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European organisation in the field of atomic energy

Motion for a resolution¹

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A. Draft Resolution

L'Assemblée,

Having regard to its debate on the " new drive " for European integration and to the statement b y M. Spaak, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee set up b y the Messina Conference, and pending the submission of the general report of the said Committee and the results of the studies being undertaken by O. E. E. C. on " classical " and atomic energy; with plans for a general common market and a European Atomic Energy Organization;

Hoping that the studies for a general common market, which are being conducted on the new lines described by M. Spaak, will lead to favourable results, as these would be of the greatest importance for the progress of European integration ;

Believing that only b y concez-ted action can Europe ensure its maximum economic expansion during the coming years, as also its independent access to supplies of energy, and that only by this means, will all European countries be able to benefit from atomic energy applied to industrial purposes;

Considering it urgent that a decision be taken to set up for this purpose a European Atomic Energy Organisation,

Believes it necessary that immediate measures be taken in order :

1. that work may be begun on the installation of a common basic and industrial research centre and on the construction of European atomic plants for the production of nuclear fuels (isotopic separation of uranium and the extraction of plutonium by treatment of irradiated uranium);
2. that a European Atomic Organization may be set up, with the task of defining and promoting a concerted policy for a joint development of atomic research and atomic industry. The Assembly believes that for this purpose the Organisation should possess appropriate powers;
3. that the largest possible number of Member States of the Council of Europe may participate in these schemes;
4. that machinery may be established for European parliamentary control in a form appropriate to the structure contemplated. The Assembly stresses the extreme importance of the rôle of a European parliamentary body in the vital field of atomic energy;
5. that the studies undertaken at Brussels may be continued without interruption until the intergovernmental Conferences envisaged by the Messina Resolution have been convened, which the Assembly hopes will be at an early date.

B. Draft Order of the Assembly

The Assembly instructs its Bureau to transmit to the Intergovernmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference, and to the participating Governments, Resolution ... concerning the European Atomic Energy Organisation, the reports relevant thereto, and the Official Report of the Assembly debate on the " new drive " for European integration