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Agricultural aspects of the Free Trade Area

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The Assembly,

Stressing the necessity of establishing close links between the six countries of the Common Market and the other countries of Europe;

Considering, therefore, that it is essential to continue the present negotiations to their end, in spite of the differences of character between the Common Market and the Free Trade Area,

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers :

1. that the solution of the problem of trade in agricultural products be sought on pragmatic lines, taking into account the special regime for agriculture provided for in the Rome Treaty;
2. that negotiations be conducted between the new entity of the Common Market and the other countries of Europe, with the possible participation of the Ministerial Committee for Agriculture and Food of O. E. C.;
3. that the definition of origin to be applied for the establishment of the right of products to duty-free entry be the object of precise agreements with a view to avoiding any possible fraud;
4. that the Working Party the creation of which has been requested by the Assembly for the establishment of the Common Market in the field of agriculture be extended to include representatives of the other member countries so that they can make their contribution to the negotiations.