

## **PROPOSALS OF THE WORKING GROUP "AGRICULTURE"**

at its meeting of May 15th and 16th, 1986 in Strasbourg

ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

at its meeting of June 2nd, 1986 in Brussels

1. Reaffirms that the CAP is one of the principle achievements of the Community and must be maintained, but must be progressively reformed in the light of the changing world situation and the enlargement of the Community. We also stress the need for new measures to restrict surpluses whilst respecting the needs of L.F.R.'s.

2. Recognising that the Community is facing a serious budgetary crisis and that it is necessary to achieve a better balance between agricultural expenditure, structural funds and the new economic and development policies Europe needs. To achieve this balance an increase in own resources is necessary. To avoid the risk of national aids distorting the market, we should achieve better coordination between Community, national and regional measures.

3. The necessary reform of the Common Agricultural Policy must include, (to reverse present trends), a progressive increase of structural measures, as compared to price support, and achieve a better balance between products typical of the North and South of the Community, whilst taking into account enlargement and respecting the natural production characteristics of the various regions. The reform of CAP should also take into account the possibilities of product diversification and new technologies whilst seeking an equilibrium between farming, environmental and landuse aspects.

4. We emphasize our strong concern for the tension developing in the world market between the Community, USA and other major producers, which imply political and economic risks on both sides. It is therefore necessary to seek greater coordination between the agricultural policies of the largest producers in the context of GATT, so as to avoid a real trade war and achieve a better ordered world market, with a view to encouraging indigenous agricultural production in developing countries and to coordinating international food aid strategy.

5. Following the presentation of the Community's Green Paper, the debate on the future of the CAP is continuing within the community Institutions; ELDR need a clear and complete political platform so as to contribute effectively to the debate.

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