Abens.

Motion for a resolution as a whole:

Roll-call vote requested by the Socialist Group:

Members voting: 73 <sup>(1)</sup>.

For: 50.

Against: 19.

Abstentions: 4.

Parliament thus adopted the following resolution:

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<sup>(1)</sup> See Annex.

### RESOLUTION

#### on the adoption of a flag for the European Community

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr I. Friedrich and others on the adoption of a European flag for the European Community (Doc. 1-454/79),
  - having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 1-1194/82),
  - A. recalling that from the time of its foundation in 1949, the first European parliamentary body was fully aware of the need to give Europe a symbol with which the peoples of Europe might identify,
  - B. having regard to recommendation 88 of 25 October 1955 by which the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe unanimously decided to adopt that emblem,
  - C. whereas the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe endorsed the decision of the Parliamentary Assembly by agreeing in Decision (55) 32 of 9 December 1955 to the adoption of the European flag,
  - D. referring to the convincingly expressed view of the Parliamentary Assembly that the other European organizations should also adopt this European symbol in order that complementarity, solidarity and a sense of unity should not be jeopardized by a variety of symbols,
  - E. whereas for 24 years the blue European flag with 12 gold stars has flown beside the national flag at all meetings and twinnings of European towns, local authorities or districts in all the countries concerned,
  - F. whereas by virtue of the direct elections of July 1979, the European Parliament is the democratically confirmed representative of the peoples of the Member States of the European Community,
  - G. resolved to give the European Community a symbol with which the European peoples can identify,
1. Resolves to instruct the chairman of its Political Affairs Committee to contact the chairman of the appropriate committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and inform him of the deliberations of the Political Affairs Committee of the

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European Parliament with a view to finding common ground between the European Parliament and the Council of Europe for reaching a decision on a symbol for Europe;

2. Resolves that the European flag consisting of a circle of 12 gold stars on a blue field adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in 1955 should become the flag of Europe;

3. Resolves that the unofficial flag currently flown by the European Parliament and incorporating its initials be withdrawn;

4. Instructs its President to come to an agreement with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on this matter as soon as possible;

5. Instructs its President to ensure that the Governments of the Member States of the Community decree that all European institutions fly this flag;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Council of Europe.

## 20. Regulation on the rational use of energy (debate)

Mr Purvis introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Energy and Research, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-733/82 — COM(82) 357 final) for a Regulation on the payment of financial incentives in support of certain categories of investment in the rational use of energy (Doc. 1-1345/82).

The following spoke: Mr Notenboom, *Draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Budgets*, and Mr Davignon, *Vice-President of the Commission*.

In view of the time, the debate was interrupted at this stage; it would be resumed the following day (*see item 8 of the minutes of 12 April 1983*).

— vote on a request for urgent procedure;

— joint debate on the Council and Commission statements on the European Council, a Commission statement on the new currency parities and the Croux report on the draft European Act;

— oral question with debate to the Foreign Ministers on 21 Uruguayan prisoners;

— Council statement on the fourth EEC-Asean meeting;

— Purvis report on rational use of energy (continuation);

— joint debate on the Purvis report on the recycling of petrodollars and an oral question to the Commission on the world monetary procedure.

5 p.m.:

— topical and urgent debate (announcement of the list of subjects to be included);

— voting time.

## 21. Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the sitting on Tuesday, 12 April:

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 (or 7.30) p.m.:

— topical and urgent debate (announcement of motions for resolutions tabled);

5.30 (or 6) p.m.:

— Question Time (questions to the Council and the Foreign Ministers).

(The sitting was closed at 8.10 p.m.)

H.-J. OPITZ  
*Secretary-General*

Pieter DANKERT  
*President*