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## **Reply of the Assembly to the Progress Report of the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation**

### **Report**

Committee on Economic Affairs and Development

Rapporteur: Lord Walter Thomas LAYTON, United Kingdom



## **A. Explanatory Statement**

### **1.**

During its eighth Sitting the Assembly referred to the Committee on Economic Questions, in addition to the report on the activities of O. E. E. C, various proposals such as that of M. Bardoux on the co-ordination of the political organs and technical services of O. E. E. C. and the Specialised Authorities and that of Mr. Bastianetto on the creation of an organ of economic co-ordination attached to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

On the two last points the Committee considered that it was not possible to make a final decision in favour of the simple adoption or rejection of the texts submitted.

The Committee therefore requested Lord Layton, a member of the Committee for-Liaison between the Council of Europe and O. E. E. C. to secure the examination within this Committee of the problems raised by the proposals of MM. Bardoux and Bastianetto.

With regard to the reply to the Report on the activities of O. E. E. C, the Committee proposes that the Assembly should adopt the following draft Recommendation.

## B. Draft Recommendation<sup>1</sup>

" The Assembly,

Being of opinion that the work of O. E. E. C. in the field of European economic collaboration is a most valuable contribution towards the achievement of those aims to which both Organisations are pledged,

Welcomes the submission to it for its opinion of the first report of O. E. E. C. made in accordance with the arrangement approved by the Committee of Ministers and the Governing Council of O. E. E. C.

Notes that the report in question refers rather to past achievements than to the most urgent issues with which Europe is at present faced, and

Expresses the hope that in the reports which O. E. E. C. will furnish on the occasion of future sessions of the Assembly the O. E. E. C. will take into account the following suggestions :

- a. that the report be presented three weeks before the opening of each part of the Session to the Secretariat-General for prior communication to the Committee on Economic Questions.
- b. that the report should deal principally with specific and current problems and with the subjects on which the work of O. E. E. C. will be based in the following months,

The Assembly commends to the attention of the O. E. E. C. the various suggestions made in the General Debate to the third Ordinary Session. "

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1. Adopted. See 16th Sitting, Rec. 4 and Doc. 6, 24 and 37.