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Establishment of a Joint Information Liaison Committee

Report[1]
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A. Draft Recommendation

The Assembly,

Convinced that it is essential for the Council of Europe to have at its disposal the means of spreading information designed to foster a European spirit.

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers that :

1. A Joint Information Liaison Committee should be established forthwith which would assist the Secretariat-General in the preparation of the Information budget of the Council of Europe and would be available to advise the Secretariat-General, on all questions concerned with information which were submitted to it, in particular those questions in respect of which the Secretariat-General did not consider that it should have the sole responsibility of decision. The Joint Liaison Committee shall be composed of three members of the Committee of Ministers, and of three Representatives to the Assembly among whom shall be included, ex officio, the Chairman and Rapporteur of the Committee on Cultural arid Scientific Questions.
2. As far as possible the proposals which may be made by the Joint Liaison Committee shall be taken into account when the Information budget of the Council of Europe for 1953 is being prepared.

B. Explanatory Memorandum

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In the course of the discussions on the Motion referred to it by the Assembly, the Committee on Cultural and Scientific Questions received a report of the activities which have been undertaken by the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe in the field of information, and of the means which the Secretariat-General has at present at its disposal in this connection. The Committee came to the conclusion that a greater effort was required if substantial results were to be achieved in spreading European unity.

The Committee did not consider that at this stage it would be appropriate for it to make detailed proposals for an information campaign, but adopted unanimously, for submission to the Assembly, the following Recommendation, which calls for the creation of a Joint Liaison Committee with the task of assisting the Secretariat-General in its information activities.