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THE HIGH AUTHORITY

INFORMATION

Communication from the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community to Associations of Enterprises coming under the Community's jurisdiction (Article 48 of the Treaty)

In a letter to the President of the Consultative Committee on December 11, 1956, the High Authority requested the Committee to proceed to a consultation regarding the present scrap-supply situation in the Common Market, and the possible need, arising from this situation, to implement certain provisions of the Treaty, particularly Article 57, and, if necessary, Articles 53 and 59.

The Associations of Enterprises coming under the Community's jurisdiction have, under Article 48, second paragraph, of the Treaty, the right to submit to the High Authority the observations of their members on the points for discussion.

Any such observations should reach the High Authority not later than December 21, 1956.

E. P. WELLENSTEIN,
Secretary, High Authority.

Luxembourg, December 11, 1956.

THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

FINANCIAL YEAR 1956-1957 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1956

M. BOGGIANO PICO, Provisional President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 3.35 p.m.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The President declared the first Extraordinary Session of the financial year 1956-57 open.

TRIBUTE

The President paid tribute to the memory of M. Yvon Delbos.

M. René Mayer, *President of the High Authority*, associated himself with this tribute on behalf of the High Authority.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

RESIGNATION OF Mlle KLOMPÉ

The President read a letter of resignation from Mlle Klompé.

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The following seven members were chosen by lot: MM. OESTERLE, PELSTER, VIXSEBOXSE, De BLOCK, DEBRE, DEIST and GOZARD.

The Sitting was suspended at 3.50 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed at 4.05 p.m.

EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS

Speaker: M. De BLOCK, *Rapporteur of the Credentials Committee.*

The Assembly

- (a) noted the admission and subsequent resignation of Mlle KLOMPÉ;
- (b) confirmed the admission of

MM. ARMENGAUD, BERTRAND, BIRKELBACH, BLAISE, BLANK, CAILLAVET, CHARLOT, COULON, CROUZIER, De BLOCK, DEBRE, DEHOUSSE, DEIST, De SMET, DOLLINGER, FAYAT, FOHRMANN, FURLER, GAILLY, Van der GOES van NATERS, GOZARD, HAZENBOSCH, JANSSEN, KAPTEYN, KIESINGER, KOPF, KORTHALS, KREYSSIG, LAFFARGUE, LAPIE, LEFEVRE, LENZ, LOESCH, MARGUE, de MENTHON, von MERKATZ, MOTZ, MUTTER, NEDERHORST, OESTERLE, OLLENHAUER, PELSTER, PLEVEN, POHER, POHLE, RIP, SABASS, SASSEN, SCHAUS, SCHEEL, SCHÖNE, STRUYE, TEITGEN, VANRULLEN, VIXSEBOXSE, WEHNER and WIGNY.

MANDATE OF THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

The President informed the Assembly of the following declaration:

“ THE POLITICAL GROUPS:

“ WHEREAS the Treaty of April 18, 1951, was freely negotiated and formally ratified by the Parliaments of the six signatory States;

“ WHEREAS Article 21 of that Treaty lays down that: ‘ the Parliaments . . . shall be called upon to appoint once a year from among their own membership ’ their delegates to the Common Assembly;

“ WHEREAS such appointment is essential to the smooth functioning of the institutions of the European Coal and Steel Community and to the democratic control which the Common Assembly is responsible for exercising;

“ EXPRESS THE HOPE that each member State will see that the clauses of the Treaty are carried out to the letter, and that the Parliament of each such State will appoint in good time and for the period laid down in the Treaty those by whom it wishes to be represented at the Common Assembly;

“ URGES the President of the Common Assembly to establish all necessary contact with the Special Council of Ministers and, more especially, with the Chairmen of the Parliamentary bodies in the Italian Republic, in order to ensure the full implementation of the Treaty of April 18, 1951, in particular by the appointment of the elected representatives from the member States of the Community to the Common Assembly.”

(signed) R. PLEVEN

E. SASSEN

H. FAYAT

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

The Assembly decided to elect the President of the Common Assembly by acclamation.

M. FURLER was elected President of the Common Assembly.

M. FURLER, *President*, in the Chair.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

ELECTION OF THE FIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE COMMON ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE BUREAU

The Assembly decided to elect the five Vice-Presidents of the Common Assembly by acclamation.

The Assembly elected the following as Vice-Presidents of the Common Assembly: MM. FOHRMANN, MOTZ, VIXSEBOXSE, VANRULLEN and BATTISTA.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

The Assembly noted the tabling of the following documents:

Report by M. NEDERHORST on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on the institution, terms of reference and composition of one or more equi-representative committees in the Community (Document No. 1).

Report by M. BIRKELBACH on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee on the social aspects of the Report submitted to their Foreign Ministers by the Heads of Delegations on the Intergovernmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference (Document No. 2);

Report by M. SABASS on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on safety and rescue arrangements in Community collieries (Document No. 3);

introductory Report by M. POHER on behalf of the Common Market Committee, on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 4).

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The President requested the Bureau to meet immediately in order to prepare proposals for submission to the Assembly.

The Sitting was suspended at 4.30 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed at 6.20 p.m.

The Committee decided that the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and the External Relations of the Community and the members of the Working Party should be appointed at a later Sitting.

Speakers: MM. MUTTER, BERTRAND, MUTTER, MARGUE and CARON.

The Assembly decided to make no reference to seats reserved for the Liberal representatives from Italy.

The following were declared appointed:

—*to the Common Market Committee:*

MM. BATTISTA, BLANK, CAILLAVET, CARON, CAVALLI, CROUZIER, De BLOCK, De SMET, FAYAT, KORTHALS,

KREYSSIG, LAPIE, LOESCH, NEDERHORST, PLEVEN, POHER, POHLE, SABASS, SASSEN, SCHAUS, SCHIAVI and SCHÖNE;

—*to the Committee on Investments, Financial Questions and Production Development:*

MM. AMADEO, ARMENGAUD, BATTISTA, BLAISSE, COULON, De BLOCK, DEIST, De SMET, DOLLINGER, FOHRMANN, GERINI, GUGLIELMONE, KAPTEYN, LOESCH, De MENTHON, MUTTER, POHLE, SABASS, SCHEEL, SCHÖNE, VANRULLEN and VIXSEBOXSE;

—*to the Social Affairs Committee:*

MM. AMADEO, BERTRAND, BIRKELBACH, BOGGIANO PICO, CHARLOT, FOHRMANN, GAILLY, HAZENBOSCH, JANSSEN, KOPF, LAFFARGUE, LEFEVRE, LENZ, MARGUE, von MERKATZ, MUTTER, NEDERHORST, PELSTER, PICCIONI, POHER, SCHIAVI, TEITGEN and VANRULLEN;

—*to the Transport Committee:*

MM. CARBONI, FOHRMANN, KAPTEYN, LENZ, MUTTER, POHER, SCHÖNE and WIGNY;

—*to the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly:*

MM. AMADEO, BLANK, CHARLOT, CROUZIER, GUGLIELMONE, JANSSEN, KREYSSIG, MARGUE and STRUYE;

—*to the Committee on Legal Questions, Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities:*

MM. BOGGIANO PICO, CROUZIER, FAYAT, KREYSSIG, von MERKATZ, RIP, SCHAUS, and VANRULLEN.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

The Assembly fixed its next sitting for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28, with the following agenda:

—Establishment of the agenda.

The Sitting was closed at 6.35 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1956

M. FURLER, *President*, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 11.10 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENT

The Assembly noted the tabling of the Report by M. BLANK on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly on the implementation of Article 44, 4 of the Rules of Procedure (Document No. 5).

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

On the proposal of the Committee of Presidents, the Assembly decided to open the debate on the introductory Report by M. POHER (Document No. 4) that morning and continue in the afternoon and the following morning if necessary;

to sit in the morning and afternoon of the following day (Thursday), in order to continue the debate on the introductory Report by M. POHER, if necessary, and to discuss the Reports by MM. NEDERHORST (Document No. 1) and BIRKELBACH (Document No. 2);

to close the Session after a final Sitting to be held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday to discuss the Reports by M. BLANK (Document No. 5) and M. SABASS (Document No. 3) as well as the various resolutions submitted following the debates.

APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEUR

The President informed the Assembly that the Committee of Presidents had appointed M. Gilles GOZARD as Rapporteur to submit to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe the Report on the Common Assembly's activities for the financial year 1956-57.

DEBATE ON THE INTRODUCTORY REPORT BY M. POHER,

on behalf of the Common Market Committee on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 4).

Speakers: MM. POHER, Rapporteur, VIXSEBOXSE and CAVALLI.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.20 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed at 3.15 p.m.

CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

The Assembly decided that

M. BATTISTA should become a member of the Transport Committee in place of M. CARBONI;

M. CAVALLI should become a member of the Committee on Investments, Financial Questions and Production Development in place of M. GERINI;

M. GERINI should become a member of the Common Market Committee in place of M. BATTISTA.

TELEGRAM FROM "INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ASSISTANCE"

The President read a telegram received from the President of the International Labour Assistance asking the European Coal and Steel Community to help the Hungarian refugees.

Speakers: MM. MAYER, *President of the High Authority*, and FURLER, *President of the Common Assembly*, on behalf of the Common Assembly.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the introductory Report by M. POHER, on behalf of the Common Market Committee, on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 4).

Speaker: M. KORTHALS.

M. FOHRMANN, *Vice-President*, in the Chair.

Speakers: MM. DEIST, SABASS, ARMENGAUD, CHARLOT, PLEVEN, ETZEL, *Vice-President of the High Authority*, POHER, *Rapporteur*, MAYER, *President of the High Authority*, DEIST, MAYER, *President of the High Authority*, and FAYAT.

AGENDA FOR THE NEXT SITTING

The Assembly fixed its next Sitting for Thursday, November 29, at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m., with the following agenda:

- resumption of the debate on the introductory Report by M. POHER on behalf of the Common Market Committee, on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 4);
- debate on the Report by M. NEDERHORST on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on the institution, terms of reference and composition of one or more equirepresentative committees in the Community (Document No. 1);
- debate on the Report by M. BIRKELBACH on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on the social aspects of the Report submitted to their Foreign Ministers by the Heads of Delegations on the Intergovernment Committee set up by the Messina Conference (Document No. 2).

The Sitting was closed at 7.15 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1956

M. FURLER, *President*, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 10.40 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the introductory report by M. POHER, on behalf of the Common Market Committee, on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 4).

Speakers: MM. SASSEN, POHLE and NEDERHORST.

The Assembly decided that the debate on the Resolution moved by the Common Market Committee following the introductory Report by M. POHER should take place on Friday afternoon.

The Sitting was suspended at 11.45 a.m.

The Sitting was resumed at 3.05 p.m.

CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF A COMMITTEE

The Committee decided that M. SCHAUSS should become a member of the Transport Committee in place of M. FOHRMANN.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY

The proposals by the Bureau for the composition of the Working Party were approved. The following were accordingly declared members:

MM. AMADEO, BLAISSE, BLANK, CAILLAVET, CARBONI, CARON, COULON, DEHOUSSE, FOHRMANN, Van der GOES van NATERS, GOZARD, HAZENBOSCH, KOPF, KREYSSIG, MARGUE, de MENTHON, MOTZ, MUTTER, OESTERLE, PELLA, POHER, POHLE, SCHIAVI, WEHNER and WIGNY.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

Speakers: M. MARGUE, M. FURLER, *President of the Assembly*, on behalf of the Bureau.

The proposals by the Bureau for the composition of the Committee on Political Affairs and External Relations of the Community were approved. The following were accordingly declared members of the Committee:

MM. BIRKELBACH, CARBONI, CARON, CAVALLI, DEBRE, DEHOUSSE, Van der GOES van NATERS, GOZARD, GUGLIELMONE, HAZENBOSCH, KIESINGER, KOPF, LAFFARGUE, MARGUE, OESTERLE, PLEVEN, SASSEN, SCHEEL, SCHIAVI, STRUYE, TEITGEN, WEHNER and WIGNY.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. NEDERHORST,

on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee on the institution, terms of reference and composition of one or more equirepresentative committees within the Community (Document No. 1).

Speakers: MM. NEDERHORST, *Rapporteur*, BERTRAND and GAILLY. M. MOTZ, *Vice-President*, in the Chair.

Speakers in the resumed debate: MM. KOPF, FINET, *Member of the High Authority*, POHLE and NEDERHORST, *Rapporteur*.

The Assembly decided that the debate on the Resolution moved by the Social Affairs Committee following M. NEDERHORST's report should take place on Friday afternoon.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. BIRKELBACH,

on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on the social aspects of the Report submitted to their Foreign Ministers by the Heads of Delegations on the Intergovernmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference (Document No. 2).

Speaker: M. BIRKELBACH, *Rapporteur*.

M. VANRULLEN, *Vice-President*, in the Chair.

Speakers: MM. BERTRAND, CARON, MARGUE and MAYER, *President of the High Authority*.

The Assembly decided that the debate on any resolution moved by the Social Affairs Committee following the Report by M. BIRKELBACH, should take place on Friday afternoon.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

The Assembly fixed its next Sitting for 2.30 p.m. on Friday, November 30, with the following agenda:

- Debate on the Report by M. BLANK, on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly, on the implementation of Article 44, 4 of the Rules of Procedure (Document No. 5);
- Debate on the Report by M. SABASS, presented on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on safety and rescue arrangements in the collieries of the Community (Document No. 3);
- Debate on the Resolutions moved by the Common Market and Social Affairs Committees following the Reports on the agenda of the Session.

The Sitting was closed at 6.40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1956

M. FURLER, *President*, in the Chair.

The Sitting opened at 2.40 p.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

The Assembly noted the tabling of the following documents:

- supplementary Report by M. PELSTER, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on safety and rescue arrangements in the collieries of the Community (Document No. 6);
- supplementary Report by M. NEDERHORST, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on the institution, terms of reference and composition of one or more equirepresentative committees in the Community (Document No. 7);
- supplementary Report by M. BIRKELBACH, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee on the social aspects of the Report submitted to their Foreign Ministers by the Heads of Delegations of the Intergovernmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference (Document No. 8);
- supplementary Report by M. POHER, on behalf of the Common Market Committee, on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 9).

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

At the proposal of the Committee of Presidents, the Assembly decided to change the order of the debates down for the afternoon's sitting as follows:

- Debate on the Report by M. BLANK, on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly, on the implementation of Article 44, 4 of the Rules of Procedure (Document No. 5);

- Debate and vote on the Resolution moved by the Common Market Committee, following the Supplementary Report by M. POHER on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 9);
- Debate on the Report by M. SABASS and the Supplementary Report by M. PELSTER, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on safety and rescue arrangements in the collieries of the Community (Documents Nos. 3 and 6);
- Debate and vote on the Resolutions moved by the Social Affairs Committee following the Reports on the agenda of the Session.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. BLANK,

on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly, on the implementation of Article 44, 4 of the Rules of Procedure (Document No. 5).

Speaker: M. BLANK, *Rapporteur*.

The Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

“Takes cognizance of the Secretariat’s accounts of the administrative expenditure for the fourth financial year.

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

“Will, upon receipt of the auditor’s Report, and after inspecting the Report by its Budgeting and Administration Committee, decide concerning the adoption of the Secretariat’s accounts.”

POINT OF ORDER

The President proposed that the Sitting be suspended for the distribution of the Supplementary Report by M. POHER on the situation in the coal market (Document No. 9).

Speakers: MM. BERTRAND and BLANK.

The Sitting was suspended at 2.50 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed at 3 p.m.

REARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

The Assembly decided to discuss forthwith the Report by M. SABASS and the Supplementary Report by M. PELSTER on safety and rescue arrangements in the collieries of the Community, while awaiting the distribution of the Supplementary Report by M. POHER on the situation in the coal market.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. SABASS AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY M. PELSTER,

on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on safety and rescue arrangements in the collieries of the Community (Documents Nos. 3 and 6).

Speakers: MM. SABASS and PELSTER, *Rapporteurs*, BLANK, BOGGIANO PICO, SASSEN, BIRKELBACH, SABASS, *Rapporteur*, FINET, *Member of the High Authority*.

The Assembly adopted Amendment No. 2, moved by MM. BLANK, MUTTER and ARMENGAUD, which it declared to bear the following meaning:

“ The Standing Committee on Safety and Rescue Arrangements in Mines may, if it considers this would serve a useful purpose, visit the spot and see matters for itself.”

The Assembly adopted Amendment No. 1, moved by MM. FAYAT and SASSEN, extending the draft resolution by the addition of a further paragraph.

The Assembly then adopted the whole of the Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

ON

CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF SAFETY AND RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS IN MINES

“ THE COMMON ASSEMBLY,

“ Convinced that the aims of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community can only be attained if

- (a) the installations of Community mines, both above and below ground, incorporate the very latest technical improvements;
- (b) the mineworkers in the Community, both above and below ground, are afforded maximum protection against danger to life and limb;
- (c) rescue arrangements in all mining areas of the Community are thoroughly up to date;

“ Considering that Article 3 (e) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community carries the obligation to ‘ promote the improvement of the living and working conditions of the labour force in each of the industries under its jurisdiction so as to harmonize these conditions in an upward direction ’;

“ Considering that the High Authority is, therefore, particularly required

- (a) to keep constantly abreast of developments in mining techniques in all the coalfields of the Community, in order that these developments may at the same time serve to provide all miners with maximum protection against danger to life and health;
- (b) constantly compare all safety regulations in force in the various Community countries, in order that this comparison may serve as a basis for pinpointing the safety regulations best suited to each coalfield;
- (c) to draw up proposals for the establishment of permanent contact between the mine-rescue centres in the Community, with the object of working out as quickly as possible an international mine-rescue scheme for all Community countries;

“ Considering the conclusions to be drawn from the mining disaster at the Bois-du-Cazier colliery at Marcinelle, Belgium, which caused the death of 262 miners;

“ Decides to set up a “ *Standing Committee on Safety and Rescue Arrangements in Mines* ” consisting of nine members.

“ In accordance with Articles 35 ff. of the Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, this Committee shall be instructed:

- (a) to check and report on the High Authority's activity in this field, and to promote the use of all the means appropriate to the ends stated, which are of the utmost urgency and have a claim on the High Authority as a body responsible for safety in mines;
- (b) to meet as quickly as possible after any serious mining accident which directly affects a considerable number of miners, and which it is to the interest of the Community to investigate, and in this connection to assemble all relevant information and to report to the Common Assembly;
- (c) to ask the Committee of Presidents to lay down rules for the contact between the new committee and existing committees, particularly with the Social Affairs Committee, in order to arrive at as efficient a system as possible in regard to safety and rescue arrangements in mines.”

DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION MOVED BY THE COMMON MARKET COMMITTEE

following the supplementary Report by M. POHER on the situation in the coal market, with special reference to the supply problem (Document No. 9).

Speakers: MM. POHER, *Rapporteur*, ARMENGAUD, POHER, *Rapporteur*, NEDERHORST, POHER, *Rapporteur*, NEDERHORST, MAYER, *President of the High Authority*, NEDERHORST, SCHÖNE, ARMENGAUD, POHER, *Rapporteur*, NEDERHORST, SCHÖNE, MAYER, *President of the High Authority*, POHER, *Rapporteur*, and NEDERHORST.

On the proposal of MM. SCHÖNE and NEDERHORST, the Assembly decided to suspend the Sitting in order to allow the Committee on the Common Market to amend the text of the Resolution.

The Sitting was suspended at 4.50 p.m.

The Sitting was resumed at 5 p.m.

Speakers in the resumed debate: MM. POHER, *Rapporteur*, SCHÖNE, SCHEEL and POHER, *Rapporteur*.

The Assembly adopted the amendment moved by the Common Market Committee, which it declared to bear the following meaning: the fact that the reference to Articles 61 and 88 of the Treaty was deleted from the proposed Resolution was not to be taken as suggesting that the High Authority was no longer required to report to the Common Assembly on the implementation of these two Articles.

The Assembly adopted Amendment No. 1, moved by M. ARMENGAUD, after making certain changes.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION MOVED BY THE COMMON MARKET COMMITTEE

The Assembly unanimously adopted the following resolution on the situation in the coal market:

“ THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

“ Considers

that there is a genuine tightness in the Common Market,

that this situation is prejudicial to certain domestic consumers, despite an increase over preceding years in the quantities delivered for domestic consumption,

that present difficulties only tend to intensify those caused by the long-term increase in the energy requirements which are at present primarily met from coal,

that the gap between the production of the Community coalfields and requirements can at present only be closed by a substantial increase in expensive imports, which bear heavily on the balance of payments of certain member States,

that the presence side by side in the Common Market of European coal and American coal selling at different prices is harmful to certain consumers,

that recent international events, by reducing availabilities of petroleum products, must inevitably aggravate the situation in the coal market;

“ Emphasizes

that the coal production and the volume of trade have never been higher in the six countries than since the establishment of the Community, and that if it were not for the Common Market, the supply situation in the six countries would have deteriorated still further;

“ Considers

that the High Authority has not explored all the avenues open to it under the Treaty,

that it could further extend its working contacts with the governments as provided for in the Treaty, and in particular in Articles 26, 46, 53, 55 and 57,

that while it has not so far been necessary to implement Article 59 of the Treaty, the High Authority should not hesitate to do so and to take all necessary action should the situation deteriorate,

that energy problems are interdependent, whether the energy is derived from coal, petroleum or any other source, and that the burden of importation from third countries should be equitably distributed and should fall as lightly as possible on the domestic consumer,

that the High Authority's action in all these matters should, above all, be clearly seen to be the result of initiative and determination to achieve results of a type to strengthen the Community and prevent any weakening of integration;

“ Recommends the High Authority

to invite the governments of the member States to join it in tackling the supply problem, either at a special session of the Council of Ministers or, preferably, at an intergovernmental conference, the following points to be examined:

(a) *short-term*

co-ordination of action taken or to be taken in the different countries, coal supplies to domestic consumers in the Community,

delivery by Community producers in accordance with fair and uniform rules,

delivery of the tonnages intended for household use and for “small” consumers (small workshops and small firms) through dealers, setting up of compensation arrangements (regional or general), appropriate action to bring about a rapid rise in production, special action to ensure regular supplies of coke, concerted action in regard to the importation of American coal, with special reference to transport terms and conditions,

(b) *long-term*

encouragement of all measures of a nature to bring about a permanent saving in the use of coal and coke for both industrial and domestic purposes, and in particular of new processes designed to reduce the amount of coal used in the manufacture of pig-iron and steel,

preparation of concerted action by the High Authority and the governments to meet overall energy requirements;

“Invites

the High Authority to inform the Common Assembly at its February Session on the results of the action taken.”

DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION MOVED BY THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

following the supplementary Report by M. NEDERHORST on the institution, terms of reference and composition of one or more equirepresentative committees in the Community (Document No. 7).

Speaker: M. NEDERHORST, *Rapporteur*.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION MOVED BY SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Assembly unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

concerning the setting-up of one or more equirepresentative Committees in the Community.

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

having examined the Report of its Social Affairs Committee declares itself in favour of the principle of setting up, on the basis of arrangements freely agreed between the two parties concerned, one or more equirepresentative committees in the Community.

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

having noted the objections raised both by the employers’ representatives and by certain of the workers’ representatives in their discussion with the Committee, and

regarding it as unfortunate that these objections have made it impossible to achieve any tangible results in this matter,

Regrets that no such agreement has as yet been reached,

Supports the High Authority in its efforts to bring together the two parties, and

Trusts that the action taken by the High Authority will be successful and will produce satisfactory solutions to the problems raised in the Report of the Social Affairs Committee.”

DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION MOVED BY THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

following the supplementary Report by M. BIRKELBACH concerning the social aspects of the Report submitted to their Foreign Ministers by the Heads of Delegations of the Inter-governmental Committee set up by the Messina Conference (Document No. 8).

Speaker: M. BIRKELBACH, *Rapporteur*.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION MOVED BY THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Assembly unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the forwarding of the Report drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs, concerning the social aspects of economic integration in Europe.

“ THE COMMON ASSEMBLY,

Considering that the arrangements for the solution of social problems which are to be embodied in the text of the new Treaty establishing a general common market, which is now being drafted by the Intergovernmental Committee, are of first importance to the smooth attainment of economic integration in Europe,

Realizing that the experience of the Coal and Steel Community has shown social problems to call for very special attention,

Convinced that the provisions of any new Treaty must fully guarantee the workers better living and working conditions and continuity of employment,

Supports the considerations and conclusions put forward by M. Birkelbach in his report on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee (Document No. 2, 1956-57), and

Requests its President

to forward this Report officially as soon as possible, together with the record of the debate, to the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Conference on the Common Market and Euratom,

to arrange with the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Conference such contacts as may be necessary to enable a delegation from the Social Affairs Committee to expound to the appropriate committee of the Intergovernmental Conference the Common Assembly's views on the matter, should this be considered desirable, and

to seek ways and means of keeping the members of the Common Assembly informed on the further development of the matters covered in the above Report.”

DATES OF FUTURE SESSIONS

Speakers: M. CARBONI and M. FURLER, *President of the Assembly*, on behalf of the Bureau.

On the proposal of the Committee of Presidents, put forward in agreement with the High Authority, the Assembly decided

- (1) to hold its next Session from February 11 to February 15 in Strasbourg, when the Agenda might include (a) a debate on the proceedings of the Intergovernmental Committee in Brussels, (b) a debate on the

Reports on the General Objectives and on coal policy from the economic and social angles, and (c) if required, a debate on the Reports dealing with information work, contacts with international organizations and the function of the political groups;

- (2) to hold an Extraordinary Session on May 13, 1957, to deal with budget questions;
- (3) to divide the Ordinary Session 1956–57 into two parts, one from May 14 to 17 and the other from June 24 to 29, 1957, at which the General Report on the Activities of the Community would be discussed.

MINUTES

The Assembly adopted the Minutes of this Sitting.

END OF THE SESSION

The President declared the First Extraordinary Session for the financial year 1956–57 closed.

The Sitting was closed at 5.40 p.m.

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