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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the White Paper from the Commission to the European Council (Milan 28–29 June 1985) on completing the Internal Market (COM(85) 310 final),
 - having been consulted by the Commission (Doc. C2-63/85),
 - having regard to its resolution of 13 June 1985 on consolidating the internal market ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Mühlen (Doc. B2-1044/85),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy and the opinions of the Committee on Transport, the Committee on the Environment, Health and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology (Doc. A2-180/85),
1. Welcomes and approves in general the Commission's Working Party as a realistic programme for the achievement of a barrier-free internal market by 1992;
 2. Following the general endorsement of this programme and timetable by the Heads of State and Government at Milan, calls upon them to ensure that every specialized Council, every responsible minister and all affected national ministries, departments and services are instructed to fulfil their consequent obligations within the agreed timetable;
 3. Emphasizes that the White Paper provides an integrated programme, which must be implemented as a whole;
 4. Will deliver its opinion on the proposals in the White Paper when they have been submitted in detail;
 5. Considers that implementation of the measures in the White Paper must be an integrated part of the objective of a cohesive Community economy and be accompanied by political measures to offset the adverse effects on the less developed economies of implementing these measures;
 6. Stresses that the White Paper must be seen in the context of wider economic and other Community policies: i.e. in the regional and social fields, for the development of the European Monetary System, a common transport policy with a view to the development of the Community as a whole and the balanced development of all its regions to attain coherence and convergence of its economies which is moreover a declared objective of Community policy;
 7. Supports the idea of Commission proposals to approximate laws, regulations and administrative provisions in the Member States in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty to overcome the technical obstacles which have been created by, amongst other things, national legislation in the field of environmental and consumer protection with reference to Article 63 of the Treaty;
 8. Supports the undertaking by the governments of Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom to plan Council action within a 'troika' of Presidencies and welcomes the proposed continuation of this arrangement through a system of 'rolling troikas', until the internal market programme has been implemented;
 9. Notes that decisions on implementing the White Paper cannot wait upon possible amendments to the Treaties, and therefore urges the Council to improve in any case its decision-taking procedures in this field, especially by the use of majority voting;

10. Requests the Commission to present an annual report in Parliament on the implementation of the White Paper; and to hold bi-annual discussions on progress with Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy;

11. Welcomes the Commission's intention in the near future to take a major initiative to bring about the mutual recognition of tests and certificates and thereby stop the costly duplication of tests which, in many cases, is still the rule rather than the exception. This would be an important step towards reducing the number of experiments on animals;

12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and national parliaments.

(1) OJ No C 175, 15.7.1985, p. 229.