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INFORMATION MEMOWork on Social Statistics by the Statistical Office
of the European Communities1) WAGESa) Community wage surveys

- (i) The first survey of wage costs and workers' incomes in 1959, covering 14 branches of European industry, has already been carried out, and the results published.
- (ii) The second survey, covering eight other branches, dealt with figures for 1960. The report has been approved by the experts and will be published shortly.
- (iii) The third survey, covering a further 13 branches of industry, is now being carried out and results are beginning to come in to the SOEC.

These three surveys, together with those made by the ECSC, will have covered virtually the whole industrial field in the Community.

- (iv) Three other surveys will be carried out in 1963, 1964 and 1965 (Regulation No. 151); they will deal with the branches already surveyed in the first three-year period. The up-to-date figures thus obtained will make it possible to assess developments in the interval between the surveys.
- b) Harmonization of national wage statistics
- Current statistics on earnings have been harmonized in recent months. From April 1964 onwards there will be standard presentation of national statistics using comparable methods and nomenclatures for the six countries. These statistics will be established every year in April and October.
- c) Survey of wage structure
- In accordance with the Council Resolution passed at the Conference of Member States on 30 December 1961, the Statistical Office in collaboration with experts from the six countries will, at the beginning of 1964, make the final arrangements for a comprehensive survey of wage structures to be carried out in 1966. If the means are made available to implement it, this survey will reveal the structure of earnings in relation to sex, age, qualifications, seniority and family responsibilities. It will also include data on wage costs in enterprises and on workers' annual income.