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Institution of a general common market

Motion for a resolution
Committee on Economic Affairs and Development
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A. Draft Resolution

The Assembly,

Having taken note with keen interest of the report to the Assembly made by the Foreign Minister of Belgium, M. P. H. Spaak, on the work of the Intergovernmental Committee created b y the Messina Conference;

Reaffirming its conviction that it is only by joining their human and material resources in concerted effort that the countries of Western Europe can maintain their position in world affairs ;

Recalling its Recommendation 77 on the economic integration of Western Europe, adopted on 9th July, 1955,

Endorses the view expressed by M. Spaak that, given the political will, the economic integration of Europe presents ho insuperable technical obstacles;

Urges the Governments of the six countries to make every effort to bring to a successful conclusion the work of the Brussels Conference, and, particularly, to pursue with all vigour the objective of a general common market ;

Stresses the important social aspects of the opening and operation of a common market, which not only comprise measures for the rehabilitation of those adversely affected by the operation of the common market, but are closely linked with the whole ultimate aim of the creation of such a market—-which is the improvement of the standard of living of the whole population; in this connection the experience acquired in the operation of the Common Market for Coal and Steel should be taken into consideration;

Calls upon the Governments of the six countries associated in the Messina Conference to inform the Governments of member countries which did not participate in that Conference of the results of the work of the Intergovernmental Committee and to invite them to collaborate in the tasks that are complated ;

Calls upon the non-participating Governments to approach the Governments of the six Messina Conference States, with a view to taking part in their work;

B. Draft Order

The Assembly instructs its Committees to continue to follow the work of the Conference and report thereon at the Eighth Session of the Assembly, in 1956.