



Resolution 88 (1955)¹

Appointment of European Commissioners

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Having regard to the Report of the Committee on General Affairs concerning the appointment of European Commissioners independent of any one Government and responsible for promoting a policy of European integration,

Considers it desirable to appoint persons independent of any one Government for certain fields in which integration is envisaged, so that they may give a continuous stimulus of a political nature to European unification, with the constant aim of creating a genuine community of interest between the European countries, extending to all their main political, economic, financial and social activities (horizontal integration) ;

Records its acceptance of the following principles :

1. The persons in question will be known as "European Commissioners ".
2. They will be appointed by, and be responsible to, the ministerial committees of European organisations, which will consult the Consultative Assembly before their appointment when the latter has taken the initiative.
3. Where appropriate, boards of Commissioners may be appointed with a limited number of members.
4. The duty of the European Commissioners will be to prepare European projects, secure their adoption by the Governments concerned and supervise their implementation.
5. They will report to the ministerial committees which have appointed them.
6. They will have access to meetings of ministerial committees and committees of governmental experts when their reports are being examined and will participate in the discussion and final drafting of their proposals by these committees.
7. They will be entitled to address the Assembly at their own request and will give an account of their action at the request of the Assembly.
8. They will be assisted by the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe, and the departments of such international organisations as are competent in their fields of activity will be invited to collaborate in their work.

1. This Resolution was adopted by the Assembly at its 26th Sitting, on 26th October, 1955 (see [Doc. 404](#), draft Resolution of the Committee on General Affairs and Explanatory Memorandum by Mlle. Klompe, Rapporteur).

