Recommendation 57 (1953)[1]

Future position of the Saar

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Conscious of the gravity of the problem that the Saar represents, since unless a speedy solution is devised thereto the whole basis of Franco-German relations may be jeopardised, and the creation of the European Community imperilled;

Believing that it is the interest of the countries most immediately concerned, and of Europe as a whole, that a European solution be found to this problem,

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers :

1. that the States directly concerned be encouraged to undertake bilateral negotiations without delay;

2. that, with the agreement of France, Germany and the Saar, the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers convene a special Conference, at the beginning of 1954, in order to consider guaranteeing such agreements as may be reached in the course of the Franco-German negotiations and, if necessary, to seek a solution of any problems outstanding from them;

3. that at this Conference there be invited to participate, besides the Consultative Assembly and the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe as observers :

a. the Powers which decided, on the 10th September, 1952, in Luxembourg, upon the creation of a European Community ;

b. the Saar;

c. the United Kingdom and the United States of America;

d. the executive organs of the European community;

4. that the Conference deliberate on the basis of the conclusions submitted to it at a result of the negotiations between France and Germany, together with such proposals as may come from the Consultative Assembly.

1. This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its twenty-fourth Sitting, on 25th September 1953 (see Doc. 186, Report of the Committee on General Affairs).