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Role of the Council of Europe in the economic field

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Robert BURON and other members of the Assembly

To recommend that the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe should:

a. establish permanent committees especially those on Economic Questions and on Social Questions;

b. modify Article 37 of its Rules of Procedure and thereby set up an Agriculture and Food Committee;

c. request the Committee of Ministers for the immediate inclusion of the following items on its Agenda for the present Session so that committees concerned may study them without delay:

1. changing of 0. E. E. C. into a permanent organisation which will prepare the gradual execution of European Economic Unity;
2. study of the steps necessary for the stabilization of the European market for agricultural products;
3. study of the organisation of the basic European industries (steel, coal, electricity, transport);
4. establishment of a system of supervision of industrial agreements and cartels by suitable European institutions;
5. establishment of common legislation for the investment in one Member-State of capital from another Member-State;
6. study of a general tourist policy. And also to recommend that the Committee of Ministers should set aside in the budget of the Council of Europe, such credits as may be necessary to enable the Secreteriat to submit adequate documentation to the committees of the Consultative Assembly, concerning the economic work both of the National Parliaments and of existing international organisations (Social and Economic Council of the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, International Labour Organisation, 0. E. E. C, etc.) and also to provide whatever staff may be necessary to deal with it. And to recommend further that:

   a. the Committee of Ministers, consider the immediate setting up of a European Institute of Statistics;

   b. the Committee of Ministers prepare a Constitution of Member-States to set up a single postal system and to bring about the co-ordination of all means of communication and transport;

   c. Member-States increase contacts between their specialists and technicians so as to pave the way for the unification of national social and national fiscal legislation;

   d. Member-States employ every means to increase their exchanges with Eastern Europe.

Signed (see overleaf)

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