

**E.U. new neighbourhood policy**

Resolution of the Neighbourhood Commission (Brussels - 4 April 2005)  
adopted by the Central Council (May 2005)

**Introduction**

The European Union's New Neighbourhood Policy (NNP) is designed to be a substitute for or alternative to EU accession for a number of Mediterranean countries and countries lying to the East of the enlarged EU. This policy is of the greatest importance in light of creating a "ring of friends" around the EU and not creating new barriers with the countries concerned.

But the Commission has not yet managed to finalise and define this policy. Further, it has not consulted the European Parliament concerning this policy at this stage.

Moreover, it is important that an individual Action Plan be drawn up by the Commission in view of the needs and specific situation of each NNP country and that the European Parliament be consulted on these Action Plans.

**Resolution**

The European League for Economic Cooperation, following the meeting of its Commission on Relations with EU neighbour countries held in Brussels in 4 April 2005,

- ◇ considering the importance of not creating new barriers between the enlarged EU and its neighbouring states;
  - ◇ considering the need for the enlarged EU to be surrounded by a "ring of friends";
  - ◇ considering the need to create optimal relationships in the political, economic and other fields between the enlarged EU and neighbouring states which are not, at present, negotiating or close to negotiating for EU membership, nor covered by the Stability Pact for South-East Europe;
1. **urges** the Commission of the EU to conclude rapidly the definition of the New Neighbourhood Policy but not before it has sought and taken into account the opinion of the European Parliament;
  2. **insists** that the Action Plans for every "neighbourhood state" be established in view of the specific needs of each individual state and that the draft plans be transmitted to the European Parliament for its opinion.

To:

- \* Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the Council of the EU
- \* Jose Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission
- \* Josep BORELLE FONTELLES, President of the European Parliament
- \* Commissioner Benita FERRERO-WALDNER
- \* Elmar BROK, Chairman of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee

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