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Committee of Ministers

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1. In accordance with Article 19 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, the Committee of Ministers has the honour to present its Ninth Report to the Consultative Assembly on the occasion of its Tenth Ordinary Session.

2. This Report forms a sequel to the two supplementary reports (Docs. 710 and 770) transmitted to the Assembly in October 1957 and January 1958 respectively, and covers the period from 10th January to 27th April 1958.

3. During this period the Ministers' Deputies held five meetings:

- 56th meeting (4th-8th February 1958),
- 57th meeting (24th, 25th and 27th- 29th March 1958),
- 58th meeting (26th March 1958),
- 59th meeting (15th April 1958), and
- 60th meeting (25th and 26th April 1958).

4. The report follows the same plan as the previous reports of the Committee of Ministers:

Section I – Steps to achieve the aims of the Council of Europe.

Section II – Council of Europe machinery and administration.

Section III – Relations with other international organisations.

2. SECTION I – Steps to achieve the aims of the Council of Europe

2.1. CHAPTER I – Political Questions

2.1.1. (a) General policy of the Council of Europe

5. The Committee of Ministers duly intends to examine the results of the steps taken by the Assembly in connection with paragraph 3 (c) of Recommendation 150 (1957). Both this Recommendation and Resolution 145 (1958) remain on its agenda.

2.1.2. (b) European co-operation in the field of atomic energy

6. With regard to Assembly Resolution 139 (1957) the Committee of Ministers would draw the Assembly's attention to the following points.

- i. On 17th December 1957 the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation set up a European Nuclear Energy Agency and, at the same time, approved an International Convention on the Establishment of a Security Control in the field of nuclear energy, which was signed on 20th December 1957 by the seventeen member countries of O. E. E. C. On the same date, the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey agreed to set up a European Company for the Chemical Processing of Irradiated Fuels (Eurochemic) which is the first international undertaking concerned with the peaceful use of nuclear energy.
- ii. Article 18 (b) of the Statute of the European Nuclear Energy Agency provides that the Steering Committee of the Agency shall establish relations with international governmental Organisations concerned with nuclear energy questions. Furthermore, in a report submitted to the Council on 25th October 1957 by the Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy, it was provided that the activities of the Agency would form the subject of an annual report to the Council of Europe, whereby the Consultative Assembly would be kept informed of the development of European co-operation in this field.
- iii. With regard to the form which the liaison between Euratom and the European Nuclear Energy Agency might assume, it should be pointed out that Article 19 (b) of the Statute of the Agency provides for the establishment of close collaboration with the European Atomic Energy Community, and the Euratom Commission is already represented at Sessions of the Agency's Steering Committee.

- iv. Article 16 of the Convention of 20th December 1957 on the Establishment of a Security Control provides that an agreement shall be entered into between O. E. E. C. and Euratom defining the arrangements under which the control established by the Convention shall be carried out within the territory to which the Rome Treaty of 25th March 1957 applies, by the competent bodies of Euratom, by delegation from the Agency. This provision also seems likely to prevent duplication in the operation of the control machinery provided for by both O. E. E. C. and the European Atomic Energy Community.

2.1.3. (c) Release of political prisoners in Central and Eastern Europe

7. The Committee of Ministers has noted Assembly Resolution 142 (1958).

2.2. CHAPTER II - Economic Questions

2.2.1. (a) Co-ordination of the policies of Member States at G. A. T. T. with regard to the Treaty instituting the European Economic Community

8. In accordance with the terms of the Supplement to the Agreement between the Council of Europe and O. E. E. C, which appears as an appendix to Resolution (57) 27 of the Committee of Ministers, the Secretary-General has transmitted Assembly Recommendation 157 (1958) to O. E. E. C.

9. The CE/OEEC Liaison Committees considered this Recommendation at their 21st joint session on 13th February 1958. It was agreed that the Council of O. E. E. C. should be asked to give its views on the suggestion put forward by the Assembly in its Recommendation and that the Council of Europe should be informed of the conclusions reached by O. E. E. C. on this subject.

2.2.2. (b) Restrictive business practices

10. The Committee of Ministers had at one time decided to create a Committee of Experts to give its opinion as to the advisability of concluding a European Convention for protection against restrictive business practices (Doc. 543, para. 17).

11. The Committee of Ministers has now decided, however, not to convene such a Committee until the results of the OEEC negotiations on the Free Trade Area are known.

2.3. CHAPTER III - Social Questions

2.3.1. (a) Public Health

12. After considering the report drawn up by the Committee of Experts on Public Health at its seventh session (12th-14th December 1957), the Committee of Ministers took the following decisions:

2.3.1.1. (i) Unification of regulations, standards and methods with regard to the transport of corpses

13. The Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution (58) 8 which reads as follows:

" The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the proposals put forward by the Committee of Experts on Public Health at its seventh session concerning the unification of regulations, standards and methods with regard to the transport of corpses;

Being convinced of the desirability of facilitating the transport of corpses between the European countries;

Believing an intra-European agreement to be unnecessary for the time being;

Noting with approval the provisions laid down in the International Arrangement concerning the conveyance of corpses, signed at Berlin on 8th February 1937,

Resolves to invite Member Governments of the Council of Europe to comply as far as possible with the regulations laid down in the said Agreement. "

2.3.1.2. (ii) Free circulation among member countries of fdms on health education

14. The Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution (58) 9 as follows:

" The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the proposals put forward by the Committee of Experts on Public Health at its seventh session;

Considering that the Florence Convention, prepared under the auspices of UNESCO, contains appropriate provisions for the international exchange of health education films;

Considering, moreover, that the Consultative Assembly at its Fourth Session in September 1952, adopted Recommendation 33 inviting member countries to ratify this Convention,

Resolves to draw the attention of Governments to the contents of this Recommendation "

15. The Committee of Ministers also approved the inclusion of the following subject in the agenda of the next session of the Committee of Experts: " Mutual assistance in cases of serious accidents and disasters occurring in frontier zones."

2.3.2. (b) Medical fellowships

16. The Selection Committee for the award of Council of Europe medical fellowships for 1958 met in Strasbourg on 3rd and 4th March 1958. Its members were: M. W. von Schmieden, Chairman, former Research Director of the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe, Professor J. Parisot, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Nancy, Dr. M. Tottie, Director-General of Public Health, Stockholm. The European Regional Office of W. H. O. was represented by an observer.

17. With an appropriation of 10,800,000 francs the Selection Committee was able to award individual fellowships for the current year up to a total of 111 months, as follows :

- 2 fellowships of one month
- 4 fellowships of a month and a half
- 10 fellowships of two months
- 1 fellowship of two and a half months
- 24 fellowships of three months
- 1 fellowship of three and a half months
- 1 fellowship of five months
- Total : 43 fellowships.

18. The fellowships were distributed among the member countries which had put forward candidates as follows:

- **Country - Number of fellowships - Number of months**
- Austria - 4 - 9
- Belgium - 3 - 6 1/2
- Denmark - 3 - 9
- Fed. Rep. of Germany - 3- 9
- France - 3 - 9
- Greece - 3 - 8 1/2
- Ireland - 4 - 8
- Italy - 3 - 9
- Netherlands - 3 - 7 1/2
- Norway - 3- 8
- Sweden - 4 - 9 1/2

- Turkey - 4 - 9
- United Kingdom - 3 - 9
- Total : 43 - 111

19. The Committee of Ministers has approved the new regulations for medical fellowships which the Committee of Experts proposed should take effect as from 1st January 1959 (see Appendix I).

2.3.3. (c) Social Charter

20. The Committee of Ministers has approved the principle of a tripartite European meeting which will be devoted to examining the draft Social Charter drawn up by the Social Committee. It is continuing to examine, in conjunction with I. L. O., the details of organising this meeting.

2.3.4. (d) Housing problem

21. After a preliminary examination of Assembly Recommendation 154 (1958), the Committee of Ministers decided to refer it to the Social Committee for an opinion, in the light of which it will reconsider the Recommendation.

2.3.5. (e) Agreement on the Exchange of War Cripples with a view to Medical Treatment

22. The Agreement on the Exchange of War Cripples, which was signed in Paris on 13th December 1955 by all Member States of the Council of Europe except Iceland, has now been ratified by Austria, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom. It is in course of ratification by Belgium and Turkey, and ratification proceedings will shortly be set in motion by the Netherlands.

2.4. CHAPTER IV – Cultural Questions

2.4.1. (a) Cultural Fund of the Council of Europe

2.4.1.1. Establishment of the Fund

23. The Committee of Ministers is continuing its examination of the Statute of the Cultural Fund and expects to complete the draft-ting of the text in the near future.

2.4.1.2. Use of the Fund in the university sphere

24. After consulting the Committee of Cultural Experts with regard to the proposals in Assembly Recommendation 108 (1957) concerning the use of the Cultural Fund of the Council of Europe in the university sphere, the Committee of Ministers came to the conclusion that these proposals should be considered by the Administrative Board of the Cultural Fund when it had been set up.

2.4.1.3. Amendment of Article 38 of the Statute

25. The Committee of Ministers will take a decision on Assembly Resolution 71 (1955) concerning the amendment of Article 38 of the Statute with a view to setting up the Cultural Fund at the same time as it decides on the whole question of the Statute of the Fund.

2.4.2. (b) International Bureau of Education

26. The Committee of Ministers has decided not to give effect to the proposal contained in Assembly Recommendation 126 (1957).

2.4.3. (c) International Computation Centre

27. The Committee of Ministers has decided not to give effect to Assembly Recommendation 127 (1957).

2.4.4. (d) *European Cultural Convention*

28. Austria deposited its instrument of ratification of this Convention with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe on 4th March 1958.

29. The Convention has now been ratified by the following member countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

2.4.5. (e) *European Convention on the Equivalence of Periods of University Study*

30. This Convention was ratified by France on 18th February and by Italy on 29th March 1958.

31. The following countries have so far ratified the Convention: Austria, France, Ireland, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom

32. The Bureau of the Committee of Cultural Experts met in Strasbourg on 25th and 26th February 1958 to prepare the 14th plenary Session of the Committee, which will take place next June.

33. The Sub-committee on the equivalence of diplomas met on 28th February to consider the questions of inter-employability and the equivalence of university qualifications, as also the promotion of scientific research. The recommendations of the Sub-committee on these matters will be considered by the Committee of Cultural Experts at its next session.

2.5. **CHAPTER V – Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**

Yearbook of the decisions and documents of the European Commission of Human Rights

34. The Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution (58) 2 as follows:

" The Committee of Ministers, Having considered the proposal of the Secretariat-General concerning the annual publication of decisions and documents of the European Commission of Human Rights, Resolves:

1. To approve the project for the publication entitled:

European Commission of Human Rights Decisions and Documents Year

2. The publication shall be published under the responsibility of an editorial committee consisting of members of the Commission and its secretariat. The Secretary-General is authorised to conclude for this purpose a contract with N.V. Martinus Nijhoff's Boekhandel on Uitgeversmaat-schappij, The Hague, for a first edition of 1,500 copies.

3. Any expenses to a maximum sum of 600,000 francs which may be incurred in accordance with the above arrangements shall be charged to the appropriation under Sub-Head 54 (b) of the Budget of the Council of Europe "

2.6. **CHAPTER VI – Legal and Administrative Questions**

2.6.1. (a) *Simplification of frontier formalities*

2.6.1.1. *For motor vehicles*

35. The Committee of Ministers has studied the report of the sixth meeting of the Special Committee which was held in Athens from 3rd to 6th March 1958.

36. It has been informed of the decisions of the Governments of Denmark, France and the Benelux countries to abolish customs papers for the temporary import of private motor vehicles registered abroad as from 1st April 1958.

37. The Norwegian Government has adopted the same measure as from 15th April 1958.

38. The Irish and Italian Governments have announced that they are considering the possibility of taking similar steps.

39. Customs papers for the temporary import of motor vehicles registered abroad have now been abolished by the following countries: Austria (since 1st August 1957), Federal Republic of Germany, Sweden, Switzerland (since 1st January 1958), Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Norway.

2.6.1.2. For refugees

40. On a proposal of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Committee of Ministers has adopted a number of measures concerning refugees in Resolution (58) 5, which reads as follows:

" The Committee of Ministers,

Having examined the memorandum submitted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees concerning measures for facilitating travel by refugees,

1. Recommends that Member Governments, pending signature of the Multilateral Agreement on the abolition of visas for travel between member countries, by refugees lawfully residing in the territory of any of them:

- a. issue entry visas to such refugees free of charge at least for visits of up to three months' duration;*
- b. speed up the procedure for the issue of entry visas to such refugees by their consular authorities, especially in cases where the journey is of particular urgency for compassionate reasons; where the refugee has received an entry visa previously; where the refugee has to travel in pursuit of cultural, educational or scientific activities, or where the refugee has to travel in the exercise of his profession ;*

2. Recommends, further, that Member Governments which are parties to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees shall issue a uniform travel document in conformity with the provisions of that Convention, including those concerning the period of validity of the document and of the return clause;

3. Recommends ,finally, that Member Governments which are not parties to the London Agreement of 1946 or to the 1951 Convention should accede thereto and issue the travel document for which the Convention provides, or, failing this, issue for the benefit of refugees a document in lieu of passport conforming to the provisions of either of these instruments ".

41. The next meeting of the Special Committee will be held at The Hague on 26th and 27th June.

2.6.1.3. Possibilities of promoting foreign travel by citizens of Member States in the territory of other Member States

42. The reply of the Committee of Ministers to Sections B and D of Recommendation 81 (1955) was brought to the notice of the Assembly in the Supplementary Report to the 8th Statutory Report (Doc. 710, paras. 135 to 141).

43. As regards Section A of the Recommendation, the majority of the Member States have furnished a detailed account of the action they are taking on Resolution (52) 47 of the Committee of Ministers.

44. From the information supplied it is clear that Member Governments are striving to improve mutual understanding between the peoples of Europe. In this spirit they have taken and continue to take numerous steps to promote the exchange of teachers, students, technicians and workers among the Member States, particularly by increasing the number of grants to their own and foreign nationals.

45. The information supplied by the Governments also forms the subject of a reply from the Committee of Ministers to the President of the Assembly for the attention of Dr. Broughton, who submitted a written question to the Committee of Ministers on this subject.

2.6.2. (b) European Civil Service

46. After a preliminary examination of Assembly Recommendation 155 (1958), the Committee of Ministers instructed the Secretary- General to approach the Common Market and Euratom Commissions concerning the matters raised in this Recommendation, and, in particular, the question of the participation of representatives of these Commissions in the Working Party.

47. The Committee of Ministers will consider the Recommendation again when it has heard the views of the new Communities.

2.6.3. Arbitration procedure in respect of international relations of private law

48. After considering Assembly Recommendation 156 (1958), the Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution (58) 6 as follows:

" The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to Recommendation 156 (1958) of the Consultative Assembly on arbitration procedure in respect of international relations of private law;

Considering the work in this field now in progress under the auspices of the United Nations;

Instructs the Secretary-General to convene a committee of government experts to examine the possibility of concluding a convention in the framework of the Council of Europe in accordance with the principles laid down in the Recommendation mentioned above, it being understood that such convention might be limited to certain of the aims recommended by the Assembly;

Resolves that the expenses of one expert per Member State shall be borne by the Council of Europe "

2.6.4. (d) Work of Committees of Experts on Legal Questions

49. The Committee of Ministers thought it might be useful to give the Assembly a brief survey of the stage reached in the work of the Committees of Experts dealing with legal matters:

2.6.4.1. (i) Committee of Legal Experts on Mutual Assistance in regard to Criminal Proceedings

50. The work of this Committee, which met again from 16th to 23rd April 1958, is complementary to that of the Committee of Experts on Extradition, which resulted in the European Convention on Extradition, signed on 13th December 1957.

51. At their next meeting the experts will give their final consideration to the draft Convention, which will then be submitted to the Governments and to the Committee of Ministers.

2.6.4.2. (ii) Committee of Experts on the Liability of Innkeepers

52. This Committee held a preliminary meeting at which they agreed on the desirability of a uniform law in all countries, in view of the expansion of international tourism.

53. In accordance with the suggestion made by the Assembly in its Recommendation 125 (1957), the Committee of Experts based its work on the draft uniform law prepared by the Rome Institute in 1935 and consulted the British Act of 1956.

54. A further meeting of the Committee of Experts is contemplated for September 1958.

2.6.4.3. (iii) Committee of Experts on the Treatment of Legal Persons

55. This Committee met from 20th to 29th January 1958.

56. The proposed Convention is to some extent supplementary to the European Convention on Establishment signed on 13th December 1955, which was concerned only with natural persons.

57. The Committee of Experts will probably meet again early in June.

2.6.4.4. (iv) Committee of Experts on Compulsory Motor Insurance

58. This Committee met from 19th to 26th February 1958, at the request of the Committee of Ministers, in order to study the observations put forward by a number of Governments on the draft Convention it has prepared. The experts have now completed their work, and the draft Convention is at present under consideration by the Committee of Ministers.

2.6.5. (e) Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders

59. The first meeting of the Committee of Experts responsible for preparing and carrying out a plan of action for the Council of Europe in this field will take place in Strasbourg from 30th June onwards.

2.6.6. (f) *European Convention for the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes*

60. The first country to ratify the Convention, which was signed in Strasbourg on 29th April 1957, was Norway, on 27th March 1958.
61. The Convention must be ratified by a second country before it can come into force.

2.7. CHAPTER VII – Information Questions

2.7.1. (a) *The Brussels Exhibition*

62. The programme of the Brussels Exhibition includes two events of special interest to the Council of Europe:
- 5th May 1958: Ceremony to mark the ninth anniversary of the signing of the Statute of the Council of Europe;
 - 3rd September 1958: Official Council of Europe Day and academic meeting to mark the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Human Rights.

2.7.2. (b) *Television*

63. The Committee of Experts instructed to make proposals for carrying out the recommendations of the Berne Bureau on the removal of legal obstacles arising from authors' rights to the exchange of television programmes in Europe, met in Strasbourg from 13th to 16th January 1958.
64. It is planned to hold a second meeting next July.

2.8. CHAPTER VIII – Participation of Local and Municipal Authorities in European Activities

Second Conference of Local Authorities

65. On 5th February 1958, the Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution (58) 1, as follows:
- " The Committee of Ministers,*
- Considering that under the terms of its Resolution (57) 28 of 14th December 1957 it decided to make the necessary arrangements for the holding of another European Conference of Local Authorities in 1958;*
- Having regard to Resolution (57) 30 of 17th December 1957 approving the Budget of the Council for the Financial Year 1958;*
- Having regard to the second paragraph of Article 5 of the Financial Regulations,*
- Resolves that a new Sub-Head 40 (a), entitled « Conference of Representatives of National Associations of Local Authorities » and credited with the sum of 5,000,000 French francs, shall be opened in the 1958 Budget ".*
66. The Committee of Ministers considered that it should be left to the Assembly to allocate the credits for the organisation of the Conference as it thought fit.

3. SECTION II – Council of Europe machinery and administration

3.1. (a) Permanent Representatives of Governments to the Council of Europe

67. M. E. Løchen was appointed Permanent Representative of Norway on 1st February 1958 in succession to M. H. Nord.
68. M. H. Reichmann was appointed Permanent Representative for Austria on 19th February 1958 in succession to M. E. Ludwig.

3.2. (b) Facilities to be granted to Assembly Representatives (Assembly Opinion No. 22)

69. The Committee of Ministers adopted the following Resolution (58) 4:

" The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to Opinion No. 22 of the Consultative Assembly;

Having regard to the decision on this Opinion which it took at the second meeting of its 21st Session;

Having regard to Resolution (57) 30 of 16th December 1957 approving the Budget of the Council of Europe for the Financial Year 1958;

Having regard to Article 5, paragraph 2, of the Financial Regulations;

Considering that appropriations should be granted to enable members of the Assembly to secure the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in the discharge of specific duties for the Council of Europe,

Resolves:

Article 1. — Sub-Head 36 « Representational and other official expenses incurred by members of the Assembly » of the Budget for the Financial Year 1958 shall be amended as follows: Appropriation 3,650,000 This appropriation is intended to cover the reimbursement of:

- a. entertainment and similar expenses incurred by the Vice-President of the Assembly and by Committee Chairmen and Rapporteurs - 500,000*
- b. travelling expenses and subsistence allowances of members of the Assembly who, as part of their specific duties, proceed to meetings of certain Council organs held between Assembly Sessions (Bureau, Joint Committee, Joint Cultural Committee, C.E./O.E.E.C. Liaison Committee, attendance at meetings of Committee of Minister's organs, etc.) - 1,650,000*
- c. miscellaneous expenses incurred by members of the Assembly in the discharge of specific duties for the Council of Europe, such as those for secretarial assistance, documentation and travel - 1,500,000*

Article 2. — Appropriations under this Sub-Head may be utilised only on production of a note expenses, supported as far as possible by vouchers and approved by the Clerk of the Assembly. "

3.3. (c) Amendment of Article 26 of the Statute of the Council

70. The Committee of Ministers adopted, on 6th February 1958, the following Resolution (58) 3: " The Committee of Ministers, Having regard to Resolution (50) 5 concerning the admission of the Saar to the Council of Europe; Having regard to Resolution (51) 19 amplifying Article 26 of the Statute in order to make allowance for this and other admissions; Bearing in mind the statements made at the 19th Session in December 1956. by the Representatives of France and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the Franco-German Agreements on the Saar; Having regard to Resolution (56) 4 concerning the admission of Austria to the Council of Europe, Resolves to amend Article 26 of the Statute as follows: Members shall be entitled to the number of Representatives given below:

- Austria - 6
- Belgium - 7
- Denmark - 5
- France - 18
- Federal Republic of Germany - 18
- Greece - 7
- Iceland - 3
- Ireland - 4
- Italy - 18
- Luxembourg - 3
- Netherlands - 7

- Norway - 5
- Sweden - 6
- Turkey - 10
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - 18"

71. This Resolution has been communicated to the Assembly and appears in Doc. 789. The Committee of Ministers proposes that its terms be approved by the Assembly.

3.4. (d) Establishment of an Assembly Committee on Population and Refugees

72. The Committee of Ministers has noted Assembly Resolution 144 (1958) on the establishment of this Committee and on the amendment of Rule 40 of the Rules of Procedure.

3.5. (e) Calendar of meetings

73. 1958 20th-29th January Committee of Experts on the Treatment of Legal Persons (Strasbourg). 4th-8th February 56th Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (Strasbourg). 12th February Special session of the C.E./O. E. E. C. Liaison Committees (Paris). 13th February Ordinary session of the C.E./O. E. E. C. Liaison Committees (Paris). 17th-21st February 7th session of the Social Committee (Strasbourg). 19th-26th February Committee of Experts on Compulsory Motor Insurance (Strasbourg). 20th-22nd February Administrative Council of the Council of Europe Resettlement Fund (Paris). 25th-26th February Governing Body of the Council of Europe Resettlement Fund (Paris). 25th-26th February Bureau of the Committee of Cultural Experts (Strasbourg). 28th February Sub-committee on the equivalence of diplomas (Strasbourg). 3rd-4th March Selection Committee for medical fellowships for 1958 (Strasbourg). 3rd-5th March Special Committee of Senior Officials for the simplification of frontier formalities (Athens). 4th-7th March 12th session of the Committee of Experts on Social Security (Strasbourg). 7th March C.E./O. E. E. C. Liaison Committees attended by members of the Assembly's Cultural Committee (Paris). 10th-11th March Bureau of the Conference on the Revision of History Textbooks (Strasbourg). 10th-15th March Sub-commission of Human Rights (Strasbourg). 17th-21st March 12th Session of the European Commission of Human Rights (Strasbourg). 24th-25th and 27th-29th March 57th Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (Strasbourg). 26th March 58th Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (Strasbourg). 15th April 59th Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (Strasbourg). 16th-23rd April Committee of Legal Experts on Mutual Assistance in regard to Criminal Proceedings. 17th-18th April Working Party on the European Civil Service (Paris). 25th-26th April 60th Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (Strasbourg).

4. SECTION III - Relations with International Organisations

4.1. CHAPTER I

4.1.1. (a) Organisation for European Economic Cooperation

74. The Committee of Ministers has noted the letter from the Secretary-General of O. E. E. C. announcing the new composition of the O E E C Liaison Committee, which from now until 31st July 1958 will consist of the following delegations:

- France - *Chairman*
- Federal Republic of Germany
- Netherlands
- Portugal
- Switzerland.

75. In view of the changes made in the composition of the O E E C Liaison Committee, the Committee of Ministers has decided to increase the number of Government representatives on the Council of Europe Liaison Committee from three to five. This Committee will henceforth comprise the Government representatives of the following countries:

- United Kingdom - Chairman
- Belgium

- Greece
- Italy
- Sweden.

76. This decision has been communicated to the President of the Assembly.

77. The 22nd special meeting of the C.E./ O. E. E. C. Liaison Committees was held in Paris on 12th February 1958. It was devoted to an exchange of views on the negotiations in progress at O. E. E. C. for the establishment of a Free Trade Area.

78. The 21st ordinary meeting of the Liaison Committees was held in Paris on 13th February 1958 and was devoted, in particular, to a discussion of Assembly Recommendation 157 (1958) (see paras. 8 and 9).

4.1.2. (b) Liaison group of information services of European institutions

79. This group, set up with the approval of the Committee of Ministers, has continued to meet regularly. Various decisions have been taken, particularly for the co-ordination of the work of E. C. S. C, O. E. E. C and the Council of Europe in connection with the Brussels Exhibition. A number of joint activities have been undertaken.

4.1.3. (c) Consultative Committee of Secretaries-General

80. As a result of Assembly Recommendation 73 on the duplication of work between European organisations, adopted on 7th July 1955, the Committee of Ministers instructed the Secretary-General to get into touch with the Secretaries-General of the other intergovernmental organisations in order to examine the possibility of setting up a co-ordinating committee to examine the question of overlapping in the work and competence of these organisations. The first meeting of Secretaries-General took place in Paris on 27th November 1956. The following organisations took part: I. L. O., Combined International Bureaux of Berne, High Authority of E. C. S. C, E. C. M. T., I. C. E. M., O. E. E. C and W. E. U. It was decided to undertake an examination of the work and competence in the social field of the various organisations represented at this first meeting.

81. A second meeting of the Consultative Committee took place on 11th January 1958 to examine the report prepared by the officials responsible for social questions in the Secretariats of the participating organisations concerning the programmes of work in the social field.

82. The Secretaries-General also reviewed the problems of possible overlapping in the activities of the various organisations and decided to inform each other as soon as harmful duplication seemed likely to occur.

83. The Consultative Committee will meet again in the course of the year to examine the activities of their organisations in the economic, administrative and cultural fields from the point of view of possible overlapping and coordination of effort.

4.2. CHAPTER II – Consultative status for non-governmental organisations

84. The Committee of Ministers continued its examination of Assembly Recommendation 153 (1957) (see Doc. 770, paras. 77 and 78) and decided to transmit to the Social Committee for an opinion the application received from the International Association for Social Progress, to the Committee of Cultural Experts the application of the European Centre for International Exchanges, and to the Committee of Experts on Public Health the application of the World Veterans Federation.

85. With regard to the other requests referred to in the Assembly Recommendation, the Committee of Ministers adopted the following Resolution (58) 7:

" The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the provisions adopted governing the grant of consultative status to international non-governmental organisations;

Having regard to Recommendation 153 (1957) of the Consultative Assembly on requests for consultative status received from certain organisations of this type;

Having regard to the applications submitted by the organisations concerned,

Resolves:

1. to grant Consultative Status, Category B to:

- the International Commission against Concentration Camp Practices,
- L'Union internationale des Maires;

2. to grant Consultative Status, Category C to:

- the European Union of Accountants,
- the European Council of Junior Chambers of Commerce.

Appendix – Regulations concerning medical fellowships

Council of Europe Fellowships for the benefit of the Medical Profession and Personnel of Health Services

I. OBJECT

The fellowships are designed to enable members of the medical and paramedical professions and of the health services:

- i. to become conversant with new techniques practised in European countries,
- ii. to participate in studies and research of common European interest.

II. REGULATIONS

A. General Regulations

1. Candidates shall normally be nationals of a Member of the Council of Europe.
2. Candidates shall be proposed by a Government Member of the Council of Europe. The Government shall send the requests for fellowships to the Council of Europe indicating the order of their priority and the date on which the Fellow wishes to begin his research work.
3. Applications shall be examined in the Secretariat of the Council of Europe for the purposes of paragraphs B and C below.
4. The duration of a fellowship shall, as a rule, be from 3 to 12 months.
5. Each fellowship should, as far as possible, be valid in only one country, being a Member of the Council of Europe or an Observer at the Committee of Experts on Public Health.
6. The award of the fellowships shall be made by an ad hoc committee appointed by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe. The committee will be composed of two members, elected annually by the Committee of Experts, with a chairman who shall be a personality of high European standing, appointed by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe. The Selection Committee shall meet not later than the end of February each year. Its decisions will take account, so far as possible, of the proposals made by national health administrations.
7. The fellowships shall be administered in accordance with the rules laid down in the Annex to these Regulations.

B. Regulations concerning fellowships under I (i)

1. the distribution of fellowships among member countries shall be decided by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe and reviewed from time to time, taking into consideration the health problems of the countries concerned.
2. After the award of the fellowships and subject to the approval of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, arrangements shall be made directly between the receiving country and the Fellow, the liaison section of whose country of origin shall be kept fully informed.

C. Regulations concerning fellowships under I (ii)

The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, on the proposal of the Committee of Experts, shall select the subjects of study and research of common interest for the promotion of the health of the European people and shall decide the number of fellowships to be awarded in this field.

APPENDIX

1. The health service of each member country shall send to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe a statement indicating the number of Fellows which it can receive under this programme and a brief outline of the subjects of study or research which Fellows can pursue. Amendments to this statement shall be sent similarly as they occur. This information shall be sent by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe to the health services of all Member Governments.
2. On or before 31st January each year, a member country wishing to apply for any of the facilities offered under paragraph 1, shall indicate to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe the number of fellowships required stating in each case the type and duration of the fellowship and the order of priority of the centres in which the Fellow wishes to pursue the fellowship.
3. The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe shall convene an ad hoc committee to allocate the fellowships of each of the types mentioned and which are available within the sum provided in the budget of the Council of Europe.
4. The ad hoc committee, in allocating the fellowships, shall pay due regard to the objects of the programme and the needs of the countries applying for fellowships. In addition, the ad hoc committee will establish a list of fellowships which have been applied for but not granted, but which are recommended for a future award.
5. The ad hoc committee shall meet at least once a year on a date which will allow it to communicate its findings to Members and to give at least three months' notice to receiving countries before the arrival of Fellows.
6. The report of the ad hoc committee shall be submitted to the Committee of Experts on Public Health and to Member Governments. In the latter case the report will be accompanied by the application forms of the Fellows who have been awarded fellowships in the country concerned.
7. Subsistence rates shall be determined by the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe, regard being paid to the rates in force in other international organisations for Fellowships of a comparable character. Where a Fellow is provided by the receiving country with accommodation and/or board, the subsistence rate shall be reduced proportionately.
8. Arrangements for dependents who accompany a Fellow shall be the responsibility of the Fellow.
9. The name and address in the receiving country of a centre to which a Fellow should report and with which he should keep in touch during his stay will be notified to him before his arrival.
10. The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe may, if he deems it necessary, ascertain that the linguistic capacity of the Fellow is of a standard which will enable him to benefit fully from the fellowship.
11. If any savings are effected during the current programme, the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe shall make the necessary arrangements to allocate the fellowship months which thus become available. If a Fellow is unable to take up his fellowship in whole or in part, the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe may allocate the fellowship months thus becoming available to one or more candidates conditionally chosen by the Selection Committee, giving preference, wherever possible, to a candidate from the same country.

CHART SHOWING THE DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTIONS AND AGREEMENTS (Situation as at 15.4.1958)

1. General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe.
2. Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe.
3. Second Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (Provisions regarding members of the European Commission of Human Rights).
4. Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
5. Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

6. Declaration regarding Article 63 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Application of the Convention to Territories for whose International Relations the Parties are responsible).
7. Declaration regarding Article 25 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Right of Individual Petition).
8. Declaration regarding Article 46 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Jurisdiction of the Court).
9. European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors.
10. Protocol to the European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors.
11. European Interim Agreement on Social Security Schemes relating to Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors.
12. Protocol to the European Interim Agreement on Social Security Schemes relating to Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors.
13. European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance.
14. Protocol to the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance.
15. European Convention relating to the Formalities required for Patent Applications.
16. European Convention on the International Classification of Patents for Invention.
17. European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities.
18. European Cultural Convention.
19. European Convention on the Equivalence of Periods of University Study.
20. European Convention on Establishment.
21. Agreement on the Exchange of War Cripples between Member Countries of the Council of Europe with a view to Medical Treatment.
22. European Convention on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes.
23. European Convention on Extradition.
24. European Agreement on Regulations governing the movement of persons between Member States of the Council of Europe.