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Specialised Authorities

Conclusions[1]
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1. Recommendation to the Committee of Ministers adopted 23rd November 1950 at the conclusion of the Debate on the Third Report from the Committee on General Affairs

Assembly,

Considering that its objective of instituting a European political authority comprising all democratic nations cannot but be furthered by the development of Specialised Authorities, provided they remain within the framework of the Council of Europe;

Renews its former Recommendations, especially the Recommendation contained in Documents 121 and 123 of 28th August, 1950, and particularly recommends that the following measures be adopted :

i. that during the negotiations on a convention for the establishment of a Specialised Authority, Member States, who so wish, and the organs of the Council of Europe, shall be kept regularly informed of developments,

ii. that the Authority shall remain open to accession by all Member States,

iii. that reports be submitted regularly by the Authority's supervisory organs to the Assembly and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, so that the latter may be enabled to make suggestions or Recommendations on the operation of the Authority.

iv. that, insofar as appears desirable, the Authority should include a parliamentary control organ, the parliamentary members of this body being selected from among the representatives of the participating countries, members of the Consultative Assembly.

Recommends that every effort be made to ensure that existing proposals are brought to a successful conclusion — such as the High Authority for Coal and Steel — and to encourage the establishment of other authorities for cultural, social, economic (agricultural as well as industrial) matters and for joint defence;

Decides on the setting up of two Committees each consisting of seven Members nominated by the Bureau, appointed to present in the next Session of the Assembly texts relating to the setting up of

1. a European specialised Authority for Agriculture,

2. a European specialised Authority for Transport,

Requests the Parliaments of Member States to decide themselves, as speedily as is reasonably possible, on the principle and methods to be employed for the participation of their countries in such of these measures as they are willing to adopt.

1. See Doc. 148, Report.