



Resolution 443 (1970)¹

European scientific and technological co-operation

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Reaffirming its conviction in the need for establishing a comprehensive European science and technology policy to be conducted by all interested governments through the existing international organisations ;
2. Being aware of the fact that this raises political as well as organisational, technical and managerial problems, the solution of which can be facilitated at national and international level by the application of modern management methods ;
3. Welcoming the opening of technological talks between the Six and the United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Ireland, Austria, Sweden and Switzerland even before the negotiations for enlargement of the Communities ;
4. Hoping that ways and means will be found for the participation of all interested member states in such technological cooperation ;
5. Noting with satisfaction the establishment of the International Institute for the Management of Technology as a means of increasing Europe's technological capacity, and the setting up by OECD of a new expert group to study ways and means of better utilisation of science and technology as instruments of economic and social development ;
6. Considering that the recent creation of the NATO Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society is giving a new impetus to international scientific and technological co-operation, while at the same time raising on an enlarged scale problems of programme overlapping and multi-organisational planning and decision-making, which calls for careful examination by national and international authorities including parliamentary bodies ;
7. Expressing its disappointment that the initiative taken by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to establish an operational inventory of European co-operation in the scientific, technological and related fields, which was conceived as a first step toward a systems analysis approach to European intergovernmental co-operation , resulted in the first instance only in the partial financing by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe of a university research project,
8. Resolves :
 - 8.1. to follow closely the technological negotiations between the Six and third states, and to encourage through action in national parliaments the early holding of a European Conference of Ministers of Technology of all interested member states to agree on a programme for European scientific and technological co-operation ;
 - 8.2. to keep the question of improving the system of intergovernmental scientific and technological cooperation through the introduction of modern management methods and planning on its agenda with a view to making it a theme for the third Parliamentary and Scientific Conference to be held in 1971.

1. Assembly debate on 20 April 1970 (3rd Sitting) (see [Doc. 2750](#), report of the Committee on Science and Technology). Text adopted by the Assembly on 20 April 1970 (3rd Sitting).

