Resolution 240 (1963)[1]

Reply to the 5th General Report of the European Atomic Energy Community

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly :

1. Thanks the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community for the transmission of its 5th general report;

2. Convinced that in the longer term an increasing part of Western Europe's energy needs is likely to be met by nuclear power;

3. Believing that economic and technical developments in the energy field urgently demand a greater integration of energy supplies and policies in Western Europe as a whole;

4. Further believing that such greater integration would reduce duplication of effort and consequent waste of time and money, particularly in the field of nuclear power research,

5. Welcomes the steady progress in the field of nuclear power research in the Community, to which the details of the 5th annual report bear abundant witness;

6. Notes with satisfaction the continuing development of close relations between Euratom and the European Nuclear Energy Agency of OECD, but believes that it would be in the interests of Western Europe as a whole for both the Commission of Euratom and the Council of OECD to make a special examination of how these relations might be developed still further ;

7. Hopes that it may prove possible for Euratom to agree at an early date with the ECSC and the European Economic Community on a development and strengthening of the present institutional arrangements between the three Communities, designed to facilitate the establishment of a common energy policy ;

8. Is convinced that British membership of Euratom would be a most valuable step forward, and in particular would help to avoid wasteful duplication of effort.

9. The Assembly invites its President to transmit this Resolution together with the accompanying explanatory memorandum to the President of the Euratom Commission and the Secretary-General of OECD.

1. Assembly debate on 15th January 1963 (20th Sitting) (see Docs. 1462 Docs. 1462, 5th General Report of EAEC, and 1527, Report of the Economic Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 15th January 1963 (20th Sitting).