



Recommendation 425 (1965)¹

General policy of the Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

A.

1. Noting with concern that the differences between the Members of EEC over the financing of the common agricultural policy have brought much of the work of the Community to a standstill ;
2. Considering that this situation, if it were to continue, would be disadvantageous not only for the Six but also the Seven and all countries and organisations endeavouring to achieve the unity of Europe ;
3. Convinced that the interest of all member States requires that this latest crisis should be surmounted quickly,
4. Expresses its confidence that all the parties concerned will together find a solution to the present difficulties so that the economic progress of EEC can continue in such a way that the integrity of the Community principles and working methods are not impaired ;
5. Expresses the hope that the Council of Ministers of EEC will lose no time in seeking, in a spirit of loyal European co-operation, the basis of an agreement enabling EEC to resume and to develop its normal activities in accordance with the Treaty of Rome.
6. Welcoming the initiatives taken at the meeting of the EFTA Ministerial Council in Vienna in May 1965 ;
7. Noting that proposals are to be made at the forthcoming Ministerial meeting of the Council of EFTA in October 1965,
8. Recommends Governments of member States of the Council of Europe which belong to EEC and EFTA respectively to do all in their power to promote co-operation between the two bodies and to prevent divergences of policy between them ;
9. And further recommends Governments of member States to extend and encourage co-operation in joint industrial and technological projects, of which Anglo-French co-operation in the aircraft industry is an example, either on a bilateral or, preferably, on a multilateral basis ;

B.

10. Welcoming the decision of the Committee of Ministers to ask the Secretary General to prepare a programme of work for the Council of Europe as a whole,
11. Considers that the implementation of such a programme of work in the many fields in which the Council of Europe is competent will assist the process of European unification by laying a solid foundation from which the work of all European organisations can benefit ;

C.

1. Assembly Debates on 27th and 28th September 1965 (8th, 9th and 10th Sitings) (see [Doc. 1955](#)), Report of the Political Committee. Text adopted by the Assembly on 28th September 1965 (10th Sitting).



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12. Believing that contacts between Western and Eastern European countries should increase,
13. Recommends all member Governments to exchange information and, if possible, concert their efforts and initiatives, establish new contacts and increase existing ones in the interest of a wider Europe providing a guarantee of a lasting settlement of the latent problems of the continent of Europe and of world peace ;
14. Underlines the important and original part which the Council of Europe can be called upon to play in materialising the new tendencies now appearing in isolation in Europe ;
15. Expresses the hope that the programme of work may furnish appropriate opportunities for certain areas of technical co-operation with other European States ;
16. Recommends the Committee of Ministers to invest the Council of Europe, apart from its traditional activities, with the task of studying possibilities of co-operation on an all European basis, independently of differences in social, economic and political systems.