



## Recommendation 46 (1953)<sup>1</sup>

# Concerning the integration of OEEC and the Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Considering that the general aims of the O.E.E.C. and those of the Council of Europe are fundamentally identical, and that, accordingly, a close co-ordination of their activities would be of advantage to both organisations and contribute materially to the realisation of their general aims and of the policies which they advocate in pursuit of those aims;

Welcoming the provisions for collaboration between the O.E.E.C. and the Council of Europe contained in the Agreement adopted in July, 1952 by the Council of Ministers of the O.E.E.C. and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

Considering, however, that the establishment and entry into operation of the European Coal and Steel Community and the progress realised in the negotiations for the establishment of other Communities with restricted membership, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the implementation of a policy which would result in the Council of Europe constituting " the general framework, of European policy " make it imperative that more radical steps be taken to bring about the consolidation of the organisations whose purpose is to achieve a greater unity of action among all the Member States of the Council of Europe;

Considering, moreover, that the Council of Europe can, more effectively than any other organisation, provide a forum through which public opinion can be informed of the technical proposals made by the O.E.E.C.;

Convinced that any progress towards this greater unity will be of advantage not only to the Member States of the Council of Europe as a whole, but, equally, to the Communities with restricted membership referred to above;

Re-affirming therefore its earlier Recommendations on the subject of relations between the O.E.E.C. and the Council of Europe and, in particular, the proposals contained in [Recommendation 25](#) of May, 1952;

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers ;

- a. That the above-mentioned Recommendations be taken into consideration in order to solve the problem of the relations between the O.E.E.C. and the Council of Europe, when this issue is discussed by the Liaison Committees of the two organisations in accordance with the decision of the Committee of Ministers;
- b. That the Assembly be kept informed of the development of these discussions and that it be called upon to express its opinion on any proposals for a solution of the question before a decision is taken thereon by the Committee of Ministers.

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1. This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its twelfth Sitting on 24th June, 1953 (c/. [Doc. 160](#), Report of the Committee on General Affairs).

