

An ELD Programme for the 1989 Euro-Elections

This Congress, recognising that the system used for preparing for the 1984 euro-elections:

- sought to develop common policies on major socio-economic issues where there were massive differences in national economic circumstances and programmes;
- failed to identify major policy differences before the final draft programme was presented to congress;
- did not provide a means whereby policies agreed at previous ELD congresses were automatically considered for incorporation in the programme,

1. resolves that the draft programme for the 1989 euro-elections should:

- a) confine itself to issues within the present and proposed future competences of the European Community;
- b) have its main chapter heads identified and agreed at the start of the 1986 congress;
- c) be developed from major debates of key issues at ELD congresses;
- d) be prepared with the maximum involvement of Member parties at all stages.

2. Congress calls on the Executive to ELD to set up immediately a 1989 europrogramme committee responsible for:

- a) identifying and proposing to the 1986 ELD Congress the main areas to be covered by the Programme;
- b) devising a system for consultations with Member parties over main policy areas which ensure maximum participation and identifies potential major policy differences at an early stage;
- c) developing a timetable for the preparations which include the areas of policy to be debated at the 1986 and subsequent ELD Congresses (including opportunities for joint amendments submitted by more than one Member party) and
- d) seeking to resolve major policy differences (both within and between policy areas) before the draft programme is put to Congress for ratification.

3. Member parties pledge themselves to participate fully in these procedures in order to ensure a successful outcome.

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4. Take action at once to introduce a common European electoral law introducing a proportional representation system which would, however, make the elected members accountable to voters in their own region.

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