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Action to be taken of the progress report of the Council of Europe Special Representative for National Refugees and Over-Population

Report¹

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population

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A. Draft Resolution

The Assembly

Having examined the progress report presented by the Council of Europe Special Representative for National Refugees and Over-population;

Congratulating the Special Representative on his valuable work;

Believing that further action along the lines followed by the Special Representative since his appointment will lead to a decisive solution of the problem of over-population and refugees;

Recalling that it has recommended on several occasions that European countries should pursue a common European policy in regard to manpower at both national and international level;

Sharing the concern voiced by the Special Representative on the question of vocational training,

Trusts that the Special Representative will urge Member Governments to do their utmost to co-ordinate and improve the working method employed by national administrations and international authorities for dealing with manpower problems;

Relies on the Special Representative to take all possible steps to promote the improvement of vocational training facilities for surplus elements of population.

B. Draft Recommendation

The Assembly,

In response to the appeal made by the Special Representative, in his progress report of 17th October 1956, to the members of the Assembly, asking them to support in their respective Parliaments and Governments the action taken by the international organisations;

Recalling that in its Recommendations 36 (1949) and 47 (1956) it had already recommended that the Committee of Ministers ask Member Governments to ratify at the earliest possible date the International Convention on Migrant Workers adopted by the International Labour Conference at Geneva on 1st July 1949;

Endorsing the Special Representative's suggestion in his progress report, that the Assembly should lend all support to the international organisations in their activities directed towards the welfare and prosperity of peoples;

Considering that the Decision taken by the Council of O. E. E. C. in October, 1953 concerning the employment of foreign labour, marks a considerable step forward towards the free movement of labour between the member countries of O. E. E. C.,

Recommends the Committee of Ministers:

1. to invite Member Governments which have not already done so to ratify at the earliest possible date the International Convention on Migrant Workers adopted on 1st July 1949 by the International Labour Conference in Geneva and to inform the Assembly of the measure taken to this end;
2. to invite Member Governments to give wider effect to the OEEC Decision of October 1953 by which the member countries of O. E. E. C. undertook to employ foreign labour whenever their national manpower resources were insufficient to meet the demands of particular economic sectors, and to endeavour to do away with any restrictive measures preventing this Decision from taking full effect.

C. Draft Recommendation

The Assembly,

In response to the appeal made to it by the Special Representative in his progress report for 1956;

Considering that the co-ordination of activities in the field of manpower is essential at both the national and international levels;

Recalling that it has already recommended on several occasions that the European countries should adopt a common European social and manpower policy in the different international organisations;

Endorsing the wish of the Special Representative,

recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

should urge Member Governments to do their utmost to co-ordinate and improve the working method employed by their respective national administrations to deal with social and manpower problems;

should ensure that the Ministers of Labour and Social Welfare take a more direct interest in work already being done by existing technical committees in the various intra-European organisations, with a view to co-ordinating these activities and promoting the adoption of a common European policy;

should for this purpose invite the Special Representative of the Council of Europe to consider the possibility of convening, within the Council of Europe framework, periodical conferences of the Ministers of Labour and Social Welfare.