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Report of the European Civil Aviation Conference

Motion for a resolution[1]
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A. Draft Resolution

The Assembly,

H a v i n g before it t h e Report of the first session of the E u r o p e a n Civil Aviation Conference ;

N o t i n g t h e conclusions r e a c h e d b y t he Conference,

Welcomes the e s t a b l i s h m e n t of this Conference as a p e r m a n e n t i n s t i t u t i o n designed t o p r o m o t e t h e co-ordination, b e t t e r u t i l i s a t i on a n d orderly development of i n t r a - E u r o p e an civil a v i a t i o n ;

Welcomes the Conference's compliance w i t h t h e Council of E u r o p e ' s i n v i t a t i o n to t r a n s m i t its annual Report to t h e Council of E u r o p e ;

Co n g r a t u l a t e s the Conference on the a d o p t i o n of a draft m u l t i l a t e r a l agreement on o n - s c h e d u l e d services, which the Assemblyhopes will prove t h e f o r e r u n n e r of other agreem e n t s , in p a r t i c u l a r an early agreement on s c h e d u l e d services;

Records its belief t h a t t h e efforts to f a c i l i t a t e the i n t e r c h a n g e of aircraft will be successful in the near future;

Hopes t h a t all member countries of E. C. A. C. will join t h e company for t he common financing of new equipment, the c r e a t i o n of which was recommended by the Messina Conference;

E x p r e s s e s t h e hope t h a t these steps will help r a t i o n a l i s e E u r o p e a n civil a v i a t i on t o such an e x t e n t t h a t Member States need no longer subsidise this mode of t r a n s p o rt o u t of p u b l i c funds;

In v i t e s t h e E u r o p e a n Civil Aviation Conference t o hold its n e x t session in Strasb o u r g ; I

I n s t r u c t s t h e P r e s i d e n t of t h e Assemb l y t o t r a n s m i t this R e s o l u t i o n t o t h e Confer e n c e

B. Explanatory Memorandum by M. Corniglion-Molinier, Rapporteur

1.

The Assembly welcomes t h e fact t h at t h e E u r o p e a n Civil A v i a t i o n Conference has p r e s e n t e d to t h e Assembly t h e r e p o r t of its first session, as r e q u e s t e d by the Assembly i n its Resolution 79 of October 1955. This follows t h e precedent a l r e a d y established by 0 . E. E. C , E. C. S. C. and E. C. M. T. which p e r m i t s t h e Assembly of t h e Council of E u r o p e, as t h e p a r l i a m e n t a r y organ of E u r o p e a n coo p e r a t i o n , to review and comment on the a c t i o n of t h e v a r i o u s i n t e r - g o v e r n m e n t a l organ i s a t i o n s dealing with the more specialised a n d t e c h n i c a l aspects of E u r o p e a n i n t e g r a t i o n.

The Assembly hopes t h a t this arrangement, i m p o r t a n t for the i n s t i t u t i o n a l evolut i o n of t h e political and t e c h n i c a l framework of E u r o p e a n co-operation will also prove of b e n e f i t to b o t h organisations.

The main t a s k of t h e E u r o p e a n Civil A v i a t i o n Conference is t o s t u d y and propose m e a s u r e s for a more r a t i o n a l and economical o r g a n i s a t i o n of i n t r a - E u r o p e a n air t r a n s p o r t.

The existence of a world organisation, n a m e l y I. C. A. 0 . , which s t a n d a r d i s e s t h e t e c h nical a n d legal a s p e c t s of i n t e r n a t i o n a l a v i a t i o n, a n d t h e fact t h a t , despite its r a p i d developmerit, i n t r a - E u r o p e a n traffic has b y no means a c h i e v e d t h e i m p o r t a n c e of i n t e r - c o n t i n e n t al traffic, raised t h e question of t h e r e l a t i o n s h ip of the European Conference to the intern a t i o n a l bodies concerned.

I t was decided by common consent t o e s t a b l i s h t h e closest liaison w i t h I. C. A. 0 ., in p a r t i c u l a r by p r o v i d i n g for t h e a t t e n d a n ce of ICAO r e p r e s e n t a t i v e s at the European Conference and by enabling t h e l a t t e r to use t h e Secretariat and material resources of I. C. A. 0.

On t h e p r a c t i c a l p l a n e :

a. t h e draft m u l t i l a t e r a l agreement on non-scheduled services r e p r e s e n t s a great a d v a n c e t o w a r d s l i b e r a l i s a t i o n and covers a wide field. Seven countries have already s u b s c r i b e d to t h i s agreement, and it is to be hoped t h a t all E u r o p e a n countries will ratify i t w i t h o u t delay;

b. a Working P a r t y is s t u d y i n g the economic a n d legal problems of t h e i n t e r c h a n ge of aircraft, with a view t o more efficient utilis a t i o n , and has a l r e a d y n o t e d t h e absence of major obstacles. La s t l y , it m a y be p o i n t e d out t h a t t he Messina Conference concerned itself with the e s t a b l i s h m e n t of a E u r o p e a n Company for t he financing of European aircraft equipment (Eurofinair) whose function would be similar t o t h a t of Eurofima in r a i l w a y finance, and r e c o m m e n d e d A'arious measures within the framework of the common market designed t o f a c i l i t a t e t h e creation of a E u r o p e a n aircraft e q u i p m e n t i n d u s t r y , n a m e l y t h e appointment of an advisory committee on aircraft c o n s t r u c t i o n , the joint finance of research a n d p r o t o t y p e s and the i n t r o d u c t i o n of an i n t e r n a t i o n a l s y s t em for t e n d e r s . It is most d e s i r a b l e t h a t other countries besides those p a r t i c i p a t i n g in t h e Messina Conference should j o i n in these studies and, possibly, become m e m b e r s of t h e s e bodies.