

**PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN**

**CABINET DU PRÉSIDENT**

Le Conseiller

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NOTE FOR MR. PONS

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I suggest this matter be put on the agenda  
of a future meeting of the Enlarged Bureau.



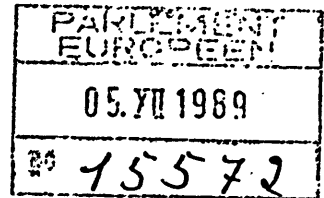
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4th December, 1989.

*Dear President*

Events in Central and Eastern Europe are unfolding in a remarkable and unpredictable manner. Countries are progressing towards democracy at varying speeds and are looking for the quickest and most effective way to encourage their economies to become more market-oriented.

The European Community and its Member States, together with other industrialised countries, are proposing and implementing numerous initiatives (financial and otherwise) to assist this desirable process. There will, no doubt, be an overall view of the contribution of the European Community at the meeting of the European Council in Strasbourg later this week.

The European Parliament is being consulted on a number of initiatives proposed but lacks a coherent means of dealing with this increasingly broad set of problems.

Not only are a number of Parliamentary Committees involved in giving their views such as the Political; External Relations; Economic and Monetary; Budgets and Agriculture Committees. The Parliamentary delegations to Central and Eastern European countries are also involved as many of them will be visiting their counterparts in the next few weeks.

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It is vital that these discussions and contacts be co-ordinated in an appropriate way within the Parliament. May I propose that the European Parliament, at the next meeting of its Bureau in Strasbourg next week, set up a Temporary Committee under Rule 109 Paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure? The powers, composition and terms of office of such a committee shall be defined at the same time as the decision to set it up is taken. Its' express aim should be the co-ordination of the work of the Parliament in this field as well as contribute ideas as to how these countries could be assisted.

I am sending a copy of this proposal to Christopher Prout, Leader of the European Democratic Group.



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