

Conclusions of the Rome European Council (1 and 2 December 1975)

Caption: Excerpt from the Conclusions of the Rome European Council of 1 and 2 December 1975, concerning direct elections to the European Parliament. It is agreed that elections will take place in May-June 1978.

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Rome European Council (1 and 2 December 1975) Conclusions of the Presidency

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Elections to the European Parliament

‘The European Council is agreed that elections to the European Parliament shall take place on a single date in May or June 1978.

Any country which at that date is unable to hold direct elections shall be allowed to appoint its representatives from amongst the elected members of its national parliament.

The European Council noted Mr Wilson’s statement that the United Kingdom Government required a further period for internal consultations before adopting a final position regarding the date fixed, and the conditions set by Mr Jørgensen for direct elections to the European Parliament in Denmark.

The European Council instructed the Council of Ministers to continue examination of the problems encountered and to submit a report which will enable the text of the Convention on elections to the European Parliament to be finalized at the next European Council.’

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