Recommendation 8 (1950)

Agricultural policy

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers should cause meetings of the Ministers for Agriculture of Member States to take place with a view to :

   a. Setting up an appropriate organ for the establishment of a register of available and exportable products, together with an analysis of agricultural markets, and putting this information at the disposal of agricultural producers in every country.

   b. Concluding long-term agreements, product by product, which will allow of a better and immediate organisation of agricultural markets, avoiding all excessive protection and leading to a development of production and consumption.

   c. Completing these agreements based on forecasts of average production by concerted measures that allow, on the one hand, for the re-absorption of stocks that are accidentally and abnormally high and, on the other hand, afford help to a Member State in the case of accidental and abnormal deficiencies in its stocks.

   d. Particularly taking into consideration the case of countries whose economy is based almost exclusively on agriculture, such, as Greece and Turkey, where traditional markets have been particularly affected by political upheavals in Europe, and especially with regard to the tobacco market.

   e. Giving particular consideration to the dependence of the United Kingdom on the supply of imported food, which makes it necessary for that country to take exceptional measures to encourage both its domestic agriculture and horticulture, and the importation of foodstuffs from the British Commonwealth and Empire.

2. Recommends to the Committee of Ministers that a European organisation should be set up consisting, together with the Ministers for Agriculture or governmental experts in various Member States, of Representatives to the Assembly, and representatives of leading national or international agricultural organisations, whose task it would be to examine and propose the setting up of appropriate Authorities for the organisation of production and agricultural markets.

Furthermore, the Assembly instructs the Committee on Economic Questions to follow closely the carrying out of these Recommendations, to participate in this action where necessary and to report back to the Assembly on the subject in the course of the next Session.

See Doc. AS (2) 86, and Sitting of 26th August 1950.