

Community Enlargement

The ELD Congress,

Notes the many statements by European Liberals and Democrats in favour of Community enlargement;

Welcomes warmly Greek accession to -the European Community on the first of January this year;

Notes the wish of the Greek representatives from the Centre Party, the Social Democratic Party and 'New Democracy' in the European Parliament not to belong to any political group until the Greek Members of the European Parliament have been directly elected in November 1981;

1. Wishes the liberal, democratic and pro-European elements in Greece every success at the forthcoming elections in November;

2. Instructs its Bureau to review the political situation in Greece and the question of the possible membership of Greek politicians in the ELD following the November elections;

ELD Congress at Copenhagen

This Congress of the ELD takes due note of the report on EEC External Relations and welcomes the collaboration of EFTA countries in its preparation.

Congress reaffirms the overriding commitment of ELD parties to the creation of a truly United Europe, to the minimisation of protectionism throughout the world and to increasing international co-operation especially amongst the free nations in matters of trade, economic development and mutual security.

To these ends Congress recognises the particular need for maximum consultation and co-operation, based upon full reciprocity with neighbouring countries in Europe, both multinationally and individually.

Whilst reasserting its commitment to the extension of free trade throughout the world, especially through the agency of GATT Congress acknowledges that severe economic difficulties compel the EEC to adopt some protectionist measures. These should be (a) kept to the minimum (b) be strictly temporary (c) take special account of effects upon European neighbours (d) full regard to the responsibility of all developed nations to faster economic development and higher living standards in the LDC, and (e) where possible be framed so as to encourage progress towards free trade in the longer term.

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Congress recognises the need for closer regulation and strict caution of non-tariff barriers both within the Community and in external relations.

Congress requests the ELD Executive to revise and in due course publish this report taking full account of the items expressed in debate.

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