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Caption: In its Resolution of 14 June 1990, the European Parliament indicates its intention to draw up a draft constitution for the European Union, thereby updating the draft treaty of 14 February 1984. The European Parliament points out that the 'Spinelli draft treaty' is still the only comprehensive and coherent model for European Union.

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The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the conclusions of the special European Council in Dublin of 28 April 1990,
- B. having regard to the statement by the President-in-Office of the Council on the Irish Presidency and, in particular, on the preparations for the second European Council meeting in Dublin,
- C. having regard to its resolutions on European Union, particularly those of 23 November 1989 ⁽¹⁾, 14 March 1990 ⁽²⁾ and 17 May 1990 ⁽³⁾,
- D. whereas, despite favourable reactions on the part of certain governments, the commitments entered into by the latter, the conclusions of the special meeting of the European Council in Dublin and the constructive exchange of views in the course of the preparatory interinstitutional conference, the subsequent meeting of Foreign Ministers in Parknasilla on 18 and 19 May 1990 appears to have resulted only in an inadequate perspective for institutional reform and a number of governments appear to favour institutional solutions which do not meet the need for a real transformation of the Community into a European Union,
- E. pointing out that no government has so far been able to put forward a model for European Union and that the only comprehensive and coherent proposal is still that which was adopted by the EP on 14 February 1984 ⁽⁴⁾,

1. Reaffirms that the essential elements of European Union should be:

- economic and monetary Union with a single currency and an autonomous central bank;
- a common foreign policy, including joint consideration of the issues of peace, security and arms control;
- a completed single market with common policies in all the areas in which the economic integration and mutual interdependence of the Member States require common action, notably to ensure economic and social cohesion and a balanced environment;
- elements of common citizenship and a common framework for protecting basic rights;
- an institutional system which is sufficiently efficient to manage these responsibilities effectively and which is democratically structured, notably by giving the European Parliament the right of initiative, of co-decision with the Council on Community legislation, the right to ratify all constitutional decisions requiring the ratification of the Member States also and the right to elect the President of the Commission;

2. Points out that the guidelines set out by a number of governments — which were drawn up in national foreign ministries without political or parliamentary debate — run counter to the initiatives and proposals put forward by many Heads of State or Government and jeopardize the basic principles and the existing institutional balance;

3. Declares that it will not agree to solutions aimed at strengthening unilaterally the intergovernmental institutions of the Community (the Council and the European Council), at withdrawing from Parliament the role which falls to it as the legitimate representative of the citizens of Europe and at confining the Commission to a technical role in areas where, on the contrary, it should be the driving force behind the process of European unification;

4. Recalls that its Committee on Institutional Affairs, pursuant to Parliament's resolution of 14 March 1990, is preparing more detailed proposals for Treaty changes; considers that these proposals should be discussed with the Foreign Ministers in further meetings of the interinstitutional preparatory conference as a basis for the final draft of the Treaty reforms;

5. Recalls that its Committee on Institutional Affairs is also preparing a draft constitution for European Union, updating the draft Treaty of 1984;

6. Launches a solemn appeal to the Heads of State or Government meeting in the European Council, to the President of the Commission and to the Foreign Ministers, requesting them:

— to give clear expression and backing at the forthcoming Dublin Summit, to the will of the citizens of Europe as expressed through the European Parliament;

— to agree to convene a second intergovernmental conference on European Union and, for this purpose, to open the consultation procedure under Article 236 of the EEC Treaty;

— not to grant their approval to contradictory and ineffective solutions which could jeopardize the basic principles of European unification;

— to guarantee the constituent role of the EP in constructing European Union;

— to reaffirm the urgent need to transform the EC into a real federal European Union so as to contribute to the stability and political cohesion of Europe in view of the developments under way in Eastern and Central Europe and in order to prevent another resurgence of nationalist rivalries, which would have a destructive impact on Europe as a whole;

7. Hopes that an agreement on the requests set out above and on the close involvement of the European Parliament in intergovernmental conferences can be reached between the European Parliament, the Commission and the Member States during the preparatory interinstitutional conference and points out that the opinion which it delivers on the convening of the intergovernmental conferences will be conditional on the acceptance of these requests;

8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Council, the governments, the national parliaments and the Commission.

(¹) OJ No C 323, 27.12.1989, p. 111.

(²) OJ No C 96, 17.4.1990, p. 114.

(³) See Minutes of that sitting, Part II, Item 15.

(⁴) OJ No C 77, 17.3.1984, p. 33.