

Recommendation 155 (1958)¹

European Civil Service

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly,
2. Having regard to Resolution (55) 19, adopted on 12th October 1955 by the Committee of Ministers, setting up a Working Party to study the problems of a European Civil Service and to make proposals for the harmonising of the various statutes and for the co-operation of organisations in the administrative field ;
3. Having taken note of the first Report, dated 2nd July 1957, drawn up by the Working Party ([Doc. 717](#)) ;
4. Having regard to Order 95 of 21st April 1956, instructing the Legal Committee to follow the activities of this Group and to make to the Assembly, in due course, such proposals as it may deem appropriate ;
5. Having regard to [Recommendation 136](#) on the provision of wider terms of reference for the Working Party studying the problems of a European Civil Service, adopted on 3rd May 1957 ;
6. Recalling the wish expressed on several occasions that a genuine corps of European officials be formed ;
7. Convinced that, in present circumstances, the creation of a European Civil Service for European organisations as a whole is essential to the efficiency of European institutions ;
8. Considering it highly desirable, therefore, that every effort be made to introduce a statute to this effect ;
9. Considering that, in view of the diverse nature of European organisations, the establishment of a European Civil Service should take the form of a set of different measures the effect of which is to create a de facto body of European officials,
10. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers should :
 11. Draw the special attention of the Working Party on a European Civil Service created by Resolution (55) 19 to the need to give urgent consideration to measures to be taken to :
 - 11.1. facilitate the transfer of officials from one organisation to another ;
 - 11.2. set up a central bureau for the sole purpose of receiving applications for employment and circulating them to the Secretariats of the European organisations ;
 - 11.3. institute a system of special preliminary training for future European officials ;
 - 11.4. set up a special European administrative tribunal for the settlement of disputes relating to the application of the staff regulations of European organisations ;
 - 11.5. establish a comprehensive pension scheme which should cover, if possible, all the organisations concerned ;
12. II. Transform the Working Party set up under Resolution (55) 19 into a permanent coordinating body.

1. This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its 35th Sitting, on 17th January 1958 (see [Doc. 766](#), Report of the Legal Committee and of the Committee on the Budget).



13. III. Transmit, in the interests of harmonising and unifying the regulations governing European civil servants, to the executive and parliamentary bodies of the European Economic Community and of the European Atomic Energy Community, the conclusions reached or which will be adopted in due course on the subject of a European Civil Service by the Working Party set up under Resolution (55) 19 and by the Consultative Assembly.