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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, in particular Articles 124 and 153 thereof,

HAVING HEARD the opinion of the Commission,

D E C I D E S :

Article 1

The Committee of the European Social Fund shall assist the Commission in the administration of the Fund in the conditions laid down by these States and by the Regulation provided for under Article 127 of the Treaty.

Article 2

The Committee shall consist of 36 members, being two representatives of the Government, two representatives of the trade unions' and two representatives of the employers' organisations for each of the six Member States.

Article 3

The Chairman of the Committee shall be a member of the Commission; he shall have no voting rights.

Article 4

An alternate shall be appointed for each of the six Member States and for each category within the meaning of Article 2.

In the absence of one or both members, their alternate shall take part with full rights in the deliberations of the Committee.

When the two members are present, their alternate may attend the meetings of the Committee. He may intervene in the discussion when invited to do so by the Chairman in agreement with the regular members whose alternate he is.

Article 5

The duration of the office of members and alternates shall be two years. They may be reappointed.

Article 6

Only nationals of Member States shall be eligible for appointment as members of the Committee or as alternates.

The position of member or alternate shall be incompatible with that of member of an Institution of the European Economic Community and with that of official of the European Communities.

Article 7

The members and alternates shall be appointed by the Council, which shall endeavour when choosing them to provide equitable representation of the various sectors concerned.

The list of members and alternates of the Committee shall be published by the Council for information in the Official Gazette.

Article 8

As a general rule, the Committee shall meet at least four times a year.

It shall be convened by the Chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of at least one third of the members.

Meetings of the Committee shall not be public.

Article 9

In the notice of meeting, the Chairman shall specify the list of questions to be examined by the Committee. Nevertheless, the Committee may also study other questions within its competence if a majority of the members agrees to do so.

Article 10

After each meeting, the Committee shall submit to the Commission a summary of any opinion adopted or any conclusion reached on all the questions discussed.

In cases where the Committee has adopted an opinion, the summary referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph shall also state the various opinions which may have been expressed at the conclusion of the discussion.

Article 11

Except where otherwise provided in these Statutes, the decisions of the Committee shall be taken by an absolute majority of the votes validly cast.

Article 12

In the event of the decease or resignation of a member or alternate, or where the necessary conditions for him to exercise his office are no longer fulfilled, the Council shall replace him for the remainder of his term of office, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 7 of these Statutes.

Article 13

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee shall be entitled to hear experts.

Article 14

The Committee shall lay down, by majority vote of its members, rules of procedure fixing its methods of work.

The rules of procedure shall be approved by the Council after the Commission has given an opinion on them.

Article 15

The Secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the staff of the Commission. The Commission shall place at the disposal of the Committee the accommodation and the means necessary for its work.

Article 16

The operating expenses of the Committee shall be provided in accordance with the financial regulations referred to in Article 209 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community.

Done at *Brussels*, this *25th* day
of *August* 1960.

The Council
The President

J. M. A. H. Rums