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Establishment of a European Army

Motion for a recommendation
tabled by Mr Stmatios MERCOURIS and other members of the Assembly

Explanatory Memorandum

A defensive organisation for the European nations is an immediate and absolute necessity. Some means of organising the European Army must, therefore, be found as rapidly as possible.

The Pleven Plan calls for organisation of the military forces of only six countries, all members of the Council of Europe—that is to say, of the military forces of Western Europe.

The adoption and implementation of the above proposal will provide us with a considerable number of divisions, and will also enable us to establish the nucleus of a close political co-operation.

For these reasons, I have the honour to submit to the Assembly the following proposal :

Draft Recommendation

" The Assembly,

Recommends the Committee of Ministers to take all necessary steps to ensure :

a. that Great Britain, France, Italy, and Germany shall each contribute three divisions, and that the other Member States of the Council of Europe shall each contribute one division, with the exception of Ireland, Iceland, the Saar and Luxembourg, each of which shall put one battalion at the disposal of the European Army;

b. that the Council of Europe, in full agreement with the Committee of Ministers, shall select the military Commander of the above-mentioned forces;

c. that political advisers from the Member States of the Council of Europe shall be appointed to assist the military Commander;

d. that the necessary funds for the maintetenance of the above-mentioned forces shall be provided by the Member States of the Council of Europe;

e. that the military Commander, in consultation with the Supreme Military Commander of N. A. T. O . , shall decide what sector is to be taken over by the first nucleus of the European Army;

f. that the forces of the European Army shall be under the direct authority of the Supreme Commander of the N. A. T. O. forces.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed:

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