



**Recommendation 499 (1967)<sup>1</sup>**

## **Scientific and technological aspects of the extension of the European Communities**

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Noting that during the last year Europe has shown continued anxiety about its technological and scientific backwardness in relation to the United States of America ; welcomes the fact that allocations for scientific and technological research have been substantially increased in several member countries in spite of reduction of expenditure in general ;
2. Conscious that, in order to safeguard its independence, Europe must mobilise its resources and make rational use of its potential in scientists, in equipment and in research and education centres ; believes that the future success of European scientific and technological co-operation depends to a large extent on the enlargement of the European Communities ;
3. Noting that nearly all existing enterprises for European co-operation in science and technology transcend the limit of the European Communities ; believes that everything should be done to develop them on the widest possible European basis ;
4. Calling attention to the danger that, should the United Kingdom and other non-Members of EEC be kept on the verge of Europe, their scientific and technological potential could gradually become involved in co-operation with the USA, thereby increasing the disequilibrium between the two sides of the Atlantic ; regrets that European scientific and technological co-operation is marking time because of the uncertainty concerning European integration ;
5. Believing that Europe's weakness in science-based industries is due to a weakness in managerial skills and to inferior European ability in transforming research results into technological applications and industrial products ;
6. Noting with satisfaction that European countries have agreed to build jointly, aircraft , space launchers, satellites etc. ; regrets that member Governments have not laid down a common, purchasing policy for the products the production of which they finance ;
7. Calling attention to the fact that this, which implies a lack of motivation in European scientific and technological co-operation, leads to a waste of human, scientific, technological and economic resources and skills,
8. Recommends the Committee of Ministers to take the necessary steps :
  - to ensure that in an extended Community high priority be given to laying down a common scientific and technological European research-development policy including a commitment to purchase the products of common enterprises ;*
  - to encourage the forming of multinational consortia of science-based industries for the purpose of more efficient production and marketing of European technological products in Europe and overseas.*

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1. Assembly debate on 26th September 1967 (10th and 11th Sitings) (see [Doc. 2279](#), report of the Committee on Science and Technology) Text adopted by the Assembly on 27th September 1967 (12th Sitting)

