

## European Parliament Resolution on the conference on security and cooperation in Europe (9 April 1975)

**Caption:** On 9 April 1975, on the sidelines of the negotiations opened in July 1973 in Helsinki and continued in Geneva by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), the European Parliament welcomes the process of international détente and calls for closer cooperation between East and West.

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*The European Parliament,*

- welcoming all initiatives likely to ease tensions and improve cooperation between all States in Europe,
- taking note of the progress achieved so far in the conference on security and cooperation in Europe,
- desirous of establishing closer commercial, economic and industrial relations with the countries of Eastern Europe,
- considering that further progress is still required, particularly in the field of freer movement of people and ideas,
- reaffirming that the results of the CSCE may in no way inhibit the progress of the Nine towards European union,
- stressing, therefore, in the context of the principle of the inviolability of frontiers in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the right of individual Member States of the European Community to change their boundaries by peaceful means and to create a political entity (European union),
- considering that the documents to be approved in the final stages of the CSCE should be drawn up during the present stage,
- expressing its satisfaction at the degree of political unity demonstrated by the nine Governments of the European Community in the CSCE negotiations, resulting in common policies and positions concerning the issues negotiated,
- having regard to the report of its Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 485/74),

1. Urges the Governments of the nine Member States of the European Community, having due regard to the legal bases and objectives of the Rome and Paris Treaties:

- to insist, in order that agreement may be reached in the second phase of the CSCE:

(a) that a greater balance should be achieved within the first, second and third committees;

(b) that, with that aim in view, further progress should be made in the first committee on questions relating to security in Europe and in the third committee on cooperation in humanitarian and cultural fields;

- to ensure that any follow-up negotiations concerning issues for which competence has been transferred from the Member States to the Community are conducted by the Commission of the European Communities;

2. Requests its President to forward this resolution and the report of its Committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.