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Aims and Prospects of European Policy

Report

tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

The Assembly,

Recalling its vote taken in August, 1950 in favour of the Schuman Plan;

Recalling its Recommendation adopted in August, 1950 on the creation of a European Army;

Considering the fact that the Schuman Plan and the Plan for a European Army concern the six following countries : Belgium, France, German Federal Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands;

Having taken note of the attitude of Great Britain with regard to the problem of Europe as defined by Mr. Morrison in agreement with Mr. Acheson and M. Robert Schuman, as reported in the communique of the Three Powers, dated 14 September, 1951, which envisaged :

" The creation of a European continental community closely associated with the British Commonwealth. "

Considering that this position was confirmed by Mr. Anthony Eden in the name of the new British Government in his speech in the House of Commons on November 19th, 1951;

Considering that the Report of the Experts on the European Army shows clearly the necessity and urgency of the creation of a real European political authority, one of whose main functions should be to control that Army and its use;

Recalling that the Assembly in its vote of 5th September, 1949, specifically defined its aim as being :

" The creation of a European political authority with limited functions but real powers. "

Considering that, for the reasons cited above, such a political authority can, to begin with, include only the six countries enumerated above,

1. Recommends to the Committee of Ministers that the six Schuman Plan countries, on the initiative of the Government of one or more of them, conclude without delay an agreement instituting an Assembly elected by the Parliaments of the six countries, and assisted by experts, whose function it should be to draw up a Pact remaining open for the adherence of all other European States. This Pact would set up a European Political Federal Authority and would be submitted for ratification to the States concerned;

2. Requests that, parallel with the work of this Assembly and in liaison with it, the Council of Europe study the nature and extent of the special links to be established between this federal community in process of formation and the other Members of the Council of Europe.

