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# Reply to the report on the work of the brussels Treaty Organisation

**Report**[1]
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Committee on Culture, Science and Education
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**Draft Resolution**

1. Concerning Section B (Social Co-operation). The Assembly has noted with keen interest the contents of the Report presented by the Brussels Treaty Organisation concerning the progress achieved in the social sphere. It welcomes the Report, since the latter clearly shows the value and the varied nature of the work carried out by the Organisation. It particularly welcomes the fact that the Brussels Treaty Organisation attaches great importance to the problems of social security and social and medical assistance and to the ratification of the International Labour Conventions. These preoccupations have been reflected also in a number of Recommendations transmitted by the Assembly to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The Assembly proposes to examine in due course, within the framework of its social programme, how far the objectives reached by the Parties to the Brussels Treaty may be extended to other Member States of the Council of Europe.

2. Concerning Section C (Cultural Cooperation). The Assembly has examined with keen interest the Report on the work of the Brussels Treaty Organisation and expresses its gratification with the results achieved in the cultural sphere. It attaches great importance, in particular, to the agreements initiated by the Brussels Treaty Organisation concerning collective passports for young people and the import of non-commercial films, as also to the joint studies carried out on equivalence of diplomas, re-organisation of higher education, television for educational purposes, free circulation of cultural material, further education, production and distribution of non-commercial films, and, in general, the various exchanges, visits, joint publications and enterprises which it has successfully organised. The Assembly has much satisfaction in noting that the cultural objectives of the Brussels Treaty Organisation are very similar to those which it is itself pursuing over the wider area covered by its fifteen member countries, and is convinced that the exchange of information between the Organisation and the Council of Europe will be of great benefit to both.