



Resolution 255 (1963)¹

Reply to the 6th general report of the Commission 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 6th general report ;
2. Joins with the Commission in regretting that factors outside the Commission's own particular province caused talks on the United Kingdom's application for membership of Euratom, lodged on 5th March 1962, to be suspended despite the excellent progress which had been made towards agreement ;
3. Welcomes the fact that the Commission is nevertheless determined to intensify and widen collaboration with the British Government, under the 1959 Agreement for scientific and technical co-operation between the Commission and the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, so as to turn to account some of the fruits of the discussion on the United Kingdom's application ;
4. Welcomes the steady progress in all fields of nuclear research to which the details of the 6th report bear abundant witness ;
5. Notes with interest the principles underlying the dissemination of information derived from the Community's Research Programme ; but, while appreciating the reasons why "information of an industrial nature is only communicated to non-member States or institutions in non-member States if this is in the general interest of the Community in that it falls within the scheme of exchanges of mutual benefit", urges the Commission, wherever possible, to take the initiative in proposing beneficial exchanges of information to European Governments which are not Members of the Community ;
6. Continues to hope 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 in order to facilitate the establishment of a common energy policy ;
7. Believes that it would be most valuable if Euratom, in publishing its future calculations on comparative nuclear energy/ conventional energy costs, were to set an example to others working in this field by approaching the issue from the point of view of the economics, in Western Europe, of inserting a nuclear power-station into a complex of existing power-stations supplying a given region, since this is what occurs in reality when a new nuclear power-station is brought into operation ;

Hopes that the Euratom Commission will co-operate with ENEA to produce agreed criteria for the assessment of the true costs of the generation of electricity by nuclear power, and that in the future it will base all its forecasts on such criteria.

1. Assembly debate on 19th September 1963 (10th Sitting) (see [Docs. 1624](#) Docs. 1624, 6th general report of the Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community, and 1638, report of the Economic Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 19th September 1963 (10th Sitting).

