Order 77 (1955)

Strasbourg Plan

Parliamentary Assembly

See attached table.

Appendix – Orders adopted

No.	Sitting and date	Directed to	Subject
67	12th February, 1955 Standing Committee	Secretary-General	*Use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes* The Standing Committee, Recalling the initiative of the President of the United States of America embodied in his address of 8th December, 1953 and noting that negotiations are in progress for the establishment as early as possible of an international Atomic Energy Agency to facilitate the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes throughout the world and to encourage international co-operation in the further development and practical application of atomic energy for the benefit of mankind; Considering that by its Resolution of 4th December, 1954 the General Assembly of the United Nations decided that an international technical conference of Governments should be held, under the auspices of the United Nations, to explore means of developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy through international co-operation and, in particular, to study the development of atomic power and to consider other technical fields- such as biology, medecine, radiation protection and fundamental atomic science- in which international co-operation might most effectively be realised; Considering that a close co-operation between the Members of the Council of Europe in the field of the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes would contribute to the realisation of the aims of the Council; Considering that it is in the interest of the Consultative Assembly to be as fully informed as possible of the problems connected with the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, and, in particular, of the situation of the various Member States of the Council of Europe in respect of atomic research and atomic resources, of the prospects opened through the peaceful use of atomic energy and of the possibilities of European co-operation in this field, Invites the Secretary-General, with the help of scientific advisers, to prepare a study of these questions and to submit it to the Assembly at the opening of its Seventh Ordinary Session so that it may be used as the basis for the subsequent examination by the Committees on General Affairs, on Economic Questions, and on Cultural and Scientific Questions of the political, economic and scientific aspects of the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.
68	4th Sitting, 6th July, 1955	Appropriate Committees	*Development of the integration of Europe (Doc. 362)* The Assembly instructs the appropriate Committees, whose work should be coordinated by agreement between their Chairmen, to present in the month preceding the opening of the second Part of the Seventh Ordinary Session a draft Resolution on the further development of the integration of Europe, including, in particular, the Opinion of the Assembly with regard to : (i) the work of the preparatory committee envisaged in the communique issued at the close of the Messina Conference, and in which the Secretariat-General has been invited to participate; (ii) the general principles which should govern the creation of a joint authority in the field of nuclear energy, endowed with real powers of decision, and subject to an appropriate form of democratic control; (iii) the conditions in which representatives, independent of any one Government and responsible to the European authority appointing them, shall be nominated for each particular field in which integration is envisaged, so that a continuous political impulsion may be given towards European unification.
69	4th Sitting, 6th July, 1955	Committee on General Affairs	*European policy to be followed in the East-West negotiations (Doc. 361)* The Assembly instructs the Committee on General Affairs, during the month preceding the opening of the Second Part of the Seventh Ordinary Session, to present a draft Resolution setting forth a common European policy to be followed in the East-West negotiations.

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70	6th Sitting, 7th July, 1955	President of the Assembly	*Relations between the Members of the Canadian Parliament, of the Congress of the United States and of the Consultative Assembly (Doc. 348)* The Assembly, Recalling the meeting that took place in Strasbourg in November, 1951 between delegations of the Congress of the United States of America and of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe; Considering that a second meeting of this kind should take place, with the participation of a delegation from the Canadian Parliament, Instructs the President of the Assembly to approach the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and the Speakers of both Houses of the Canadian Parliament, for the purpose of arranging a meeting between delegations from the Congress of the United States of America, from the Canadian Parliament and from the Consultative Assembly to take place at a time and place to be mutually agreed, on the basis of an agenda drawn up in advance between the three parties concerned.
71	10th Sitting, 9th July, 1955	Special Committee on Municipal and Regional Affairs	*Responsibilities of local authorities arising from the establishment of the E. C. S. C. {Doc. 318)* The Assembly instructs the Special Committee on Municipal and Regional Affairs, in conjunction with the Secretariat-General and also with the Working Party of Associations of Local Authorities of Member States advocated in its Recommendation 53- which it considers should be established at an early date- to take steps to inform local authorities concerned of the possible consequences of establishing the common market and of the assistance which, with the consent of their Governments, they could obtain from the High Authority with regard to the new tasks devolving upon them as a result of the activities of the European Coal and Steel Community.
72	10th Sitting, 9th July, 1955	President of the Assembly	*Transmission of Resolution 73 (Doc. 359)* The Assembly instructs its President to transmit the Opinion contained in Resolution 73 together with the Explanatory Memorandum to the European Conference of Ministers of Transport and also to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the six countries of the European Coal and Steel Community, in order that the latter may place it before the *ad hoc* Conference which has been given the task, as the result of the meeting at Messina, of studying problems of European integration.
73	Meeting of the Bureau, 9th July, 1955	Chairman of the Special Committee for the co-ordination of European assistance in cases of natural disaster	*Help for the Greek earthquake victims (Doc. 386)* The Bureau of the Assembly invites the Chairman of the Special Committee for the co-ordination of European assistance in cases of natural disaster to undertake a campaign to stimulate and co-ordinate Government action in order to give effect to the measures approved by the Assembly in favour of the Greek earthquake victims.
74	10th Sitting, 9th July, 1955	President of the Assembly	*Transmission of Documents 361 and 362, and of the Official Report of the Sittings of 6th July, 1955* The Assembly instructed its President to transmit to all Member Governments the Report on international policy (Doc. 381) and the Report on European integration (Doc. 362) together with the Official Report of the Sittings of 6th July, 1955. In doing so, the President should bring the first Report and the Official Report of the Sittings to the particular attention of the two Governments that would be taking part in the Geneva Conference, and should bring the second Report to the particular attention of the seven Governments which would be sending delegates to the Conference decided upon at Messina and opening that day in Brussels.

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75	Standing Committee, 9th July, 1955	Committee on General Affairs and Committee on Economic Questions	*Use of economies effected as a result of disarmament for the benefit of under-developed areas (Doc. 372)* The Standing Committee, Considering that it does not appear to be impossible to arrive at a general agreement in respect of the limitation and reduction of armaments; Taking into account the economies that would result from such an agreement for the benefit of the nations; Taking into account the auspicious political and moral effect which a substantial effort of assistance to the underdeveloped areas of the world could have, Instructs the Committee on General Affairs after consultation with its Committee on Economic Questions to submit to it a Report on the following proposal : The Council of Europe proposes to the nations concluding an agreement concerning disarmament to undertake at the same time to place a certain part of the economies thus effected in their budgets at the disposal of an Investment Fund for the benefit of the under-developed areas of Europe and the other continents.
76	Standing Committee, 9th July, 1955	Secretariat General	*Collaboration of the Consultative Assembly with the Committees of governmental representatives set up by the Messina Conference (Doc. 374)* The Standing Committee, Considering that, in its session held in Messina from June 1st to 3rd, the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Coal and Steel Community issued a statement that, in its opinion, Europe must first of all be built up in the economic sphere; Considering that the Ministers have appointed a Committee for the purpose of elaborating corresponding proposals and have requested the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe to collaborate, Requests the Secretary-General, acting in co-operation with the competent committees, to acquaint the Preparatory Committee set up by the Messina Conference with the Consultative Assembly's views on the problems assigned to that Committee.
77	Standing Committee, 9th July, 1955	Secretary-General	*The Strasbourg Plan* The Standing Committee, Considering that the Committee of Ministers has adopted the basic principle of the Strasbourg Plan, according to which : "The policy of European integration entails, as a corollary, co-operation in the interests of their common prosperity between metropolitan Powers, the overseas countries which have constitutional links with them and the other member countries of the Council of Europe"; Considering, on the other hand, that the Committee of Ministers has so far taken no practical measures to implement this principle, Instructs the Secretary-General to set up a group of independent experts including nationals of the metropolitan Powers, of self-governing countries which have constitutional links with them and of the other member countries of the Council of Europe. The task of this group should be to re-examine the various measures advocated in the Strasbourg Plan (Recommendation 26) and in the Reply of the Assembly to the comments made by the 0. E. E. C. with regard to the Plan (Recommendation 61), in the light of the economic and political developments that have taken place since the adoption of these texts. The Group should also submit any new proposals likely to encourage the economic and social development of Africa through co-operation on an equal footing within a Eurafrican Community. The report of the Group should be laid before the Eighth Ordinary Session of the Assembly.