



Resolution 396 (1969)¹

Reply to the 16th report of the International Labour Organisation

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Thanks the International Labour Organisation (ILO) for the transmission of its 16th report to the Council of Europe with special reference to ILO's 50th anniversary ;
2. Congratulates ILO on the important work it has completed in the last fifty years for the achievement of social development and welfare in the Council of Europe member states and other parts of the world ;
3. Attaching the greatest weight to the improvement of the democratic structure of society through the introduction of the participation of workers as fully as possible in the decisions in industry and at the firm level ;
4. Recognising that such participation can only be achieved on the basis of the fullest consultation between both sides of industry ;
5. Considering that participation will contribute to the fulfilment of the aspirations of young workers, stresses the importance of its promotion and notes with satisfaction the current activities of ILO in this field ;
6. Emphasising the need for co-operation between governments and workers' and employers' organisations in national and international economic and social planning, notes with satisfaction the continuous effort made by ILO to promote and strengthen this co-operation ;
7. Welcomes the studies carried out by ILO on the problems caused by industrial and social adjustment to rapid technical change and hopes that member governments will support and facilitate these studies ;
8. Notes with satisfaction the support given by ILO to the developing countries in the field of vocational training and improvement of conditions of work and labour relations and stresses the need for the continuation of this effort in co-operation with other international organisations ;
9. Notes with satisfaction the activities of ILO in the field of the protection of safety and health of workers and emphasises the special attention which should be given to occupational diseases caused by the application of new technical developments ;
10. Considers that ILO's task in Europe in the future will be of great value in finding ways and means to solve the practical problems of harmonising labour legislation, conditions of work and social security and welfare in the light of Europe's integration ;
11. Draws the attention of ILO and member governments to the need for the further development of facilities for vocational training and educational programmes for young men and women beginning their career, the lack of which often causes disillusion and discouragement among young workers ;

1. Assembly debate on 28 January 1969 (21st Sitting) (see [Doc. 2497](#), report of the Committee on Social and Health Questions). Text adopted by the Assembly on 28 January 1969 (21st Sitting).



12. Recalling the principles concerning economic and social progress set out in the Statute of the Council of Europe, draws ILO's attention to the work carried out by the Council of Europe in the framework of the Programme of Work for the Council of Europe's intergovernmental activities and hopes that co-operation between ILO and the Council of Europe will be continued and expanded ;

13. Stresses once more the complementary nature of the activities of ILO and of other international organisations, notes with interest the great number of fields in which ILO co-operates with other international organisations and expresses the hope that this practice will continue, so that all the efforts made at both world and European level to promote social development and welfare can be as fruitful as possible.