



Recommendation 44 (1953)¹

Draft Treaty embodying the Statute of the European Community adopted by the Ad Hoc Assembly

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Having considered the draft Treaty embodying the Statute of the European Community adopted by the Ad Hoc Assembly, 10th March, 1953, and communicated to the Consultative Assembly in accordance with the Resolution adopted in Luxembourg, 10th September, 1952, by the six Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community ;

Recalling its unanimous Resolution of 6th September, 1949, that the "aim and goal of the Council of Europe is the creation of a European political authority with limited functions but real powers" ;

Recalling that it has sought to define these functions and powers, and that, accordingly, on 26th August and 23rd November, 1950, it voted in favour of the draft Treaty instituting the European Coal and Steel Community; on 11th May, 1951, welcomed the signature of the said Treaty; on 11th August, 1950, adopted a Recommendation calling for the "creation of a unified European army under the authority of a European Minister for Defence, subject to proper European democratic control"; on 30th May, 1952, requested that the European Defence Community be subordinated to a Political Authority; and has subsequently given its support to the draft Treaty instituting the European Defence Community;

Regarding the creation of the Specialised Communities as so many preliminary steps towards the creation of the European Community;

Expressing the gratitude of the free peoples of Europe to the authors of the draft Treaty who have with ability and devotion fulfilled the task they undertook upon the invitation of the six Ministers for Foreign Affairs;

Believing that, if the creation of the European Community is to be compatible with the interests of the Member States of the Council of Europe as a whole, there must be closer unity among these Member States;

Emphasising that such closer unity of Europe has always been regarded as an imperative political necessity in the economic and social fields as well as in that of defence, and believing therefore that even a possible reduction of tension between the U. S. S. R. and the free world would not eliminate this necessity;

Bearing in mind that the success of the European Community will in large measure depend on the extent to which links are maintained and reinforced between that Community and the States not Members thereof, on the one hand, and between that Community and the Council of Europe, on the other, and on the efficiency of the working relationships which are introduced between them;

Emphasising that in the economic field, in particular, the prosperity and well-being of the Community and of the European States which are not Members thereof are inevitably interdependent, and therefore it is desirable that, in any new relationship which may arise between them, the measures taken by the Community should be in harmony with those adopted within the larger framework of the Council of Europe, of the O. E. E. C. and of the European economic organisations, of which the Member States of the Community form an integral part;

1. This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its eighth Sitting, 11th May, 1953 (see [Doc. 148](#), Report of the Committee on General Affairs).



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Drawing the attention of those responsible for the further negotiation of the draft Treaty embodying the Statute of the European Community to the suggestions contained in its [Recommendation 45](#),

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers :

- a.* that the Governments of the Member States of the Council of Europe which propose to set up the European Community proceed to a speedy decision upon the draft Treaty now before them;
- b.* that the Governments of all Member States make determined efforts during the coming year to develop closer unity within the framework of the Council of Europe among all the nations therein represented, so that this larger unity may develop contemporaneously with that achieved in the European Community.