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Transmitting to the Assembly, for its information, two Resolutions adopted by the Committee of Ministers

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Committee of Ministers

1. Letter from the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe to the President of the Consultative Assembly, dated 23rd November, 1954

Monsieur le Président,

I have the honour to forward to you herewith, for your personal information, and, should you so wish, the information of Representatives to the Consultative Assembly, copies of the following Resolutions adopted by the Committee of Ministers :

Resolution (54) 19 : Prevention of animal epidemics and protection of plants ;

Resolution (34) 20: Prohibition of the discharge of waste oil into the sea (Recommendation 68 (1954)).

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Tour most obedient Servant,

signed : A. H. LINCOLN,

Deputy Secretary-General.

RESOLUTION (54) 19

The Committee of Ministers,

Considering that the Council of Europe should associate itself with the efforts at present being made for the control of epizootics and the protection of plants, in particular by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, the International Office of Epizootics and the European Plant Protection Organisation ;

Having regard to the opinion expressed by the Consultative Assembly in paragraph 19 of its Opinion N° 12 of 24th September, 1954;

Resolves:

1. to invite the Member Governments of the Council of Europe to co-operate fully in the work of the above-mentioned organisations, to implement their recommendations and . to ratify such agreements as they elaborate with minimum of delay;
2. to urge Member Governments which have not already done so, to consider accepting at the earliest possible date the constitution for the European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease drafted by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, so that the Commission may he established shortly and its activities may have the widest possible application in Europe;

3. to instruct the Secretary-General to consult the European Plant Protection Organisation on the possibility of co-ordinating the regulations of Member Governments on plant inspection at their frontiers, if necessary by amendment of the Convention on the International Protection of Plants, and also of taking further steps towards exterminating harmful agents and combating plant diseases;

4. to instruct the Secretary-General to transmit to the Member Governments the text of this Resolution, with the request that they inform the Council of Europe of any action they may take thereon.

RESOLUTION (54) 20

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the problem created in post-war years .by:

a. the transport of crude oil to Europe, with the resulting discharge into the sea of waste oil by tankers

b. th e increasing use of oil fuel by cargo ships;

Having noted the work of the International Conference on Pollution of the Sea by Oil, held in London from 26th April to 12th May, 1954;

Approving the aims of the eight Resolutions adopted by that Conference and the Pinal Act issued at the conclusion of its proceedings,

Resolves to urge those Member Governments of the Council of Europe which have not yet signed the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, signed in London on 12th May 1954, or have only done so subject to ratification or acceptance, to effect such acceptance and, pending the coming into operation of the Convention, to take the immediate steps set forth in Resolution N° 6 appended to the Final Act of the Conference; and

Instructs the Secretary-General to transmit the present Resolution to the member countries concerned, with a request that they inform him of any action they are prepared to take thereon.