



Recommendation 667 (1972)¹

Results of the 4th meeting of Ministers of Science of OECD countries

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its [Recommendation 537 \(1968\)](#) on the results of the 3rd meeting of Ministers of Science of OECD countries ;
2. Welcoming the holding at regular intervals of these ministerial meetings, and congratulating OECD on its thorough and effective contribution to the preparation of the meeting ;
3. Expressing its gratitude to OECD for having invited the Council of Europe to participate in the meeting, and believing it fortunate that the meeting took place before the 3rd Parliamentary and Scientific Conference of April 1972 in order that the latter may draw lessons from and take into account the ministerial conclusions ;
4. Considering OECD to be particularly well fitted for the confrontation of governmental science and technology problems, and congratulating it on the extremely high quality of its analytic work, believes that it is not yet sufficiently action-orientated to be able to put the many valuable recommendations into operation at national and international level ;
5. Welcoming the changed institutional and legal status of the ministerial meeting in relation to the Council and Secretariat General of OECD, and hoping that this will assure more effective and speedy action on the recommendations of the fourth ministerial meeting than was the case with the third meeting ;
6. Noting with satisfaction that, thanks to its new orientation, OECD is no longer exclusively concerned with the quantitative aspects of economic growth but also with the qualitative aspects of social and economic progress ;
7. Believing that science and technology must continue to be applied so as to increase economic growth, while at the same time the greatest effort must be made to use technological innovation to solve and prevent the harmful effects on society of the application of new technologies ;
8. Anxious that speedy action should be taken on the recommendations and conclusions agreed by the ministerial meeting,
9. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers :
 - a. invite member governments :
 - a. to instruct their representatives at the Council of OECD to take without delay the necessary action to put into operation the proposals of the fourth meeting of Ministers of OECD countries ;

1. Assembly debate on 25 January 1972 (23rd Sitting) (see [Doc. 3065](#), report of the Committee on Science and Technology). Text adopted by the Assembly on 25 January 1972 (23rd Sitting).



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- b.* to take the necessary steps to include the conclusions and recommendations of the fourth meeting of Ministers of Science of OECD countries on the agenda of one of the meetings of the Conference of Ministers of Technology of the Nineteen, organised by the European Communities, with a view to speedy action being taken on those proposals which can be acted upon within that European framework ;
- b.* instruct the Council for Cultural Co-operation (CCC) to take cognisance of the ministerial conclusions in connection with the establishment of the CCC's own working programmes.