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EDUCATION COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

The Council of Education Ministers on June 6 1974 adopted two resolutions setting-up a Community Education Committee and approving the Commission's new initiatives regarding mutual recognition of diplomas.

The Council agreed to establish a committee of senior civil servants in the educational field, on which the Commission will be represented. The Committee will be asked to elaborate plans of action in the following fields and make a first report by mid 1975:

- education of migrant workers' children;
- better communication between member states on education;
- better statistics and documentation;
- better co-operation between higher education establishments;
- recognition of academic diplomas and qualifications (following Article 57 of the Treaty of Rome);
- greater freedom of movement for students and researchers and improvements in language teaching;
- equality of opportunity in education.

The country holding the presidency of the Council of Ministers will chair the committee, while the Council will provide the secretariat. The Commission had hoped for a committee on the same lines as the Energy Committee in which the Commission itself would provide the secretariat, but its presence on the committee itself should ensure the Commission has a powerful influence. The Commission's rights to take initiatives in the educational field, where the Treaty of Rome allows, will not be prejudiced by the Committee.

In a second resolution the Council agreed that the approach to the mutual recognition of diplomas should be a flexible one, based on a general confidence in the equivalence of levels of professional training in the Community.

The Ministers also agreed to establish consultative committees of experts in the various professions to assist the Commission.

They also finally agreed to draw-up a list of diplomas, etc. in each member state with their exact equivalence to others in the Community.

The Council also heard a report on the progress of the European University in Florence. The German, Belgium and Dutch delegates promised that the Treaty establishing the University would be ratified in their Parliaments very shortly and the University should begin courses in Autumn 1975.

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