



Recommendation 43 (1953)¹

Obtain for the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe representation on the Interim Committee of the European Conference on Agriculture

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Expressing its satisfaction at the invitation extended to a number of its members, in pursuance of Resolution (52) 36 of the Committee of Ministers, to attend as observers the European Conference on Agriculture held in March, 1953 ;

Recalling its Recommendations 8 (1951) and 24 (1952) that the Consultative Assembly be kept regularly informed of progress achieved in the preparatory work for the creation of a European Agricultural Community ;

Recalling that the Preparatory Conference decided, on 26th March, 1952, that any resulting draft Treaty or Convention when initialled, would be submitted to the Council of Europe for its opinion before signature ;

Having regard to the importance of co-ordinating the activities of all organisations whose object is to further the economic unification of Europe ;

Considering that the creation of a European Agricultural Community, apart from its purely technical implications, also raises political questions, mainly of an institutional nature ;

Considering that the admission of Council of Europe observers to the European Conference on Agriculture gave reason to suppose that they would also be permitted to attend the proceedings of the Interim Committee ;

Regretting that it is not possible for the Council of Europe, without the assistance of observers, to keep in touch with the work of the Interim Committee set up by the European Conference on Agriculture, and that the Council may therefore have to express its opinion on a draft Convention or Treaty without knowledge of the preliminary work,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers should take appropriate steps to ensure that a representative of the Council of Europe be invited to attend the meetings of the Interim Committee in the capacity of observer.

1. This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its seventh Sitting, 11th May, 1953 (see [Doc. 138](#), Report of the Special Committee on Agriculture).

