



Recommendation 176 (1958)¹

Equivalence of agricultural diplomas

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Conscious of the grave shortage in Europe of qualified scientists and technicians, particularly in the field of agriculture;

Believing that adequate professional training of agriculturists and other agricultural producers is the basis of an efficient production of foodstuffs;

Convinced of the necessity to encourage exchanges of agricultural technicians between member countries of the Council of Europe in order to develop the common stock of knowledge in agricultural matters and thereby to improve agricultural training;

Considering the conventions on the equivalence of diplomas leading to admission to universities and of periods of university study signed by the member countries of the Council of Europe;

Having been requested by other international organisations to examine the possibility of concluding a European Convention on the Equivalence of Agricultural Diplomas,

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers:

1. That it should conclude a new convention on the equivalence of diplomas awarded by institutes of agricultural studies, notably for purposes of economic and scientific research;
2. That it should invite the appropriate Committee of Experts to study proposals whereby holders of agricultural diplomas awarded in one Member State could exercise their professions in the other Member States of the Council of Europe;
3. That it should instruct the Committee of Experts which will undertake this study to take into account the work done by the organisations which have already concerned themselves with the problem.

1. (a) The subject was introduced on 15th January, 1958, by the tabling of the motion for a Recommendation, [Doc. 778](#), by M. Charpentier and others. (b) 17th January 1958, reference to the Cultural Committee (Reference No. 197). (c) 14th October 1958, tabling of the Report of the Cultural Committee, [Doc. 898](#). (d) 16th October 1958, debate in the Assembly (see 19th Sitting of the 10th Session). The Recommendation was adopted unanimously.

