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9th May, 1953

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE SESSION - Study of ways and means of protecting and furthering local autonomy in Member Countries

Request for inclusion in the agenda of the session¹

tabled by M. CHABAN-DELMAS and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

The Assembly,

Considering that local autonomy represents the most ancient and solid basis of the political structure and fundamental freedoms of European civilisation;

Considering that local authorities have an essential contribution to make to the proper functions of the democratic State, and can make that contribution only if they are given a large measure of autonomy;

Considering that local autonomy is at the present moment increasingly threatened by the encroachments of the central authorities,

Decides to include in its Agenda the following question :

" Study of ways and means of protecting and furthering local autonomy in member countries "

and instructs its Special Committee on Municipal and Regional Questions to study the problem and report thereon to the Assembly.

Signed (see overleaf)

1. See 5th Session, 1953 : 6th Sitting, 11th May, 1953 (Question included in the Agenda and referred to the Committee on Municipal and Regional Affairs).



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