Order 373 (1978)[1]

European action to prevent oil pollution of waters and coasts

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its Orders Nos. 310 (1971), 323 (1972) and 360 (1976), instructing its Committee on Science and Technology :

1.1. to promote European collaboration in specific scientific fields.

1.2. to strengthen liaison between parliamentarians and scientists.

1.3. to establish a European Joint Committee on Scientific Co-operation, bringing together parliamentarians of the Committee on Science and Technology and scientists from the various working parties and study groups set up by that committee within the framework of its exercise in scientific co-operation ;

2. Welcoming the holding of the European public parliamentary hearing in Paris, on 4 July 1978, on the pollution of coastal zones by hydrocarbons ;

3. Convinced of the value of organising such parliamentary hearings as a means of informing parliamentarians and as an aid to political decision-making ;

4. Having examined the report on European action to prevent oil pollution of waters and coasts, presented by its Committee on Regional Planning and Local Authorities (Doc. 4199), together with the Opinion drawn up by its Committee on Science and Technology (Doc. 4230),

5. Instructs the Committee on Science and Technology to invite its European Joint Committee on Scientific Co-operation to report to it on any interdisciplinary proposals made by the various existing European scientific groups as a contribution to a better knowledge of the effect of oil on the environment and of the means of checking pollution in the event of accidents.

1. Text adopted by the Assembly on 2 October 1978 (15th Sitting). See Doc. 4231. Motion for an Order tabled on behalf of the Committee on Science and Technology.