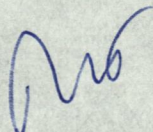


28th September 1979

I am writing on the Prime Minister's behalf to thank you very much indeed for sending her a copy of the Minutes of the Second Party Leaders Conference of the EDU held in London on 20th and 21st July.

It was very kind of you to take the trouble to send these and I will ensure that she sees them as soon as possible.

With best wishes,



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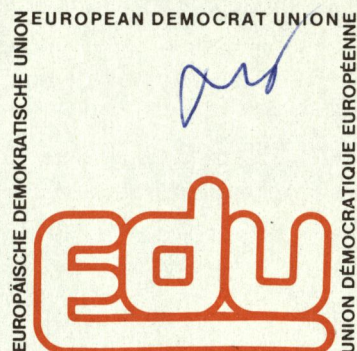
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Minutes of the 2nd Party Leaders' Conference

of the European Democrat Union

London, 20th/21st July 1979

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Josef Taus, chairman of EDU, the Party Leaders' Conference convened on 20th and 21st of July 1979 for its second meeting, on the invitation of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Party of the United Kingdom. After his election to the EDU chairmanship, Dr. Alois Mock, presided the conference.
2. The following delegations participated in the meeting:

a. Members

Österreichische Volkspartei (Austria)
Det Konservative Folkeparti (Denmark)
Kansallinen Kokoomus (Finland)
Rassemblement pour la République (France)
Christlich-Demokratische Union (Germany)
Christlich-Soziale Union (Germany)
Trentiner Tiroler Volkspartei (Italy)
(became a member of the Union at this meeting)
Hoyre (Norway)
Centro Democratico Social (Portugal)
Moderata Samlingspartiet (Sweden)
Conservative Party (United Kingdom)

b. Observers

Democratic Rally (Cyprus)
Swedish People's Party (Finland)
Union pour la Démocratie française (France)
Südtiroler Volkspartei (Italy)
Partit Nazzjonalista (Malta)
Union del Centro Democratico (Spain)
Christlich-demokratische Volkspartei (Switzerland)
Justice Party (Turkey)
Democratic Youth Community
European Democrat Students
European Union of Women

Nea Demokratia from Greece was prevented from exercising its role as observer due to technical reasons.

3. Alistair McAlpine, EDU Treasurer, and Dr. Andreas Khol, Executive Secretary of EDU, equally participated in the deliberations.

The complete list of participants is reproduced in appendix 1.

4. The Party Leaders Conference adopted the agenda reproduced in appendix 2

II. DECISIONS IN REGARD TO THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF THE AGENDA

1. Admission of new members and observers

The Tiroler Trentiner Volkspartei was admitted as 11th member to the Union.

The Democratic Rally of Cyprus was admitted as permanent observer.

L'Union pour la Démocratie Française (UDF) was admitted as permanent observer.

The Justice Party of Turkey was admitted as permanent observer.

According to this the Union now has 11 members, 8 parties observe its activities; 3 international associations are equally admitted as observers.

2. Report of the Chairman

The chairman of EDU, Dr. Josef Taus, reported on the activities of EDU since its constitution on April 24th, 1978; he declared that for reasons outside the scope of EDU he would resign from his chairmanship of EDU.

The report of the chairman was unanimously agreed. (Text of the report EDU/1979/96 in appendix 3)

On behalf of the members and the observers the head of delegation of the Conservative Party of the United Kingdom, Minister of State Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP, expressed the gratitude of EDU for the work of Dr. Taus in building up EDU.

3. Election of the Chairman of EDU

On the proposal of the head of the delegation of the Conservative Party of the United Kingdom, Minister of State Douglas Hurd, MP, the chairman of the Austrian People's Party, Dr. Alois Mock, was unanimously elected to become the new chairman of EDU until the next Party Leaders' Conference 1980. Dr. Mock accepted the election and he delivered the statement reproduced in appendix no.4. (EDU/1979/95.)

4. Report of the Treasurer

Mr. Alistair MacAlpine reported on the financial year 1978/1979, (Doc. no.197 9/98) and stated that the accounts of the EDU secretariat had been examined by the chartered accountants Lybrand & Coopers and had been found in order. The overall expenditure of EDU in the fiscal year 1978/1979 was approximately 25% under the budget estimate.

The treasurers report was accepted. The EDU chairman expressed the gratitude of EDU for the treasurers excellent work.

5. Budget estimate 1979/1980

The treasurer explained the draft budget estimates (EDU/1979/79) which the steering committee had already examined during its meeting on 16th of June 1979 in Oslo. The budget estimates 1979/80 are unanimously adopted. Membership quotations amount to the same as for 1978/79, the savings, however, of the year 1978/1979 are proportionally deduced from memberships in 1979/1980. The treasurer is instructed to ask for these membership fees and to administer them.

The budget estimates 1979/1980 such as adopted by the Party Leaders' Conference are reproduced in appendix 5.

6. Employment Policy in the socially oriented Market Economy

The report of the Sub-Committee (doc. EDU/1979/85) was introduced by its chairman, Alain Juppé, (RPR) and explained. After thorough deliberations the rapport and the recommendations contained therein were unanimously adopted, with minor amendments.

(The text of the document adopted is reproduced in appendix 6)

On request of Sir Anthony Royle (Conservative Party) it was decided to instruct the chairman of EDU to communicate the recommendations adopted to the chairmen of the group of the European Peoples Party, the European Democrat Group, the European Democrats for Progress and of the Liberal Group in the European Parliament.

On the request of Dr. Sixtus Lanner (ÖVP), which was supported by several delegations, in particular by Elmar Brok (DEMYC), it was decided that the problems of the unemployed youth and of unemployed women should permanently and in particular be examined in the framework of one of the sub-commission. (cf. item 7).

7. European Policy and future Activities of EDU

The report of the Sub-Committee (EDU/1979/86) was introduced and explained by its chairman, Prime Minister Dr. Ernst Albrecht (CDU). After thorough deliberations the report was adopted with several minor amendments.

The text of the report, such as adopted by the conference, is reproduced in appendix no. 7.

On the proposal of president Kai Uwe von Hassel (CDU) it was decided that EDU parties should communicate the names of their members of parliament working in the Council of Europe to the chairmen of all the groups in which parties of EDU in the Council of Europe participate.

The Party Leaders' Conference decided to institute the following sub-committees and gave them the following mandates for their work:

Sub-committee no.1: European Structures and European Policy

This Sub-Committee will be coordinated by CDU/CSU.

The Sub-Committee European Structures will deal with those questions which are referred to it expressly by the Steering Committee, as well as with the coordination of all European policy questions within EDU, in particular also with the coordination of those questions which emerge in the relation between parties represented in the European Parliament and parties which are not in the European Parliament but which both are members of EDU. The Steering Committee charges the Sub-Committee to deal with the particular task to develop the declaration of Klesheim and to prepare the European congress, which is proposed in document EDU/1979/63.

On the request of Prime Minister Dr. Franz Josef Strauss (CSU) the sub-committee will also deal with a modern and objective definition of the notion "conservative". CSU will submit respective documents to the Sub-Committee.

On the proposal of Dr. Fenech Adami (Partit Nazzjonalista) it was decided that the Sub-Committee should also deal with even more effective participation of EDU in UECD.

Sub-Committee N. 2: Terrorism

This Sub-Committee is coordinated by UCD of Spain. UCD is not member of the Union but observer. Nevertheless it is charged with this task in view of the exceptional situation in Europe and the particular interest of many European countries in regard to terrorism and in view of the special engagement of UCD in the EDU.

The mandate of this Sub-Committee includes the analysis of the phenomenon of terrorism, its basis and aspect, and the measures which can be taken against this phenomenon.

On the proposal of Mr. Elmar Brok (DEMYC) the Sub-Committee will not only deal with terrorism in its narrow sense, but also with its sociological background, e.g. in respect to the development of the youth.

Mr. Ruperez (UCD) confirms that his party is ready to coordinate this sub-committee.

Sub-committee no.3: Family Policy

The Austrian Peoples Party will coordinate this Sub-Committee. The aim of this Sub-Committee is the establishment of concrete common principles in regard to the family policy of the center parties in Europe. The definition of the political framework for the free development of the family, the analysis of the demographic situation in Europe and ways and means for a society which is friendly to children are the primary aims as well as the policy to be followed against the dangers of progressive domination of the family by the state. The concept of partnership in the family should be one of the primary goals.

Sub-committee no. 4: The European Left

This Sub-Committee will be coordinated by the Conservative Party of the United Kingdom. The analysis of the phenomenon of European socialism, including the democratic socialism is the aspect of this Sub-Committees work. It includes also the development of strategies of a better policy than socialism.

On the proposal of Amara da Costa (CDS, Portugal) this Sub-Committee will continue the work of the former Sub-Committee on "Eurocomunism", since it has to analyse the overall development of the European Left in general.

This Sub-Committee will also analyse the activities of the study group which had been created on the suggestion of the Sub-Committee on Eurocommunism at the present Party Leaders' Conference.

Sub-Committee no. 5: Economy, State and Society

The German CDU/CSU will coordinate this Sub-Committee.

Subject of the work of this Sub-Committee are the research in questions relating to the economic system, the relations between the economic order, the developments of society and the states' administration. The dimension of personal freedom included in the socially oriented market economy, the position of solidarity in an efficiency oriented society, the alternatives new progressive bureaucracy should equally be analysed and respective strategies should be developed.

On the request of Dr. Sixtus Lanner (Austrian Peoples Party) a study group is instituted in the framework of this committee which permanently deals with the fight of youth unemployment and unemployment of women and which will report to the next Party Leaders' Conference.

Sub-Committee no. 6: Security and Cooperation in Europe

This Sub-Committee will be coordinated by the National Coalition Party of Finland. Subject of its work is the establishment of guidelines for a common view on all European problems in regard to the second follow-up conference of the Security Conference, to be held in Madrid in 1981. In connection with these questions of disarmament will have to be discussed equally. The analysis of the security situation in Europe is a priority of the work of the sub-committee.

On the request of Mr. Ruperez (UCD, Spain) one of the meetings of this sub-committee will convene in winter 1980 in Madrid.

With respect to the Sub-Committee's work in general it is decided that the competent parliamentary front-bench speakers of the various parties participate in the meetings of these committees. In particular in the framework of the Sub-Committee "European Structures and European Policy" the speakers on Europe of the different parties will collaborate. The competent members of the European Parliament of the respective parties will also eventually participate in the different meetings. This concerns in particular the Sub-Committee "European Policy".

The chairman of EDU, after the general discussion, summed up the following additional decisions:

Primary objective of the EDU is the consolidation of the present cooperation in the European framework. Problems of the cooperation with like-minded parties outside Europe shall be discussed and deliberated in the Steering Committee.

The Sub-Committee on European Structures will make proposals to the Steering Committee in regard to the development of the Klesheim declaration and for the preparations of the European congress.

8. Energy and Environment

The report of this Sub-Committee (EDU/1979/76) was introduced and explained by Dr. Lars Tobisson (Moderata Samlingspartiet) assisted by Dr. Heinz Riesenhuber (CDU), representing Anders Wijkman, chairman of the above sub-committee who was unable to attend. The report was slightly amended and unanimously adopted.

(Text of the resolutions and conclusions adopted are reproduced in appendix no. 8)

Dr. Ludwig Steiner (ÖVP) wanted to include the following statement on behalf of the Austrian delegation in the minutes of the meeting: by the agreement of the ÖVP of this report its attitude towards atomic energy is in no way affected or amended: the Austrian People's Party fully respects the present legal situation in Austria in regard to atomic energy and the results of the respective plebiscite of 5 November 1978.

9. Eurocommunism

The report of the Sub-Committee (EDU/1979/88) was introduced and explained by its chairmen, Minister of State Hon. Douglas Hurd, MP and Baroness Diana Elles, MEP. On the request of Mr. Suominen (Kansallinen Kokoomus) several amendments were carried.

(The recommendations and conclusions adopted by the meeting are reproduced in appendix no. 9.)

The work in this field will be carried on by the Sub-Committee "European Left", on the proposal of Mr. Amaro da Costa (CDS, Portugal).

10. Next meeting of the Party Leaders Conference and the Steering Committee

The Party Leaders Conference decide to hold its third meeting in April/May 1980. CDU and CSU of Germany invited EDU to Germany (eventually Munich); this invitation was gratefully recorded; the respective decision will be taken by the Steering Committee. The chairman informed the conference that he intended to call the Steering Committee to a meeting on Friday, October 5th 1979 at 12.00 hrs to London. Until then the work schedule of EDU until the next Party Leaders Conference should roughly be completed and could then be discussed.

11. Miscellaneous

A draft resolution of the Democratic Youth Community concerning a EDU statement in regard to the problem of refugees in Vietnam and Cambodia could not be deliberated on in view of the advanced time and the connected fundamental political and procedural questions.

The chairman expressed the best wishes of the participating parties towards the incoming elected Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Dr. Franz Karasek, and told him that EDU would always help and assist him whenever needed in the course of his important work.

The chairman thanked the rapporteurs for their valuable work and stressed the importance of their activity, in particular also the importance of the activities of the Sub-Committees as such.

For all Sub-Committees the respective parliamentary speakers of the parties should be nominated as soon as possible; the Sub-Committee on European structures and European policy should be composed by the respective speakers on European affairs, eventually by the leaders of the national delegations to the European Parliament and the Council of Europe.

The Sub-Committee should produce their reports in time for the third Party Leaders' Conference. The Executive Secretary will contact the various parties which coordinate Sub-Committees and will try to elaborate a schedule for the dates of meetings.

On the proposal of Mr. Suominen (Kansallinen Kokoomus, Finland) the procedure of sending draft reports of Sub-Committees to the press before they are agreed by the Party Leaders' Conference will be re-examined in the Steering Committee before the next Party Leaders' Conference.

The chairman finally thanked the leader of the Conservative Party, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for the invitation to London and the great hospitality, Lord Thorneycroft, chairman of the Conservative Party for the organisation work of the Conservative Party, in particular for the work of Tony Garner (organisation) and Maurice Trowbridge (press) and their collaborators.

He also thanked in particular Sir Anthony Royle, Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party and Head of the International Office for the excellent preparation of the conference and the taking care of the conference by himself and his collaborators, in particular Alexander Walker, Roger Boaden, Rosemary Spencer, Virginia Windibanks and he finally also thanked the Executive Secretary of EDU, Dr. Andreas Khol and his staff for the preparation and the running of the second Party Leaders' Conference.

Dr. Alois Mock
Chairman

Dr. Andreas Khol
Executive Secretary

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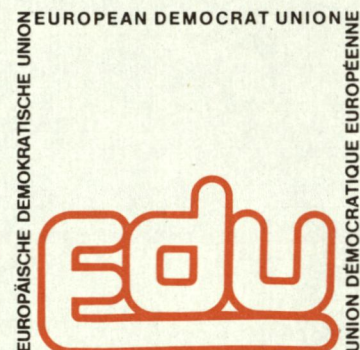
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**Agenda of the 2nd Party Leaders' Conference of EDU
on 20th and 21st July 1979 in London**

1. Admission of new members and observers
2. Report of the chairman of EDU on the activities of the Union from 24th April 1978 to 19th July 1979
3. Election of the EDU chairman
4. Report of the treasurer of EDU on the financial year 1978/79
5. Budget estimates 1979/80
6. Employment policy in a socially oriented market economy
7. European policy and future work activities of EDU
8. Energy and environment
9. Eurocommunism
10. Next meeting of the Party Leaders' Conference and of the Steering Committee
11. Miscellaneous



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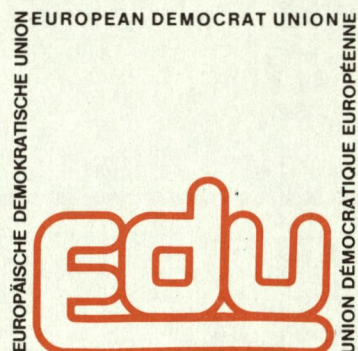
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Report of the outgoing Chairman Dr. Josef Taus

on EDU Activities in its first year



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Report by the outgoing Chairman, Dr. Josef Taus

The European Democrat Union was founded on 24th April 1978. When we all signed the constitutive document of our Union, it was still a piece of paper. Today it has become a reality. Today EDU is a political reality in Europe which has to be taken into account by the political forces and which serves as an effective means of co-ordination among the parties forming this Union.

This is a result of our work, in particular the work of our Sub-Committees, of our Steering-Committee and of our Secretariat. When we created EDU we all agreed that it should become a working association of Christian Democrat, Conservative, and other non-collectivist parties. We all agreed that it should not become a bureaucratic body with a big central administration. We decided to work with Sub-Committees composed of first class politicians, the parliamentary front-bench speakers, who are dealing with the respective matters also in their national parliament. This formula has apparently been appropriate: this is at least my impression when I consider the reports before us which they produced.

The enlargement of EDU has been partly successful. Today we can see more parties around this conference table and talks with even more parties are under way and seem to show results in the near future. However, the incorporation of all Christian Democrat parties which form the European Peoples' Party and the Union of European Christian Democrats has not yet been achieved. Some of these parties, admittedly only a few, do not share the view of the usefulness of our co-operation.

Others are ready to co-operate with us on several items, others need more time to consider our work. I think that this question has to be followed, but it should not become a matter of party-theology. We have to do our best to carry on with our efforts to make EDU as representative and large as possible, but we should take into account that these efforts take time. For a year's work we can, I think, be satisfied.

What have we done as the European Democrat Union in the last year?

First of all we have installed, without undue delay, the appropriate small secretariat which we need for our work. This secretariat started to work in June last year and I express my appreciation of the excellent work of Dr. Andreas Khol, our Executive Secretary, and his staff.

We have made considerable progress in our links among the party members within the Union and those observing its activities: on a bilateral level as well as on the multi-lateral level we have come much closer to one another, recognising that we have similar ideas about man and society and that we belong to the same political family.

The Sub-Committees which we set up last year and to which we gave the difficult task of elaborating common guidelines for policies on such complicated matters as energy, employment, Eurocommunism, and European policy have been working and they have all reported today and, as I mentioned already, their work seems to be excellent.

In one case we have also in an efficient way exchanged information and co-ordinated our political views on a topical matter of sudden political interest: the European Monetary System, on which we deliberated twice in Vienna.

We have co-operated very well in the Steering Committee which is composed of the Secretaries General of our parties and which has become an uncomplicated body which really directs the work of our Union and which develops a spirit of solidarity.

All this has been achieved with few meetings only, little administration and small costs. The work was uncomplicated, it took place in a very good climate and we spent about 25 % less money than we estimated in our first budget.

If one takes all in all: it was a satisfactory start to our work and if I compare it with other similar enterprises, I am proud enough to say that we have worked better.

Let me explain also why I think we were able to do this work:

- o We always insisted, and I did so personally, that the Sub-Committees and the Steering Committee should be composed of first-rate politicians and not by their deputies or by deputies of the deputies. Those who carry political responsibility should co-operate also on the international, the EDU-level. In exchange we had only very few meetings, on the average two for each Sub-Committee, and we worked a lot on the basis of written information.
- o The important political body, the Steering Committee, was always attended by the Secretaries-General or the political heads of the respective international departments, so that those who have responsibility within the parties on the national level also decided political questions on the international level.
- o It was very helpful to have the Treasurer, to whom we all owe a lot of gratitude, Mr. Alistair McAlpine, who managed our finances and controlled the expenditures of our office in a very quiet, but effective way.
- o We have tried in the EDU office to work as efficiently and precisely as possible, quickly and uncomplicated, and I thank again the Executive Secretary and his staff.

You know that for reasons which are outside the scope of EDU, I have decided to hand over my job as your Chairman to somebody else who is still to be elected by you. I have not come easily to this decision and I was indeed pleased by the signs of confidence which you have shown towards me. However, I am convinced that you will today elect a new and a good chairman for EDU.

Let me finally summarise some of my experiences in this job which might perhaps be useful for everyone to follow.

The almost theological questions of how conservative are the Conservatives, how right are some parties, how can the prejudices of some Christian Democrat parties be overcome, cannot be treated on an abstract and academic level, but only by means of concrete political steps which show how we deal with certain political matters and which thereby elucidate our political views. For this reason our Union has to appear and to act as a progressive institution which is ready to solve problems of men and society in the right approach.

The European Democrat Union will have to increase its public relations in order to get even better known as a political trade mark. I know that until the European elections in June of this year, EDU had to exercise self constraint in view of the parties in the European Peoples' Party. Henceforward, however, the solidarity between EDU parties should be shown at regular intervals to the full European public.

The European Democrat Union must visibly be based on the solidarity between the parties forming it and their leaders.

Let me finally express my gratitude to all of your collaboration with me. I would also say thank you for the confidence which you have shown towards me. I would also like to say how much I appreciated the collaboration with the Secretaries General of the various parties. They have, in practice, made EDU a living body. As a former banker I can only stress again how much I appreciated the effective work of our Treasurer, my friend Alistair McAlpine and once again I should mention the good work of Dr.Khol and his staff.

I am convinced that EDU after a good start will also develop in future into a real European Democrat Union, grouping all the Christian Democrat, Conservative and non-collectivist Parties for the benefit of Europe as a whole and of our parties.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hereby accept my election as Chairman of EDU. May I thank you for the confidence you have expressed in the Austrian People's Party and in myself. I shall do my best to do justice to this confidence and shall make every effort to develop and to strengthen our Union of Christian Democratic, Conservative and other non-collectivist Parties. I personally believe that this is a noble task worth pursuing with all the necessary energy.

A year ago, when we met to constitute the Union at the Klesheim Palace, Salzburg, I was already convinced of the absolute necessity of such an act. To serve firstly in order to ensure the increasingly close co-operation among all European middle of the road Parties, not limited to Christian Democratic Parties only, and not to Parties coming merely from countries of the European Community. —

Secondly, in order to serve the idea of European Unity. Thirdly, to fight consequently all non-democratic, authoritarian ideologies no matter whether they be at the right or the left.

At Klesheim, when we elected Dr. Taus our Chairman, we entrusted him with the difficult task of creating out of our Parties a structure which would allow us to arrive at the results desired. We have all listened to his report which showed us the results of our common efforts. I think I am speaking on your behalf when expressing our gratitude to him for applying successfully our decisions of last year.

Thanks to you and your collaborators, and above all thanks to the good will shown by all the Members and observer Parties, EDU has become a reality in European Party life. All of us in EDU were prepared to carry on under your chairmanship even after you resigned from the chairmanship of the Austrian Peoples Party. Once more, thank you for your work - I shall try to carry on in the same spirit.

Little did I think, when we convened at Klesheim, that I would be elected Chairman at the next Party Leader's Conference of EDU. Yet, I have been working on the international Party scene for many years. I was one of the co-founders of the European Union of Christian Democratic Workers whose Vice President I have been since 1977. In this context, I should like to mention that I feel it is my particular task to remove any misunderstanding as far as character and aims of EDU are concerned, which still exist in that one and similar organisations.

Many years ago, when I was still in the diplomatic service I worked for 4 years with OECD in Paris where I had ample opportunity to acquire experience in the field of European co-operation.

As your Chairman I shall be guided by the following principles.

- o I am convinced that all the European Parties whose policy in practice conforms with the Klesheim Declaration which fixed the fundamental guiding lines of our Union, should sooner or later become full members of our Union, no matter whether they call themselves Christian Democrats, Conservatives, Liberals, Centrist Parties or otherwise. Any Party advocating personal liberty, solidarity practised as a means of safeguarding social justice, partnership as the organising principle of our societies and of Europe as a whole is on our lines.
- o The activities of our Union cannot be limited to the boundaries of Europe. In a further stage of our co-operation, we therefore should find and express a common political approach to world wide political issues. In order to achieve this aim, all these parties have to co-operate and to help each other in a spirit of international solidarity among friends with identical and similar political ideas and values for which they fight and stand.

- o We define our Union not as a group of Parties whose sole common denominator is their anti-socialism. It has been fascinating to see how easy it was to formulate recommendations on complicated political problems, like employment policy, energy and environment policy and others in our Sub Committees and to find a common approach for the solution of these matters. We are however, fully aware of the fact that our main political competitors in Europe are Socialists and the Social Democrats. As far as Communism is concerned, we have to fight it in which ever shape it shows up.

It is certainly not by mere accident that the Socialist international is meeting today and tomorrow in Stockholm. Statements from that side show that the Socialists have realised that we are their main political competitors and that we represent political strength and influence in Europe. Once they said: "Europe will be socialist or will not be at all." We have so show them, as the European elections have already done to a certain extent, that there is a true alternative to their union of Europe.

- o I am convinced that we have to demonstrate visibly to all Europeans our solidarity as party leaders. Not only on party congresses, but my means of more frequent "joint ventures" and in assisting each other more visibly in our respective political work. We should contact and support each other and cooperate hampered by as little protocol as possible when we mutually strive for common aims. This applies also to the co-operation in our parties. Wherever one of our member parties is successful in its country, this is our common success.
- o The European Democrat Union comprises parties both from EEC countries and from countries outside the European Community. I think that this is of great mutual advantage. We have to realise that Europe is much bigger than the Community is and that there are legitimate interests and aspirations of the countries outside the European Community. EDU can serve as a bridge and as a link between these two parts of the free Europe, without forgetting those peoples in Europe which are aspiring to our models of society, but are still oppressed.

In this spirit I shall work and in this spirit I see the future of our union. I hope that after such a successful start we shall be able to carry on our work even more effectively and intensively. I want to ask you all very sincerely to co-operate in our sub-committee - the crystallising institutions for common approaches and recommendations - to co-operate within those which exist and those which we shall appoint at the end of this conference.

I also ask for the personal assistance of all of you in my work as EDU chairman. Only together can we make our work effective. I know quite well that international party activities are often considered as leisure - time activities. I am even more sure of the fact that collecting votes to gain majorities is a home task. But we should not underestimate the fact that strong international cooperation provides mutual support and has a certain bearing on public opinion at home. Let us be more international - it pays! We have to demonstrate that we represent a European force and that we are not isolated individual nationally restricted parties.

May I also ask for the assistance of the members of the Steering Committee, the Secretaries General of our Parties: they have effectively guided our union through the first year of its existence and have developed a spirit of solidarity.

Je voudrais aussi exprimer ma profonde satisfaction de la forte présence française. Tandis que nos amis du RPR sont membres fondateurs, nous offrons une très cordiale bienvenue aux amis de l'UDF. Nous espérons vivement que dans un moment assez proche nous pourrons les accueillir comme membres de plein droit.

Je voudrais aussi assurer nos autres amis des partis, qui ont choisi pour des raisons que nous respectons pleinement la position d'un observateur, que je vais faire tout mon possible pour permettre la pleine "observation" de nos travaux et en plus une coopération croissante partout où ils la souhaitent.

According to our statutes I have finally to appoint the Executive Secretary of our Union. I would like to carry on with Dr. Andreas Khol, and I am sure that he will continue to serve our endeavour in the same devoted spirit as he has done so far.

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BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1979/80

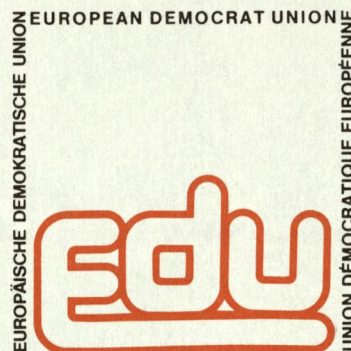
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Object Catégories Gegenstand	£	Ffrs.	DM	AS
1.Acquisitions Acquisitions Anschaffungen	1.005.-	9.542.-	4.105.-	30.000.-
2.Personnel Salaires Personalkosten	18.767.-	178.117.-	76.618.-	560.000.-
3.Rent and maintainance Loyer et maintenance Miete und Raumpflege	6.702.-	63.613.-	27.364.-	200.000.-
4.Office supply Matériel de bureau Büromaterial	1.005.-	9.542.-	4.105.-	30.000.-
5.Telephone and telex téléphones et telex Telefon und Telex	5.027.-	47.710.-	20.523.-	150.000.-
6. Postage Frais de port Porti	1.206.-	11.450.-	4.925.-	36.000.-
7.Travel expenses Frais de voyage Reisekosten	15.080.-	143.130.-	61.568.-	450.000.-
8.Entertainment Invitations et public relations Einladungen und Public Relations	2.815.-	26.718.-	11.493.-	84.000.-
9.Xerox Xerox Xerox	2.011.-	19.084.-	8.209.-	60.000.-
10.Newspapers,periodicals Journaux,périodiques Zeitungen,Zeitschriften	1.005.-	9.542.-	4.105.-	30.000.-
11. Publications Publications Veröffentlichungen	6.166.-	58.524.-	25.174.-	184.000.-
12.Miscellaneous(taxes,fees) Divèrs(taxes, impôts)	1.206.-	11.450.-	4.925.-	36.000.-
13.Translators,interpreters Interprètes, Traducteurs	5.027.-	47.710.-	20.523.-	150.000.-
14.Annual Conference Conférence annuelle Jahreskonferenz	21.783.-	206.743.-	88.931.-	650.000.-
15.Sub-committee meetings Réunions des sous- comités Arbeitsgruppentreffen	3.351.-	31.807.-	13.682.-	100.000.-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>92.156.-</u>	<u>874.682.-</u>	<u>376.250.-</u>	<u>2,750.000.-</u>