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SUPPORT GROWING FOR EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 3 -- The Committee on Research of the European Parliament has given its unanimous support to the Euratom Commission in its proposals to open the new European University in the autumn of 1961, it was reported from Euratom's Brussels headquarters today.

The first European University established within the framework of the six-nation European Community will be under the direct responsibility of the European Atomic Energy Community. Proposals call for setting up the University in Florence. The first students would number about 250 and follow a five-year curriculum leading to the degree of Doctor of the European University. It is anticipated that later about 500 new admissions would be granted each year.

At a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Research May 31, Hugo Geiger, representative of the German Bundestag, submitted a report on the University expressing the Committee's full support. President Etienne Hirsch and Vice President Enrico Medi of Euratom attended the meeting held in Brussels.

The report will be submitted to the full 142-member Parliament at its next session in Strasbourg, June 27 to July 2.