

Letter from Bettino Craxi to Pietro Adonnino (8 July 1985)

Caption: On 8 July 1985, following the six-month Italian presidency of the European Council, Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi congratulates Pietro Adonnino for the work carried out by the 'People's Europe' Committee.

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Now that the Italian Presidency has drawn to a close, I would like to express my sincere appreciation of the valuable and inspiring work done by the Committee on a People's Europe under your chairmanship.

The results of your Committee's endeavours were very favourably received at the European Council in Milan. Indeed, the importance attached to the proposals in the final report is obvious from its conclusions. As you know, the Heads of State or Government endorsed the measures advocated by your Committee and issued instructions for their implementation. Another indication of the high regard in which your Committee's work is held is that the forthcoming intergovernmental conference is to discuss its institutional conclusions which recommend that Community competence be extended to new areas of activity.

To my mind, however, the best tribute we could pay to the penetrating and useful work done by your Committee would be to put its proposals for a People's Europe into practice.

Rest assured that Italy will do all it can to stimulate action and make an effective contribution to achieving this goal and advancing along the road to European union.

I would be grateful if you could convey the European Council's appreciation and thanks to each and every member of your Committee.