

Extracts from Reviews and an Endorsement of
**The European Imperative: Economic and Social Cohesion in
the 1990's**

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“The terms of reference which the relevant Commissioners gave to Stuart Holland for the report on Economic and Social Cohesion in the 1990's were wide ranging and ambitious. The report corresponds to these expectations. The interim and final versions of the report reinforce the case for a European Recovery Programme which could make it more feasible for governments to achieve the national budget and borrowing conditions for monetary union in the Treaty of Maastricht. Its arguments that new productivity gains from flexible production should be shared — both between management and labour and within society — is of the first importance to who benefits in what way from both an efficient economy and an efficient society ... It also makes a consistent case for enlarging the Community while deepening cohesion”

Jacques Delors

Foreword

“For a clear understanding of the factors shaping Europe's future and of the forces which influenced Delors and other European Statesmen, this book by former British Labour MP Stuart Holland is particularly helpful. In the search for formulae to ensure Europe's economic and social cohesion the book offers ways of involving national parliaments, tackling the democratic deficit and helping small businesses, and examines phenomena such as migration, the role of regions and flexible working time. Many of the ideas and analyses it contains helped shape the European Commission's White Paper on Growth, Competitiveness, Employment and influenced the decisions on economic strategy taken at European summits over the past

year”.

Rory Watson

The European

“Stuart Holland’s book supports action by the European Union to reinvigorate the economy while addressing the democratic deficit and social dimension in Europe. He dissects the social dimension of the Union with statistical and comparative data.. Internal cohesion will weaken *if* national governments ignore the rational case for a collective European response to domestic ills, addressing instead the issues of economic stability and democratic accountability.. Ultimately this could cause internal tensions, paralysing the Union’s decision-making machinery. Holland alone fully integrates justifications for greater economic unity with increased powers for the European parliament”.

Stuart Mackintosh

The Political Quarterly