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Reply to the Fourth Report of the Common Assembly to the Consultative Assembly

Motion for a resolution[1]
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
Mr Kenneth YOUNGER, United Kingdom, Socialist Group

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1. The Consultative Assembly thanks the Common Assembly and its Rapporteur, M. Gozard, most warmly for their Fourth Report covering the year 1956-1957. The Consultative Assembly deeply appreciates all the trouble that has been taken to make this report so comprehensive, and has carefully studied all the information it contains.

2. The Assembly has noted the remarks in paragraph 58 on relations between the Common Assembly and the British Parliament. It agrees that this whole question should be re-examined at a later stage, when the Common Assembly begins to function in its new composition.

3. The Assembly has read with interest the section of the Common Assembly's Report dealing with European political doctrines. It believes that the further development of these is necessary if the influence of public opinion is to be brought to bear adequately on the work of the Community. A major factor in this development is the work of the Political Groups in the Common Assembly, and the Consultative Assembly hopes that future reports will continue to contain information on this subject.

4. The Assembly is particularly happy to note the continued progress of relations between the E. C. S. C. and non-member countries. It believes that the success of these relations is a happy augury for relations between the European Economic Community and other Member States of the Council of Europe and demonstrates that the new Community will not become, any more than the E. C. S. C, a closed community.

5. The Assembly notes that relations between the High Authority and the Common Assembly have been both cordial and fruitful. It believes that this relationship between the parliamentary and executive bodies is essential for the healthy development of the Community, and congratulates the Community on what has been achieved in this respect.

6. Finally, the Assembly would like to place on record its admiration for the achievements of the Common Assembly since its creation. In passing to an entirely new and even more important stage of its existence, it can feel justified pride in what it has so far done to set the pattern for parliamentary control in an integrated Europe.