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nav telefonisch contact met staatssecretaris brinkhorst zend ik u navolgende verklaring van het europees verbond van vakvereniging tbv komende eg-raad van regeringsleiders. verzoeke deze verklaring tevens door de gever aan minister-president den uyl.

1 general economic situation and developments

a. the present situation is explained by the following features in particular:

- the generalised economic stagnation throughout the world
- the world strategy of multinational undertakings and the subsequent repercussions on the european economy
- monetary instability and the uncontrolled transfer of capital
- the rise in price of raw materials, particularly oil, and the subsequent effects on the balance of payments.

these various causes explain the generalised galloping inflation in europe which had led most european governments to pursue ~~deflationary~~ deflationary policies, thus causing unemployment to rise to levels which it has not reached for years.

~~the e t u c~~ the e t u c considers that the necessary economic restructuring and the continuation and even strengthening of cooperation, mainly with the third world, requires proper economic planning.

b. proposals for short-term action

as action in the immediate future, the e t u c

1. makes an urgent appeal to all countries to carry out a policy which is centred on the creation of jobs

in countries with a surplus balance of payments, a policy of more vigorous economic expansion, which could include a more dynamic wage policy, is desirable.

2. advocates a selective policy of economic revival which would be likely to develop investments which would create qualified jobs at sectoral and regional level. to this purpose, it is essential to plan intervention of the public authorities on a wide scale

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facilities and to the satisfaction of communal needs.

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- a. the european trade union confederation demands the right to work for all workers without distinction as regards age, sex, nationality, or ability.

consequently, the confederation consides that the main problem is to create a sufficient number of jobs in order to guarantee all workers' employment, and the best possible employment in the region.

- b. proposals for short-term action

in the present situation, the e t u c demands the following action for immediate future:

reduction of working hours

- reduction of working hours (reduction of the working week, holidays, early pension and/or lowering of retirement age)
- control of overtime
- efforts to combat the employment of illegal labour
- extension of compulsory schooling to the age of at least 16.

distribution of working hours

- distribution of the necessary working hours amongst all the workers employed
- additional efforts in the field of general and vocational training.

protection of workers

- development of the protection of workers in the event of closure of the firm, collective and individual dismissal, and vocational retraining
- worker control of employment and the organisation of work.

- c. furthermore, the e t u c proposes the fo

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c. furthermore, the e t u c proposes the following elements of an active employment policy, which should be integrated into a plan of general economic measures such as those proposed in the first part of this document:

worker control

- worker control of state aid
- worker control of financial intermediaries and investment

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administrative measures

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- establishment of tripartite regional committees for the analysis of and active intervention in employment policy
 - improvement of labour exchanges and coordination of their work at european level
 - coordination of the interventions of the european funds.

training

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- examination of education and both general, vocational, and further training, with a view to improving its adaption to developments in employment and in society.

111. incomes

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- a. the european trade union confederation stresses a number of fundamental demands in the field of the protection of the incomes and purchasing power of workers, whether they are employed, unemployed or retired:
- better distribution of incomes and an tax policy which pays particular attention to the lowest income groups
 - the rapid organisation of a strict system of price supervision and of the control of the distribution network.

b. proposals for short-term action

the e t u c makes the following demands for the immediate future:

1. the upward harmonisation of the periods of coverage of unemployment and short-time work.
2. the upward harmonisation of pension rates and the generalisation of their linking to wage developments.

in order to carry all these demenads into effect, the e t u c ~~reiterates~~ reiterates emphatically its demand for the organisation of a wide-scale discussion at european level, attended by representatives from the public authorities, employers' organisations, and trade unions, and dealing with the main economic and social aspects of the crisis.

as a first initiative at community level, it has requested that an e t u c delegation be received by the european council during the council seesion in brussels on 16th and 17 th juli.

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u gelieve er rekening mee te houden, dat deze verklaring eerst op 16 of 17 juli officiëel aan de eg-raad voorgelegd zal worden en pas daarna in de publiciteit gebracht zal worden.

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