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Treaty instituting the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom)

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr François de MENTHON and other members of the Assembly

The Assembly,

Reaffirming its conviction that it is only by concerted action that Western Europe can ensure the rapid and efficient development of atomic power and thus safeguard its future independence in energy supplies,

1. Congratulates the six Governments participating in the Intergovernmental Committee upon the conclusion of the Treaty instituting the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom);

2. Notes with satisfaction that on vital points—the open character of the Community, co-operation with 0. E. E. C, security control, incorporation of Euratom in the general Common Market and the setting up of an Economic and Social Committee—the Treaty conforms to the wishes previously expressed by the Consultative Assembly;

3. Invites Member States which have not so far felt able to join Euratom to reconsider, if possible, their attitude and, if they are unable to do so, to work out concrete plans for cooperating on specific projects with the six Members of Euratom;

4. Emphasizes the particular importance of close collaboration with 0. E. E. C. in the planning of joint enterprises so as to avoid duplication of effort and waste of resources;

5. Emphasizes the need for the policy followed by Euratom to be fitted into a general policy for energy;

6. Draws attention to the risk that priorities allowed in the Treaty for individual national reactor programmes may endanger the balanced development of the Community's policy;

7. Urges that in developing the Community's programme private enterprise be ensured a proper part consistent with the objectives of the Treaty;

8. Emphasizes that the measures for the protection of health and security should be as complete and detailed as possible and that they should cover not only the nuclear power plants but also the other cases in which a danger may arise, e. g. in connection with the ever more widespread use of radio-isotopes.

9. Stresses the fact that, with regard to the training of specialists, the need may arise for efforts towards raising the general level of education in Member States;

10. Urges the Parliaments and Governments of the Six to make every effort to secure the speedy ratification of the Treaty;

11. And requests the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the Interim Committee for Euratom and the Common Market to conclude an Agreement providing, inter alia, for an annual report to be sent by the Atomic Energy Commission to the Consultative Assembly, to be discussed, together with a corresponding report from the 0. E. E. C, at joint meetings between the Assembly of the Six and the Consultative Assembly.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed:

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