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General Policy of the Council of Europe

Conclusions[1]
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1. Recommendation to the Committee of Ministers adopted 28th August 1950 at the conclusion of the Debate on the Second Report from the Committee on General Affairs

Th e Assembly,

Having reaffirmed its desire for the institution of a European Political Authority with limited functions but real powers, comprising all Nations faithful to democratic ideas,

Urgently recommends that the Committee of Ministers shall adopt the following policy :

i. That, within the framework of the Council of Europe, specialised authorities should be instituted which would be competent, respectively, in the political, economic, social, legal and cultural fields;

ii. Although the existence of the Council of Europe essentially depends upon the presence within its organisation of all the democratic Nations of Europe, each of them shall nevertheless be free to accede to the specialised authorities, or to one or several of them;

iii. These specialised authorities which it is thus intended to create and to maintain, shall remain open to any Member State which may subsequently wish to accede to them. Their organs of administration and control should be integrated with those of the Council of Europe;

iv. Those States which desire, from the outset, to form closer organic links shall be free to establish them between themselves. The form these links should assume will be settled by them after discussions in which all Member States of the Council of Europe shall take part. The organs of administration and control shall be instituted according to the methods set forth at the end of paragraph 3. The same opportunities as above for the subsequent accession of other Member States shall be maintained."

1. See Doc. 107, Report.