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THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

FINANCIAL YEAR 1954-55

SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1955

M. PELLA, President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 3.55 p.m.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The President declared the Second Extraordinary Session of the financial year 1954-55 open.

VACATION OF SEATS BY DELEGATES

The Assembly noted the vacation of their seats by MM. Buset, Gerstenmaier and Bruins Slot.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

The Assembly noted as tabled :

- Documents Nos. 27, 28, 29 and 30, submitted by the High Authority ;
- Reports Nos. 10, 11, 11a, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26 ;
- Report No. 12, submitted on behalf of the Bureau ;
- Draft Resolution No. 25, which it decided should be referred back to the Working Party ;
- Draft Resolution No. 31, which it decided should be referred back to the Social Affairs Committee.

VALIDATION OF CREDENTIALS

The Assembly validated the credentials of MM. Gailly, Hazenbosch and Sabass.

AGENDA

Speakers: MM. de MENTHON, SASSEN, PÜNDER and MARGUE.

The Assembly agreed upon the following order of proceedings :

In the afternoon, following a statement by the President on the results of his tour in January 1955,

- debate on the Report by M. KURTZ on the Budget Estimates of the Common Assembly ;
- debate on the Report by M. BLANK on the financial position of the Community during the current financial year ;

—debate on the Report by M. von MERKATZ on the amendment to Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure ;

—opening of the debate on the Report by the Bureau on the setting-up of a Working Party.

The debate on this last Report would continue until approximately 8 p.m., and would be resumed, with a view to concluding it, at 10 a.m. on Monday.

There would, accordingly, be no plenary Sitting on Saturday.

Monday morning, resumption of the debate on the Report on the Working Party; debate on the Report by M. von MERKATZ on the legal competence of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure.

Monday, 4.30 p.m., ceremony in commemoration of M. ROBERT SCHUMAN'S declaration of May 9, 1950.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The President made an announcement concerning his contacts with the governments and political figures of the member States in January 1955.

Speaker: M. DEHOUSSE.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. KURTZ,

on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly, on the draft Budget Estimates of the Common Assembly for the financial year 1955-56 (Documents Nos. 11 and 11a).

Speakers: M. KURTZ, Rapporteur, Mlle. KLOMPÉ, MM. KREYSSIG, MARGUE, FOHRMANN.

The Common Assembly adopted the Budget Estimates appearing on p. 194.

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 financial position of the Community as at December 31, 1954, and on the reports by the institutions on the position in regard to their administrative expenses and commitments during the first six months (July 1-December 31, 1954) of the third financial year 1954-55 (Document No. 23).

Speakers: MM. BLANK Rapporteur, de MENTHON, FINET, Member of the High Authority, BLAISSE, POHLE.

The Assembly noted the various statements made in the course of the debate.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. von MERKATZ,

on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities, on the draft resolution tabled by M. CARCASSONE concerning the amendment of Article 28, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly (Document No. 7).

Speaker: M. FAYAT.

The Assembly decided to amend Article 28, paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“ Article 28, paragraphe 2:

“ Les amendements doivent avoir trait au texte qu'ils visent à modifier. Ils doivent être présentés par écrit. Le Président est juge de leur recevabilité. Sauf décision contraire de l'Assemblée, ils ne peuvent être mis aux voix que s'ils sont imprimés et distribués dans les langues officielles.”

(Translation :

“ Article 28, paragraph 2 :

“ Amendments must relate to the text which they are intended to alter. They must be submitted in writing. The President shall be the judge as to whether or not they are admissible. Unless the Assembly decides to the contrary, they cannot be put to the vote until they have been printed and distributed in the official languages.”)

FINANCIAL YEAR 1955-56

BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

<i>Sub-head</i>	<i>Description of sub-head</i>	<i>Appropriations (in Belgian francs)</i>
HEAD I: Salaries, Allowances and Social Security Contributions		
10	Delegates to the Common Assembly ..	—
11	Staff	28 576 000
12	Overtime pay and temporary staff	9 763 000
	Total for Head I:	38 339 000
HEAD II: Operation of services		
20	Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies	3 908 000
21	Expenditure on renewal of equipment ...	445 000
22	Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of services	4 664 000
23	Expenditure on publications and information	3 660 000
24	Official mission expenses ; travelling and sub- sistence allowances in connection with meetings and conferences, experts' fees ...	9 227 000
25	Reception and entertainment expenses ...	250 000
26	Expenditure not otherwise included under this Head	30 000
	Total for Head II:	22 184 000

<i>Sub-head</i>	<i>Description of sub-head</i>	<i>Appropriations (in Belgian francs)</i>
HEAD III: Miscellaneous Expenditure		
30	Committee of Presidents	token
31	Auditor	token
32	Staff welfare	25 000
33	Share in secretarial expenses of political groups in the Assembly	2 700 000
34	Expenses fund under Article 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly	200 000
35	President's secretariat	280 000
36	Interparliamentary Union	150 000
Total for Head III:		3 355 000
HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure		
40	Expenses on assumption and relinquishment of duties	1 458 500
41	Expenditure on equipment	1 020 000
Total for Head IV:		2 478 500
HEAD V: Appropriations under Article 78, paragraph 5 of the Treaty		
50	Appropriations under Article 78, paragraph 5 of the Treaty	12 000 000
Total for Head V:		12 000 000
GRAND TOTAL:		78 356 500

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. PELLA,

on behalf of the Bureau of the Common Assembly, on the implementation of the provisions contained in the Resolution of December 2, 1954, whereby the Bureau was directed to lay before the Assembly draft proposals for setting up a Working Party whose terms of reference were defined in that Resolution (Document No. 12).

M. FOHRMANN, Vice-President, took the Chair in place of M. PELLA.
M. FOHRMANN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Speakers: MM. PELLA, for the Bureau of the Common Assembly, VENDROUX, DEHOUSSE, SASSEN, KOPF, KREYSSIG, DELBOS and WEHNER.

The debate was interrupted, for resumption at the Sitting on Monday.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

M. LOESCH was appointed to the Investments Committee.

M. MARGUE was appointed to the Political Affairs Committee.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

The President announced that the next Sitting would be held on Monday, May 9, at 10 a.m., with the following agenda :

— resumption of the debate on the Report by M. PELLA on the Working Party ;

— resumption of the debate on the Report by M. von MERKATZ on the legal competence of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure.

The Sitting was closed at 7.10 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY, MAY 9, 1955

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

The Sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Report by M. PELLA, on behalf of the Bureau of the Common Assembly, on the implementation of the provisions contained in the Resolution of December 2, 1954, whereby the Bureau was directed to lay before the Assembly draft proposals for setting up a Working Party, whose terms of reference were defined in that Resolution (Document No. 12).

Speakers: MM. CARBONI, MOLLET, PUENDER, BLAISSE, DEHOUSSE and Van der GOES van NATERS.

The general debate was closed.

In the debate on Amendment No. 1, submitted by M. DEIST and several of his colleagues on behalf of the majority of the Socialist group, the speakers were MM. PELLA, Rapporteur, KREYSSIG, NEDERHORST, de MENTHON and MOLLET.

Amendment No. 1 was rejected.

In paragraph 1, the Assembly decided to retain the words "of some 26 members".

MM. MOLLET and PELLA spoke to paragraph 4.

Paragraph 4 was deleted.

Upon the proposal of M. VENDROUX, the Assembly decided to divide on the whole of the Resolution moved.

The preamble to the Resolution moved and the whole of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Paragraph 4 remained deleted.

Paragraph 5 was adopted and became paragraph 4.

The Assembly adopted the whole of the Resolution moved, in the following wording :

RESOLUTION

concerning

the setting-up of a Working Party, under the Resolution adopted on December 2, 1954.

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY.

“having regard to the Resolution adopted by it on December 2, 1954, concerning the powers of the Common Assembly and the manner in which they are to be exercised,

“(1) decides to set up a Working Party of some 26 members, ranking as a special temporary Committee, to report to the Assembly upon the questions enumerated in Part V of the aforementioned Resolution ;

“(2) instructs the Bureau to lay before the Assembly proposals worked out in consultation with the Bureaux of the General Committees and the political groups concerning the membership of the Working Party. These proposals shall first be submitted to the Committee of Presidents augmented by the Presidents of the political groups ;

“(3) requests the Working Party to forward to the Bureau the Reports referred to in Part V (a) of the aforementioned Resolution concerning the agreements to be concluded with various international organizations ;

“(4) empowers the Bureau to authorize the Working Party to undertake, in consultation with the Committee of Presidents, a detailed study of the questions referred to in Part V (b) of the aforementioned Resolution where this is necessary for the progress of the work, and in the event of such a step to organize the contacts between the Working Party and the General Committees.”

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. von MERKATZ,

on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities, on the desirability of investing one of the Committees of the Assembly with competence to issue legal opinions on the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Treaty in so far as these provisions relate to the Assembly's exercise of its powers (Document No. 24).

M. MOTZ, Vice-President, took the Chair in place of M. FOHRMANN.
M. MOTZ, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Speakers : M. von MERKATZ, Rapporteur, Mlle. KLOMPE, MM. Van der GOES van NATERS, WIGNY, FAYAT and KOPF.

The general debate was closed.

MM. WIGNY and Van der GOES van NATERS spoke to Amendment No. 1.

Amendment No. 1 was rejected.

Mlle. KLOMPE spoke to the Draft Resolution considered as a whole.

The Assembly adopted the whole of the Resolution moved, in the following wording :

RESOLUTION

concerning

the investing of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities with competence to issue legal opinions on the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Treaty in so far as these provisions relate to the Assembly's exercise of its powers.

“ THE COMMON ASSEMBLY,

“ in accordance with Article 35 of the Rules of Procedure ;

“ as a supplement to its Resolution No. 4, of January 10, 1953 ;

“ in view of the many legal points which have arisen and are continuing to arise in the course of the Assembly's proceedings and those of its Committees ;

“ with a view to the more effective accomplishment of its tasks ;

“ DECIDES

“ to empower the Committee on the Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities to issue legal opinions on the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Treaty, in so far as these provisions relate to the Assembly's exercise of its powers, and to transmit such opinions to the petitioning Committee or to the Assembly. The Committee will in future be known as “ the Committee on Legal Questions, Rules of Procedure of the Common Assembly, Petitions and Immunities.”

“ Whenever the Committee meets to examine legal questions, it shall co-opt for purposes of deliberation a spokesman on behalf of each of the different views put forward. These representatives shall be entitled to speak in an advisory capacity.

“ The opinions issued by the Committee on legal questions submitted to it by another Committee of the Assembly, or by the Assembly itself, shall not be binding, and shall not be taken as establishing any kind of precedent.”

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION

The Assembly noted the withdrawal of Resolution No. 31 moved by M. SCHIAVI.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

M. OESTERLE was appointed to the Committee on Political Affairs and the External Relations of the Community, in succession to M. GERSTENMAIER.

M. SABASS was appointed to the Committee on the Common Market, in succession to M. OESTERLE.

M. GAILLY was appointed to the Committee on Social Affairs, in succession to M. DEHOUSSE.

MINUTES

The Minutes of this Sitting were adopted.

END OF SESSION

The President declared the Second Extraordinary Session for 1954-55 closed.

The Sitting was closed at 1.05 p.m.

FINANCIAL YEAR 1954—1955

ORDINARY SESSION

MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1955

M. PELLA, President, in the Chair.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.

The President declared the Ordinary Session of the financial year 1954-55 open.

STATEMENT ON THE GENERAL BUDGET ESTIMATES

The Assembly noted a statement to the effect that the General Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the Community had come into operation.

INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION

The Assembly instructed its Bureau to take the necessary steps for its admission to the above international body.

WORKING PARTY

The President requested the Bureaux of the General Committees and the political groups to consult together in order to submit the names of their candidates to the Bureau not later than 12 noon on Saturday, May 14.

AGENDA

Speakers: MM. CARBONI and SCHOENE.

The Assembly decided to adopt the following agenda :

—the same morning, statements by the President of the High Authority, after which the Sitting will be suspended to enable the groups to deliberate ;

—the same afternoon at 4 p.m., beginning of the debate on the Reports of the various Committees, with the exception of the Report by M. PERRIER (No. 18): Reports to be debated in groups, the procedure for each group being (1) hearing of Rapporteurs, (2) general debate and (3) reply by the High Authority.

The groups of Reports to be debated would be as follows :

(a) Report by M. BERTRAND (No. 14) and Report by M. BIRKELBACH (No. 26) :

(b) Report by M. BIRKELBACH (No. 13), Report by M. de MENTHON (No. 10) and Report by M. DEIST (No. 21) :

(c) Report by M. KAPTEYN (No. 15), the debate on this Report to take place not later than the morning of Thursday, May 12 :

(d) Report by M. POHLE (No. 19) :

(e) Reports by Mlle. KLOMPE (Nos. 22 and 16) :

(f) Report by M. MARGUE (No. 20) and Report by M. KREYSSIG (No. 17), the debate on the Report by M. MARGUE to take place not later than the morning of Friday, May 13.

When these various documents had been debated, it would be proposed that the Ordinary Session be adjourned, for resumption in June, upon a date to be fixed by the Assembly in accordance with fresh proposals from the Committee of Presidents.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE HIGH AUTHORITY

Statement by M. MONNET, President of the High Authority.

The Sitting was suspended at 10.50 a.m.

M. PUENDER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was resumed at 4.10 p.m.

DEBATE ON THE REPORTS BY

(a) M. BERTRAND, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on

—the application of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty, concerning the freedom of movement of workers,

—measures in connection with readaptation,

—occupational training,

—the present situation and future development of employment in the Community (Document No. 14) :

(b) M. BIRKELBACH, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on various social and financial problems and on Chapter Five of the Third General Report on the activities of the Community (April 12, 1954–April 10, 1955), dealing with labour problems (Document No. 26).

The President pointed out that the debate would be on the Reports listed in the agenda and on those parts of the General Report and of the statement by the President of the High Authority which referred to the matter dealt with in these Reports.

Speakers: MM. BERTRAND and BIRKELBACH, *Rapporteurs*, M. REY, *member of the Council of Ministers*, and MM. SASSEN and VENDROUX.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The Assembly noted that Resolution No. 32 had been tabled, and decided to refer this back to the Social Affairs Committee.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Reports by MM. BERTRAND and BIRKELBACH (Documents Nos. 14 and 26).

Speakers: MM. KOPF, NEDERHORST and WIGNY.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The Assembly noted that Resolution No. 33 had been tabled, and decided to refer this back to the Social Affairs Committee.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Reports by MM. BERTRAND and BIRKELBACH (Documents Nos. 14 and 26).

Speaker: M. SCHOENE.

CONSULTATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Assembly decided to request the Committee on the Rules of Procedure to report to it on any amendments to the Rules of Procedure which would be entailed by the adoption of the Resolution of May 9, 1955, concerning the investing of the Committee with competence to issue legal opinions on the interpretation and application of the provisions of the Treaty, in so far as these provisions related to the Assembly's exercise of its powers.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

The President announced that the next Sitting would be held on Wednesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., with the following agenda:

—reply by the High Authority to the Reports by MM. BERTRAND and BIRKELBACH (Nos. 14 and 26);

—debate on the Reports by MM. BIRKELBACH (No. 13), de MENTHON (No. 10) and DEIST (No. 21);

possibly, debate on other items on the agenda.

The Sitting was closed at 7 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1955

M. MOTZ, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

M. HAZENBOSCH was appointed to the Social Affairs Committee, in succession to M. RIP.

M. RIP was appointed to the Committee on Legal Questions, Rules of Procedure, Petitions and Immunities, in succession to M. BRUINS SLOT.

M. HAZENBOSCH was appointed to the Committee on Political Affairs and the External Relations of the Community, in succession to M. BRUINS SLOT.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Reports by

- (a) M. BERTRAND, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on—
—the application of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty, concerning the freedom of movement of workers.
—measures in connection with readaptation.
—occupational training,
—the present situation and future development of employment in the Community (Document No. 14);
- (b) M. BIRKELBACH, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on various social and financial problems, and on Chapter Five of the Third General Report on the activities of the Community (April 12, 1954–April 10, 1955), dealing with labour problems (Document No. 26).

Speakers: MM. FINET, Member of the High Authority, and MONNET, President of the High Authority.

MM. BERTRAND, Rapporteur, NEDERHORST, SASSEN, FOHRMANN, MONNET, President of the High Authority, and SCHÖNE spoke to the procedure to be followed in continuing the debate.

The Assembly noted that the Social Affairs Committee and the Investments Committee would meet, first jointly and then separately, from 2 p.m. onward, and that the public Sitting would be resumed at 4.30 p.m.

DEBATE ON THE REPORTS BY

- (a) M. BIRKELBACH, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on the special problems in connection with the building of workers' houses, and with the improvement and harmonization of living and working conditions (Document No. 13);
- (b) M. de MENTHON, on behalf of the Committee on Investments, Financial Questions and Production Development, on the problems presented by the allocation of the American loan of one hundred million dollars, and on other matters coming within the competence of the Committee (Documents No. 10);
- (c) M. DEIST, on behalf of the Committee on Investments, Financial Questions and Production Development, on the study and fact-finding mission undertaken by the Committee from January 24 to 27, 1955, for the purpose of examining the special problems of the Italian coalmining and iron and steel industries (Document No. 21).

MM. SCHÖNE and de MENTHON spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to arrange the debate as follows:

- the same morning, Reports by MM. BIRKELBACH (Document No. 13) and DEIST (Document No. 21);
- early in the afternoon, Report by M. de MENTHON (Document No. 10).

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. BIRKELBACH (No. 13)

M. BIRKELBACH presented his Report.

Speaker: M. NEDERHORST.

The Assembly decided to refer Report No. 13 back to the Social Affairs Committee.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. DEIST (No. 21)

M. DEIST presented his Report.

Upon the proposal of MM. CARBONI, PÜNDER and NEDERHORST, the Assembly decided to suspend the debate until 4.30 p.m.

CONSULTATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Assembly requested the Committee on the Rules of Procedure to examine the problems presented by the tabling of a Written Question to the Council of Ministers.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.50 p.m.

M. VIXSEBOXSE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was resumed at 4.45 p.m.

REPLY

by the High Authority to the Question submitted by M. BLAISSE concerning discussions with the Ruhr collieries (Question No. 2).

Speakers: MM. ETZEL, First Vice-President of the High Authority, and BLAISSE.

M. SASSEN spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to refer to M. ETZEL's statement back to the Common Market Committee.

SUSPENSION OF THE SITTING

At the request of M. NEDERHORST, the Sitting was suspended at 5.20 p.m. to enable the Committee to deliberate.

The Sitting was resumed at 6.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Report by M DEIST (No. 21).

Speaker: M. CARBONI.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The Assembly noted that Resolution No. 34 had been tabled, and decided to refer this back to the Investments Committee.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Report by M. DEIST (No. 21).

Speakers: MM. PÜNDER, DAUM, Member of the High Authority, and CARBONI.

The Report was referred back to the Investments Committee.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. de MENTHON (No. 10)

M. de MENTHON presented his Report.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The Assembly noted that Resolution No. 35 had been tabled, and decided to refer it back to the Social Affairs Committee.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Report by M. de MENTHON (No. 10).

MM. PÜNDER and POHER spoke on a point of order.

M. POHLE spoke in the debate on the Report.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

The President announced that the next Sitting would take place on Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m., with the following agenda:

- debate on the Report by M. KAPTEYN (No. 15);
- debate on the Reports by MM. MARGUE (No. 20) and KREYSSIG (No. 17).

The Sitting was closed at 8.05 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1955

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

The Sitting was opened at 10.25 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

CHANGE IN COMPETENCE

The Assembly decided that Resolution No. 35, which had been sent to the Social Affairs Committee, should be referred back to the Investments Committee.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT BY M. KAPTEYN.

on behalf of the Transport Committee, on transport problems in the Community (Document No. 15).

M. KAPTEYN presented his Report.

SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Assembly noted that a supplementary Report (No. 36) by M. KAPTEYN had been tabled.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Report by M. KAPTEYN (No. 15).

Speakers: MM. CHUPIN, CARBONI, SPIERENBURG, Member of the High Authority, and POHER.

DEBATE ON THE REPORTS BY

- (a) M. MARGUE, on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly, on the General Budget Estimates for the financial year 1955-56 (Document No. 20);

(b) M. KREYSSIG, on behalf of the Committee on the Budgeting and Administration of the Community and the Common Assembly, on the Auditor's Report for the second financial year (1953-54) (Document No. 17).

M. MARGUE presented his Report (No. 20).

In the general debate, the speakers were MM. SASSEN, DEHOUSSE, FAYAT, Mlle. KLOMPE, MM. KORTHALS and FINET, Member of the High Authority.

The general debate was closed.

The Assembly noted the various statements made in the course of the debate.

M. KREYSSIG presented his Report (No. 17).

In the general debate, the speakers were MM. De SMET and MARGUE.

The general debate was closed.

The Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

concerning

the Auditor's Report for the second financial year (July 1, 1953--June 30, 1954).

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

“notes the Auditor's Report concerning the second financial year, ending June 30, 1954 ;

“approves that Report and the observations of the Budgeting and Administration Committee ;

“adopts the accounts of the Secretary-General and Secretariat for the financial year 1953-54, closed at Bfr. 46 862 771.55 ;

“proposes that the Committee of Presidents requests the Auditor to see that his Report on the accuracy of the accounting and financial administration of the institutions of the Community is confined to this specific objective, while leaving him free to provide the Committee of Presidents with such additional information as he may think fit, in the form of special analyses and reports on particular questions ;

“considers that, in the interests of proper Parliamentary procedure, the time-limit set for the submission of the Auditor's Report under Article 78, paragraph 6 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community must be respected.”

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on Report No. 15 and supplementary Report No. 36, presented by M. KAPTEYN.

The Assembly adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

concerning

transport problems in the Community

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

“stresses once again the particular importance of the transport problem not only for the development of the Community, but also for the integration of the European economy ;

“notes with satisfaction the progress made by the High Authority during the past year, in co-operation with the Governments, and in particular the introduction of tapering international through-rates ;

“points out, nevertheless, that quick action is called for in regard to the abolition of disparities in inland water-transport rates and discriminations in coastal shipping and road haulage, in order to prevent detrimental and persistent repercussions on the Common Market ;

“requests the Council of Ministers, accordingly, to invite the Governments to intensify their co-operation in this field with the High Authority, in order to arrive at a solution with the least possible delay. Close co-operation of this kind is particularly necessary inasmuch as the Treaty, while clearly stipulating that these disparities and discriminations must be done away with, does not invest the High Authority with adequate powers for doing so. Care must also be taken, in the endeavour to work out such a solution, lest there come into being organizations amounting to cartels outside the jurisdiction of the High Authority.

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY,

“in the conviction that no wholly satisfactory solution to the problem of transport in the Community can be found unless the whole field of transport is progressively co-ordinated and integrated, considers that the harmonization prescribed in Section 10, paragraph 3,3 of the Convention containing the Transitional Provisions should provide the member States of the Community with the opportunity to work for co-ordination and integration also in respect of the transport of those goods which do not come under the Community's jurisdiction, in order, on the one hand, to avoid anomalies in the transport economies of the States, and, on the other, to contribute to the unification of European transport, an aim which amounts to an economic necessity. It holds that, to this end, public opinion should be kept informed as fully as possible.

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

“requests the Special Council of Ministers, accordingly, to recommend to the Governments of the six countries that they adopt the following proposal :

“A Commission shall be set up, to consist of a limited number of experts who shall not be regarded either as national representatives or as agents for a particular method of transport.

“The task of this Commission shall be to work out proposals for the co-ordination and integration of European transport as a whole, after consultation with existing bodies specifically dealing with transport.

“It would be desirable to invite the Governments of Switzerland and Austria to send observers.

“The Commission shall submit its proposals to the Ministers of Transport, the Special Council of Ministers and the High Authority. It shall keep in touch with the Transport Committee of the Common Assembly.

“The Common Assembly shall receive from this Commission an annual Report, as well as all draft proposals drawn up by it, and shall debate them in public session, in order to keep both the national Parliaments and public opinion informed concerning the problems to be dealt with.

“The members of the Commission could be appointed by the Governments from a list of candidates submitted by the High Authority”.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Speaker: Mlle KLOMPE.

The Assembly decided to supplement the proposals of the Committee of Presidents by adding to the agenda Report No. 16, by Mlle KLOMPE.

Speaker: M. DEHOUSSE.

The Assembly decided to fix the order of proceedings as follows:

- the same afternoon and evening to be reserved for meetings of Committees and groups.
- the following agenda to be adopted for the Sittings of Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Friday evening and Saturday:
 - (a) end of the debate on social questions (final Resolution of the Social Affairs Committee, and Resolution No. 32, moved by M. BERTRAND);
 - (b) debate on the levy (Resolution No. 33, moved by M. MOLLET, and Resolution No. 35, moved by M. CHUPIN);
 - (c) debate on the Common Market, and in particular on cartels (Report No. 19, by M. POHLE, and Report on the statement by M. ETZEL, First Vice-President of the High Authority);
 - (d) debate to define the position of the Common Assembly before the meeting of the Council of Ministers to be held on June 1, 1955;
 - (e) debate on relations with the United Kingdom (Report No. 16, by Mlle KLOMPE).

WORKING PARTY

The President requested the Bureaux of the General Committees and the political groups to submit the names of their candidates to the Bureau not later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Speaker: M. KOPF.

The Assembly noted that Resolution No. 37 had been tabled, and decided to refer it back to the Social Affairs Committee.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

The President announced that the next Sitting would take place on Friday at 9.30 a.m., with the following agenda:

- end of the debate on social questions ;
- debate on the levy ;
- debate on cartels ;
- political debate ;
- debate on relations with the United Kingdom.

The Sitting was closed at 12.45 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1955

M. PÜNDER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The Assembly noted that Resolution No. 38 had been tabled, and decided to refer it back to the Investments Committee.

SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Assembly noted that a supplementary Report (No. 39) by M. BERTRAND had been tabled.

WORKING PARTY

The President asked that the names of all candidates be submitted to him the same morning, in order that the Working Party might be set up without loss of time.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on the Reports by

- (a) M. BERTRAND, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee on
 - the application of the provisions of Article 69 of the Treaty concerning the freedom of movement of workers ;
 - measures in connection with readaptation ;
 - occupational training ;
 - the present situation and future development of employment in the Community (Document No. 14) ;

(b) M. BIRKELBACH, on behalf of the Social Affairs Committee, on various social and financial problems, and on Chapter Five of the Third General Report on the activities of the Community (April 12, 1954—April 10, 1955), dealing with labour problems (Document No. 26).

M. BERTRAND presented his Report No. 39, dealing both with Report No. 13 and Resolutions Nos. 32 and 37.

General debate was closed.

M. BIRKELBACH spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to debate at the same time items I and II of the agenda.

DEBATE ON REPORT No. 39

concerning labour problems, and on proposed Resolutions Nos. 33 and 35, concerning the levy.

M. BIRKELBACH presented a Report on Resolutions Nos. 33 and 35.

Document No. 35 was withdrawn.

Speakers: MM. de SMET and ECKHARDT.

The general debate was closed.

Paragraphs 1—33 of the Resolution submitted by the Social Affairs Committee, as the findings of Report No. 39, were adopted.

MM. MOLLET, MONNET, President of the High Authority, MOLLET, BERTRAND, POHLE, NEDERHORST, SASSEN, KAPTEYN, VIXSEBOXSE and MOLLET spoke to Amendment No. 1.

MM. MOLLET, de MENTHON, CHUPIN and MOLLETT spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to debate and vote on Amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 separately.

Amendment No. 1 was put to the vote by roll-call, and rejected by 29 votes to 14 and 2 abstentions (*see Annex*).

MM. CHUPIN and SASSEN spoke to Amendment No. 2.

MM. POHER and CHUPIN spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly agreed to take Amendment No. 2 as a separate Resolution.

This Resolution (previously Amendment No. 2) was put to the vote by roll-call, and adopted by 13 votes to 9 and 23 abstentions (*see Annex*), in the following wording:

RESOLUTION

concerning

the reduction in the rate of the levy

“THE COMMON ASSEMBLY

regrets that the decision by the High Authority to reduce the rate of the levy should have been taken before its long-term policy had been debated by the Common Assembly, and in ignorance of the measures which will be taken by the Council of Ministers on June 1”.

MM. de MENTHON, MARGUE and BLANK spoke to Amendment No. 2.

MM. POHER, POHLE und de MENTHON spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly agreed to take Amendment No. 3 as a separate Resolution.

This Resolution (previously Amendment No. 3) was put to the vote by roll-call, and rejected by 26 votes to 17 and 1 abstention (see Annex).

The Assembly adopted the following Resolution :

RESOLUTION

concerning

social questions

“ THE COMMON ASSEMBLY,

“ 1. having noted the Reports submitted on behalf of the Committees concerned, and heard the statements of the High Authority on its action in the social field ;

“ 2. whereas the solution of social problems forms an integral part of the policy of economic expansion which is to raise the standard of living of the peoples of the Community, and to form the basis for the sound construction of the united Europe ;

“ 3. observes that the solution of these problems, which are constantly growing in acuteness, urgency and importance, is clashing more and more with certain provisions of the Treaty, which are limiting action in the social field within the Community ;

as regards the freedom of movement of workers :

“ 4. conscious of the fact that the introduction of freedom of movement and freedom of migration for workers will be of considerable assistance in hastening and facilitating the progressive harmonization of the standard of living and of working conditions, and that a broader application of Article 69 will at the same time ensure an increased continuity of employment ;

“ 5. considers that the interpretation placed by the Governments on Article 69 is unnecessarily restrictive ;

“ 6. emphasizes the need, while paying due regard to the points brought out in the Report submitted by the Social Affairs Committee (Document 14), to amend Articles 11, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the decision taken recently, in application of Article 69 of the Treaty, by the representatives of the member States ;

“ 7. invites its members to take all such action as may be indicated in their national Parliaments, in order that the measures required for the implementation of the above-mentioned decision may be initiated without delay ;

as regards readaptation :

“ 8. regretting that the steps taken in connection with readaptation have not as yet yielded the results expected ;

“ 9. asks that all provisions in the Treaty concerning readaptation be applied as extensively and assiduously as possible, and in particular

(a) invites the High Authority to make use of all the discretionary powers and exceptions which the text allows, in its application of Section 23 of the Convention and Article 56 of the Treaty ;

- (b) recommends that the Council of Ministers, when approached for exceptions under Section 23, paragraph 6 of the Convention and Article 56, paragraph (b) of the Treaty, afford such applications its most sympathetic consideration ;
- (c) urges the Governments to notify the High Authority as quickly as possible of all cases calling for the application of Section 23 and Article 56 in their respective countries, and of the studies to be undertaken in accordance with Article 46 regarding possibilities of re-employment, and to see that their financial contribution towards the cost of readaptation, as provided for in the Treaty, is made available as speedily as possible ;

“ 10. draws the attention of the High Authority to the psychological difficulties involved in the transfer of workers ;

as regards occupational training :

“ 11. congratulates the High Authority on having assembled a valuable collection of material, and invites it, to institute an inquiry, with the help of all the means placed at its disposal by the Treaty, into the shortage of skilled labour and the lack of opportunities for expansion in the various industrial centres of the Community ;

“ 12. considers that more should be done to improve the occupational-training programmes, which are of particular importance—especially from the point of view of industrial safety—for the trades in the coalmining and iron and steel industries ;

“ 13. invites the Governments to take all measures required to enable instructional material to be exchanged between the six countries, by doing away with customs formalities ;

as regards developing opportunities for employment :

“ 14. considering that the drop in the number of workers employed in the basic industries can be regarded as a sign of social progress only where it is accompanied by the creation of new openings for employment ;

“ 15. trusts that the High Authority will press the Governments concerned to pursue a general economic policy aimed at expansion ;

“ 16. having noted the letter from M. BECH, stating that the Foreign Ministers of the six countries have fixed their meeting for June 1, and will on that occasion, in addition to appointing a President and Vice-Presidents of the High Authority, examine the course of action to be pursued with the aim of furthering European integration ;

“ 17. asks that the Governments incorporate in their plan of action provisions based both on the principles enumerated above and on the following considerations :

- (a) the Assembly asks that the creation of new activities to provide redundant labour with productive re-employment on the spot, or with re-employment in other enterprises, be pursued with vigour, and that to this end the levy provided for in the Treaty, and all similar European funds, may be used directly to facilitate this work of creating activities providing openings for re-employment ;

- (b) it further asks that the solidarity of the Community in covering risks of unemployment, at present limited by the Treaty to the consequences of the introduction of the Common Market and of technical progress, be extended as quickly as possible to cover total or partial unemployment affecting all or part of the industries coming under the jurisdiction of the Community as a result of fluctuations in trade, as also to the means of ensuring that, in the interest of preserving the continuity of employment, any shutting-down of enterprises will be gradual ;

as regards the building of workers' houses :

“ 18. whereas, if the social objectives of the Treaty are to be attained, it is, in particular, essential that healthy housing accommodation should be available on an adequate scale ;

“ 19. observing that in many cases workers who are unemployed as a result of rationalization measures can be re-employed only if accommodation is made available at their new place of employment ;

“ 20. invites the High Authority

(a) to place the data obtained from experimental building schemes, as soon as they are known, at the disposal of all those concerned with the construction of workers' housing as quickly as possible, in whatever form may seem most desirable ;

(b) to launch, at an early date, a further project as part of the technical and economic research provided for in Article 55 of the Treaty, in order to be able to examine certain special problems in greater detail ;

“ 21. requests the High Authority to carry into effect as soon as possible its expressed intention of replacing that portion of the American loan which had been intended for the building of workers' houses by an equivalent amount derived from other loans, to be set aside for the building of workers' houses ;

“ 22. invites the High Authority to reduce, by all means at its disposal under the Treaty, such obstacles resulting from currency exchange risks as may stand in the way of the financing of workers' houses when using loans contracted by the High Authority for that purpose ;

“ 23. approves the endeavours of its Social Affairs Committee in regard to

(a) joining with the High Authority in working out the extent to which, in accordance with Article 56 of the Treaty, assistance may be granted for the building of workers' houses as part of the scheme for the re-employment of labour ;

(b) examining whether there are possibilities for granting loans at reduced interest, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 49 and 50 and Article 54, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Treaty ;

“ 24. invites the Social Affairs Committee and the Committee on Investments, Financial Questions and Production Development to designate by common agreement a Sub-Committee to study the problems just listed from the legal angle, requesting, where appropriate, the opinions of experts ;

“ 25. while hoping that new sources of financing may be opened up for investments in the Community, emphasizes the need to accord to investments in connection with the building of workers' houses their rightful place alongside of the technical investment programme ;

“ 26. urges that the High Authority make sure that the workers' housing schemes which it is helping to finance are genuinely supplementary to the schemes which can ordinarily be carried out with the funds available in the member countries themselves ;

as regards the improvement and harmonization of living and working conditions :

“ 27. invites the High Authority to persevere in its work of assembling the material needed to enable the organizations concerned to draw up model collective agreements ;

“ 28. asks the High Authority and the Governments of the member States to prepare, in co-operation with the employers' and workers' organizations, the measures to be taken in respect of the progressive harmonization of the regulations in force in the various countries in connection with working conditions, and in particular those on the number of working hours, the calculation and payment of overtime, the holidays allowed and the rates of holiday pay ;

“ 29. congratulates the High Authority on the way in which it has handled the inquiry into the various aspects of the living and working conditions of workers employed outside their country of origin ;

“ 30. expresses the hope that in the near future direct contact may be established between its Social Affairs Committee and the workers' and producers' representatives ;

“ 31. asks the High Authority to assemble, by means of levies, all such funds as may be required for the full implementation of its social mission ;

“ 32. asks the High Authority to keep the Assembly and the Committees concerned constantly informed as to what results have been achieved in the social field, what its projects are, and whether or not there are sufficient funds to cover them ;

“ 33. emphasizes that the preliminary estimates drawn up by the High Authority, on its instructions, require to be constantly revised, particularly in the event of the High Authority's terms of reference in the social field being extended, in accordance with the express desire of the Assembly.”

DECISION ON THE RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING

Speakers: MM. POHLE, SCHOENE and KAPTEYN.

The Assembly decided that the Sitting should be resumed the same afternoon at 3.30.

The Sitting was suspended at 1.15 p.m.

M. VIXSEBOXSE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was resumed at 3.35 p.m.

SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Assembly noted that a supplementary Report (No. 40) by Mlle. KLOMPE had been tabled.

DEBATE

(a) on the Report by M. POHLE, on behalf of the Common Market Committee, on those parts of the Third General Report on the activities of the Community (April 12, 1954—April 10, 1955) dealing with the Common Market, and in particular Chapter Three, "Operation and Development of the Common Market" (Document No. 19);

(b) on the statement by Vice-President ETZEL to the Common Assembly on the results of the discussions with the Ruhr collieries.

M. POHLE presented his Report.

Speakers: MM. BLAISSE, CARON and KORTHALS.

APPOINTMENT OF WORKING PARTY

The Assembly decided that the list of candidates need not be submitted to the Committee of Presidents augmented by the Presidents of the political groups.

The following were appointed to the Working Party:

MM. BLANK, BRAUN, CARBONI, CARCATERRA, CARON, CHUPIN, COCHART, DEHOUSSE, FOHRMANN, Van der GOES van NATERS, HAZENBOSCH, JAQUET, Mlle. KLOMPE, MM. KOPF, KREYSSIG, La MALFA, MARGUE, de MENTHON, MOTZ, MUELLER, OESTERLE, POHER, POHLE, de SAIVRE, SELVAGGI, SIMONINI, WEHNER and WIGNY.

Mlle. KLOMPE and M. PUENDER spoke to the date when the Working Party was to meet.

The Working Party was convened for Saturday, May 14, to meet half an hour before the opening of the Sitting.

REPLY BY THE HIGH AUTHORITY

to the Question submitted by M. CHUPIN concerning the Röchling steel-works (Question No. 3).

Speakers: MM. ETZEL, Vice-President of the High Authority, CHUPIN and DEHOUSSE.

M. MOTZ, Vice-President, took the place of M. VIXSEBOXSE in the Chair.

M. MOTZ, Vice-President, in the Chair.

RESUMPTION OF THE DEBATE

on Report No. 19 by M. POHLE, and on the statement by M. ETZEL.

Speakers: MM. NEDERHORST, KAPTEYN, BLANK, ETZEL, First Vice-President of the High Authority, COPPE, Second Vice-President of the High Authority, and SPIERENBURG, Member of the High Authority.

The general debate was closed.

The Common Assembly noted the statements made in the course of the debate.

AGENDA OF THE NEXT SITTING

The President announced that the next Sitting would take place on Saturday, May 14, at 10.30 a.m., with the following agenda:

- debate on the Report and supplementary Report presented on behalf of the Committee on Political Affairs and the External Relations of the Community, on the Agreement concerning the Relations between the European Coal and Steel Community and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Documents Nos. 16 and 40: Mlle. KLOMPE, Rapporteur);
- debate to define the position of the Common Assembly before the forthcoming meeting of the Ministers on June 1.

The Sitting was closed at 8.15 p.m.

A N N E X E S

VOTE No. 1

on Amendment No. 1, submitted by M. MOLLET and the members of the Socialist group on Report No. 39, by M. BERTRAND (labour problems)

Present	...	...	...	...	...	45
Abstentions	...	...	...	...	...	2
Votes cast	...	...	...	...	...	43
Absolute majority	...	...	...	...	...	22
Ayes	...	...	...	...	...	14
Noes	...	...	...	...	...	29

Amendment. rejected.

Ayes :

BIRKELBACH, Willi; BRAUN, Heinz; DEHOUSSE, Fernand; FAYAT, Henri; FORHMANN, Jean; GAILLY, Arthur; GOES van NATERS, J. M. van der; KAPTEYN, P. J.; KREYSSIG, Gerhard; MOLLET, Guy; NEDERHORST, G. M.; OLLENHAUER, Erich; SCHOENE, Joachim; WEHNER, Herbert.

Noes :

BERTRAND, Alfred; BLAISSE, P. A.; BLANK, Martin; BOGGIANO PICO, Antonio; CARBONI, Enrico; CARON, Giuseppe; De SMET, Pierre; ECKHARDT, Walter; HAZENBOSCH, C. P.; KLOMPE, Margaretha A. M.; KOPF, Hermann; KORTHALS, H. A.; KURTZ, Josef; LENZ, Aloys-Michael; MARGUE, Nicolas; MOTZ, Roger; MUELLER, Erwin; OESTERLE, Joseph; PERRIER, Stefano; POHER, Alain; POHLE, Wolfgang; PUENDER, Hermann; RIP, W.; SABASS, Wilmar; de SAIVRE, Roger; SASSEN, E. M. J. A.; SCHAUS, Eugène; VIXSEBOXSE, G.; WIGNY, Pierre L. J. J.

Abstentions :

CHUPIN, Alfred ; de MENTHON, François.

VOTE No. 2

on the Resolution moved by M. CHUPIN
(previously Amendment No. 2 to Report No. 39)

Present	...	...	...	...	...	45
Abstentions	...	...	...	...	...	23
Votes cast	...	...	...	...	...	22
Absolute majority	...	...	...	...	...	11
Ayes	...	...	...	...	...	13
Noes	...	...	...	...	...	9

Resolution, adopted.

Ayes :

BERTRAND, Alfred ; BLANK, Martin ; CARON, Giuseppe ; CHUPIN, Alfred ; ECKHARDT, Walter ; KLOMPE, Margaretha A. M. ; KURTZ, Josef ; MOTZ, Roger ; PERRIER, Stefano ; POHER, Alain ; de SAIVRE, Roger ; SCHAUS, Eugène ; WIGNY, Pierre L. J. J.

Noes :

De SMET, Pierre ; HAZENBOSCH, C. P. ; LENZ, Aloys-Michael ; MARGUE, Nicolas ; POHLE, Wolfgang ; PUENDER, Hermann ; RIP, W. ; SABASS, Wilmar ; VIXSEBOXSE, G.

Abstentions :

BIRKELBACH, Willi ; BLAISSE, P. A. ; BRAUN, Heinz ; CARBONI, Enrico ; DEHOUSSE, Fernand ; DEIST, Heinrich ; FAYAT, Henri ; FOHRMANN, Jean ; GAILLY, Arthur ; GOES van NATERS, J. M. van der ; KAPTEYN, P. J. ; KOPF, Hermann ; KORTHALS, H. A. ; KREYSSIG, Gerhard ; de MENTHON, François ; MOLLET, Guy ; MUELLER, Erwin ; NEDERHORST, G. M. ; OESTERLE, Joseph ; OLLENHAUER, Erich ; SASSEN, E. M. J. A. ; SCHOENE, Joachim ; WEHNER, Herbert.

VOTE No. 3

on the Resolution moved by M. de MENTHON
(previously Amendment No. 3 to Report No. 39)

Present	...	...	...	...	...	44
Abstentions	...	...	...	...	...	1
Votes cast	...	...	...	...	...	43
Absolute majority	...	...	...	...	...	22
Ayes	...	...	...	...	...	17
Noes	...	...	...	...	...	26

Resolution rejected.

Ayes :

BIRKELBACH, Willi ; BRAUN, Heinz ; DEHOUSSE, Fernand ; DEIST, Heinrich ; FAYAT, Henri ; FOHRMANN, Jean ; GAILLY, Arthur ; GOES van NATERS, J. M. van der ; KAPTEYN, P. J. ; KREYSSIG, Gerhard ; de MENTHON, François ; MOLLET, Guy ; NEDERHORST, G. M. ; OLLENHAUER, Erich ; POHER, Alain ; SCHOENE, Joachim ; WEHNER, Herbert.

Noes :

BERTRAND, Alfred ; BLAISSE, P. A. ; BLANK, Martin ; CARBONI, Enrico ; CARON, Giuseppe ; CHUPIN, Alfred ; De SMET, Pierre ; ECKHARDT, Walter ; HAZENBOSCH, C. P. ; KLOMPE, Margaretha A. M. ; KOPF, Hermann ; KORTHALS, H. A. ; KURTZ, Josef ; LENZ, Aloys-Michael ; MARGUE, Nicolas ; OESTERLE, Joseph ; PERRIER, Stefano ; POHLE, Wolfgang ; PUENDER, Hermann ; RIP, W. ; SABASS, Wilmar ; de SAIVRE, Roger ; SASSEN, E. M. J. A. ; SCHAUS, Eugène ; VIXSEBOXSE, G. ; WIGNY, Pierre L. J. J.

Abstention :

MUELLER, Erwin.

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1955

M. PELLA, President, in the Chair.

The Sitting was opened at 10.40 a.m.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Sitting were adopted.

DEBATE ON THE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY Mlle. KLOMPE

on behalf of the Committee on Political Affairs and the External Relations of the Community, on the Agreement concerning the Relations between the European Coal and Steel Community and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Documents Nos. 16 and 40).

Speakers: Mlle. KLOMPE, *Rapporteur*, MM. DEHOUSSE, de SAIVRE, KOPF, CARBONI, von MERKATZ, SPIERENBURG, *Member of the High Authority*, DEHOUSSE and MONNET, *President of the High Authority*.

The general debate was closed.

The Assembly adopted the following Resolution :

RESOLUTION

concerning

the Community's relations with Great Britain

“ THE COMMON ASSEMBLY,

“ 1. whereas it has since January 1953 drawn constant attention to the importance of an association with Great Britain ;

“ 2. whereas it has supported by all the political means at its disposal “ the conclusion of the Agreement signed in London on December 21, 1954 ;

“ 3. whereas it recognizes the capital importance of the relations between Great Britain and the Community for further development of the Community ;

“ 4. whereas, in the present political situation, it is in the highest degree desirable that the provisions of the Agreement may be put into effect, to enable the Council of Association to assume its duties during 1955 ;

“ 5. recommends that the Foreign Ministers of the Community forthwith take all such measures as may be indicated for the implementation of the Agreement, and that they consult together to that end at their next meeting, now fixed for June 1.”

DEBATE TO DEFINE THE POSITION OF THE ASSEMBLY

before the meeting of Ministers to be held on June 1.

With reference to this debate, the Assembly noted that Resolution No. 41 had been tabled.

It decided not to refer this to a Committee, but to debate it forthwith.

Speakers: Mlle. KLOMPE, MM. DEHOUSSE, RIP, KAPTEYN, NEDERHORST, KOPF, BLANK, CHUPIN and SCHOENE.

The general debate was closed.

The Assembly decided to divide on the proposed Resolution considered as a whole.

Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Upon the proposal of M. NEDERHORST, paragraph 4 was deleted.

Paragraph 5 (a) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 concerning paragraph 5 (b), was rejected.

Paragraph 5 (b) was adopted in the wording submitted by the Committee.

Amendment No. 2, for the insertion of a new paragraph before paragraph 6, was adopted.

Paragraph 6 was adopted.

MM. KOPF and RIP gave explanations of their vote.

The Assembly adopted the whole of the following Resolution :

RESOLUTION

defining the position of the Assembly before the meeting of Ministers to be held on June 1, 1955.

“ THE COMMON ASSEMBLY,

“ 1. whereas the mission of the Community is defined in Articles 2 ff. of the Treaty, and whereas it is the object of the Treaty to bring about not only economic but also social progress ;

“ 2. whereas at the end of its second financial year the Community can note with satisfaction that undoubted progress has already been made towards the attainment of its objectives ;

“ 3. whereas, according to the Reports by the High Authority and by the Committees of the Assembly, further progress is impeded by certain articles delimiting the powers of the various institutions of the Community ;

“4. requests the Foreign Ministers at their meeting on June 1

(a) to invite the institutions of the European Coal and Steel Community to draft proposals for such extension of its competence and powers as is indispensable if the Community is effectively to fulfil its mission as defined in the Treaty ;

(b) to instruct an intergovernmental conference or conferences to prepare, with appropriate assistance from the institutions of the Community, the draft treaties required for the further stages in European integration, which began with the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community ;

“ 5. expects that the appointment of a President and two Vice-presidents, which has been in abeyance for some months, will finally be made at the meeting of Foreign Ministers to be held on June 1 ;

“ 6. asks the High Authority

(a) to prepare its work of providing guidance for a Common Market by fixing the time-limit within which it proposes to comply with the binding provisions of Article 46 of the Treaty, under which it is obliged to set out general objectives and draw up programmes giving forecasts ;

(b) to take all measures to ensure that at the end of the transition period, half of which has already elapsed, the adaptation of the national industries will have been effectively carried out.”

ADJOURNMENT OF THE ORDINARY SESSION

The Assembly decided to adjourn its Ordinary Session. for resumption on Tuesday, June 21, 1955, at 4 p.m.

Speakers : MM. SASSEN and DEHOUSSE.

The Sitting was closed at 2.20 p.m.

BUDGET ESTIMATES
of the
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE OF THE
INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY
for the
FINANCIAL YEAR 1955-56
(in Belgian francs)

Decision No. 11/55 of the Committee of Presidents set up under Article 78,3 of the Treaty, fixing the General Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the Community for the fourth financial year, ending June 30, 1956

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FOUR INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY, MEETING IN COMMITTEE,

HAVING regard to Article 78, paragraph 3 of the Treaty ;

HAVING regard to the Committee's decision of February 9, 1955, which lays down the establishment strength, the salary, allowance and pension scales, and the extraordinary expenditure of the institutions of the Community ;

DECIDE

to fix the sum of the General Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the Community for the fourth financial year, ending June 30, 1956, at Bfr.491 130 500, allocated as follows :

I

HIGH AUTHORITY

(including CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE)

HEAD I: Salaries, Allowances and Social Security Contributions

Sub-head 10: President, Vice-Presidents and Members of the High Authority ...	7 738 000
Sub-head 11: Staff	192 630 000
Sub-head 12: Overtime pay and temporary staff ...	9 560 000
Sub-head 13: Other expenditure on staff	668 000
	210 596 000

HEAD II: Operation of Services

Sub-head 20: Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies	15 900 000
Sub-head 21: Expenditure on equipment	3 500 000
Sub-head 22: Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of services	16 000 000

Sub-head 23: Expenditure on publications and information	23 400 000	
Sub-head 24: Official mission expenses; travelling and subsistence allowances in connection with meetings and conferences; experts' fees ...	33 000 000	
Sub-head 25: Reception and entertainment expenses	1 500 000	
Sub-head 26: Expenditure not otherwise included under this head	500 000	
	<hr/>	93 800 000

HEAD III: Miscellaneous Expenditure

Sub-head 30: Committee of Presidents	token	
Sub-head 31: Auditor	token	
Sub-head 32: Staff welfare	5 550 000	
Sub-head 33: Miscellaneous contributions ...	2 200 000	
	<hr/>	7 750 000
Total Ordinary Expenditure		<hr/> <hr/> 312 146 000

HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure

Sub-head 40: Expenses on assumption and relinquishment of duties	12 850 000	
	<hr/>	12 850 000
Total Extraordinary Expenditure... ..		<hr/> <hr/> 12 850 000
Grand Total of the Expenditure of the High Authority ...		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> 324 996 000

II

COMMON ASSEMBLY

HEAD I: Salaries, Allowances and Social Security Contributions

Sub-head 10: Delegates to the Common Assembly	—	
Sub-head 11: Staff	28 576 000	
Sub-head 12: Overtime pay and temporary staff...	9 763 000	
	<hr/>	38 339 000

HEAD II: Operation of Services

Sub-head 20: Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies	3 908 000	
Sub-head 21: Expenditure on renewal of equipment	445 000	

Sub-head 22: Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of services	4 664 000	
Sub-head 23: Expenditure on publications and information	3 660 000	
Sub-head 24: Official mission expenses; travelling and subsistence allowances in connection with meetings and conferences; experts' fees	9 227 000	
Sub-head 25: Reception and entertainment expenses	250 000	
Sub-head 26: Expenditure not otherwise included under this Head	30 000	
	<hr/>	22 184 000

HEAD III: Miscellaneous Expenditure

Sub-head 30: Committee of Presidents	token	
Sub-head 31: Auditor	token	
Sub-head 32: Staff welfare	25 000	
Sub-head 33: Share in secretarial expenses of political groups in the Assembly...	2 700 000	
Sub-head 34: Expenses fund under Article 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly	200 000	
Sub-head 35: President's secretariat	280 000	
Sub-head 36: Interparliamentary Union	150 000	
	<hr/>	3 355 000

HEAD V: Appropriations under Article 78, paragraph 5 of the Treaty

Sub-head 50: Appropriations under Article 78, paragraph 5 of the Treaty ...	12 000 000	12 000 000
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Total Ordinary Expenditure		75 878 000
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HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure

Sub-head 40: Expenses on assumption and relinquishment of duties	1 458 500	
Sub-head 41: Expenditure on equipment	1 020 000	
	<hr/>	2 478 500
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Total Extraordinary Expenditure... ..		2 478 500
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Grand Total of the Expenditure of the Common Assembly ...		78 356 500
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III

SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HEAD I: Salaries, Allowances and Social Security Contributions			
Sub-head 11: Staff	20 413 000		
Sub-head 12: Overtime pay and temporary staff...	1 600 000		
Sub-head 13: Other expenditure on staff	360 000		
		22 373 000	
HEAD II: Operation of Services			
Sub-head 20: Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies	1 585 000		
Sub-head 21: Expenditure on equipment	650 000		
Sub-head 22: Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of services	2 600 000		
Sub-head 23: Expenditure on publications and information	200 000		
Sub-head 24: Official mission expenses; travelling and subsistence allowances in connection with meetings and conferences; experts' fees	12 400 000		
Sub-head 25: Reception and entertainment expenses	500 000		
Sub-head 26: Expenditure not otherwise included under this Head	250 000		
		18 185 000	
HEAD III: Miscellaneous Expenditure			
Sub-head 30: Committee of Presidents	token		
Sub-head 31: Auditor	2 200 000		
Sub-head 32: Staff welfare	10 000		
		2 210 000	
Total Ordinary Expenditure	... ..	42 768 000	
HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure			
Sub-head 40: Expenses on assumption and relinquishment of duties	2 310 000		
		2 310 000	
Total Extraordinary Expenditure...	... ..	2 310 000	
Grand Total of the Expenditure of the Special Council of Ministers ... ..	... ..	45 078 000	

IV

COURT OF JUSTICE

HEAD I: Salaries, Allowances and Social Security Contributions

Sub-head 10: Members of the Court	... ..	8 000 000	
Sub-head 11: Staff	... ..	20 280 000	
Sub-head 11a: Staff engaged to bring establishment up to strength	... ..	4 500 000	
Sub-head 12: Overtime pay and temporary staff...		1 050 000	
Sub-head 13: Other expenditure on staff	... ..	120 000	
		<hr/>	33 950 000

HEAD II: Operation of Services

Sub-head 20: Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies	... ..	1 575 000	
Sub-head 21: Expenditure on renewal of equipment	... ..	750 000	
Sub-head 22: Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of services	... ..	2 150 000	
Sub-head 23: Expenditure on publications and information	... ..	200 000	
Sub-head 24: Official mission expenses; travelling and subsistence allowances in connection with meetings and conferences; experts' fees	... ..	720 000	
Sub-head 25: Reception and entertainment expenses	... ..	200 000	
Sub-head 26: Expenditure not otherwise included under this Head	... ..	300 000	
		<hr/>	5 895 000

HEAD III: Miscellaneous Expenditure

Sub-head 30: Committee of Presidents	... ..	1 000 000	
Sub-head 31: Auditor	... ..	token	
Sub-head 32: Staff welfare	... ..	20 000	
Sub-head 33: Miscellaneous contributions	..	50 000	
		<hr/>	1 070 000

Total Ordinary Expenditure	<hr/>	40 915 000
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HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure			
Sub-head 40: Expenses on assumption and relinquishment of duties	1 785 000
Sub-head 41: Expenditure on investiture	...	...	token
			1 785 000
Total Extraordinary Expenditure...			...
			1 785 000
Grand Total of the Expenditure of the Court of Justice			...
			42 700 000

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the Presidents of the four institutions of the Community, meeting in Committee at Strasbourg on May 9, 1955.

The Chairman of the Committee of Presidents
Massimo PILOTTI

President of the Court of Justice.

FINANCIAL YEAR 1953-54

(Budget Estimates in Belgian francs)

DECISION No. 12/55 of the Committee of Presidents set up under Article 78,3 of the Treaty, closing the accounts of the administrative expenditure of the institutions for the second financial year (1953-54)

THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS,

HAVING regard to Article 78 of the Treaty ;

HAVING regard to the General Budget Estimates of the administrative expenditure of the Community for the second financial year ending June 30, 1954 ;

HAVING regard to the Committee's Decisions Nos. 2/54, 3/54, 4/54 and 5/54 ;

HAVING regard to the Auditor's Report for the second financial year :

DECIDES :

(a) to fix the sum of the administrative expenditure of the institutions of the Community for the second financial year at Bfr.337 556 149.24, allocated as follows :

I

HIGH AUTHORITY

(including CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE)

HEAD I: Expenditure on Staff

Sub-head 1: Salaries and allowances of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Members of the High Authority, and of personnel engaged on contract, together with other staff expenditure...	145 127 398·93
Sub-head 2: Emoluments and charges relating to temporary staff ...	2 372 243·—
	<u>147 499 641·93</u>

HEAD II: Operation of Services

Sub-head 3: Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies ...	7 207 692·34
Sub-head 4: Miscellaneous expenditure on operation of services...	13 422 525·77
Sub-head 5: Expenditure on publications ...	9 849 705·17
Sub-head 6: Expenses of the Consultative Committee; official mission expenses; experts' fees ...	29 771 007·83
Sub-head 7: Other expenditure ...	4 459 663·20
	<u>64 710 594·31</u>
Total Ordinary Expenditure ...	<u>212 210 236·24</u>

HEAD III: Extraordinary Expenditure

Sub-head 8: Settling-in allowance for staff ...	6 611 791·59
Sub-head 9: Expenditure on equipment ...	8 501 635·92
Sub-head 10: Temporary renting of additional premises ...	585 383·71
Sub-head 11: Expenditure on alterations to premises ...	2 116 212·35
Sub-head 12: Other extraordinary expenditure	182 641·54
	<u>17 997 665·11</u>
Total Extraordinary Expenditure ...	<u>17 997 665·11</u>
Grand Total of the Expenditure of the High Authority	<u><u>230 207 901·35</u></u>

II

COMMON ASSEMBLY

HEAD I: General Expenditure			
Sub-head 1:	Delegates' allowances and similar expenditure	4 546 633·23	
			4 546 633·23
HEAD II: Expenditure on Staff			
Sub-head 2:	Salaries and allowances of permanent staff	17 787 390·52	
Sub-head 3:	Emoluments and charges relating to temporary staff ...	8 390 909·21	
			26 178 299·73
HEAD III: Expenditure on Supplies			
Sub-head 4:	Expenditure on buildings and installations	1 354 593·25	
Sub-head 5:	Operating Expenses	4 985 215·78	
Sub-head 6:	Refunding of travelling expenses and similar expenditure ...	1 741 967·46	
			8 081 776·49
	Total Ordinary Expenditure		38 806 709·45
HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure			
Sub-head 7:	Settling-in allowance for staff ...	1 649 128·36	
Sub-head 8:	Expenditure on equipment ...	2 201 544·70	
Sub-head 9:	Exceptional expenditure ...	4 205 389·04	
			8 056 062·10
	Total Extraordinary Expenditure ...		8 056 062·10
	Grand Total of the Expenditure of the Common Assembly		46 862 771·55

III

SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HEAD I: General Expenditure			
Sub-head 1:	Delegates' allowances and similar expenditure	6 628 484·40	
Sub-head 2:	Expenditure on supplies, operation and organization of meetings	308 109·15	
			6 936 593·55

HEAD II: Expenditure on Staff	
Sub-head 3: Salaries and allowances	... 11 315 025·15
	<u>11 315 025·15</u>

HEAD III: Operation of Services	
Sub-head 4: Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies	... 438 745·90
Sub-head 5: Miscellaneous operating expenses	... 1 620 461·80
Sub-head 6: Official mission expenses and experts' fees	... 409 204·50
Sub-head 7: Other expenditure	... 87 559·05
	<u>2 555 971·25</u>
Total Ordinary Expenditure	... 20 807 589·95
	<u>20 807 589·95</u>

HEAD IV: Extraordinary Expenditure	
Sub-head 8: Settling-in allowance for staff	... 2 009 907·55
Sub-head 9: Expenditure on equipment	... 1 448 206·75
Sub-head 10: Expenditure on alterations to premises	... 195 427·50
	<u>3 653 541·80</u>
Total of Extraordinary Expenditure	... 3 653 541·80
	<u>3 653 541·80</u>

HEAD V: Emoluments and Working Expenses of the Auditor	
	... 1 200 000·--
	<u>1 200 000·--</u>
Grand Total of the Expenditure of the Special Council of Ministers	... 25 661 131·75
	<u>25 661 131·75</u>

IV COURT OF JUSTICE

HEAD I: Expenditure on Staff	
Sub-head 1: Salaries and allowances of permanent staff	... 25 114 762·57
Sub-head 2: Emoluments and charges relating to temporary staff	... 7 329·50
	<u>25 122 092·07</u>
HEAD II: Operation of Services	
Sub-head 3: Expenditure on buildings, furniture and supplies	... 1 236 774·30
Sub-head 4: Miscellaneous operating expenses	... 2 782 034·47

Sub-head 5: Official mission expenses; experts' and witnesses' fees ...	316 963·15
Sub-head 6: Other expenditure ...	126 817·88
	4 462 589·80

Total Ordinary Expenditure ... 29 584 681·87

HEAD III: Extraordinary Expenditure

Sub-head 7: Settling-in allowance for staff ...	2 420 173·24
Sub-head 8: Expenditure on equipment ...	2 661 318·48
Sub-head 9: Expenditure on fitting-out of premises ...	158 171·—
	5 239 662·72

Total Extraordinary Expenditure ... 5 239 662·72

Grand Total of the Expenditure of the Court of Justice ... 34 824 344·59

(b) to cancel, of the amounts allocated to the various institutions for the second financial year, the sum of Bfr. 149 687 850·76 still in Hand at the end of the year, as follows:

High Authority ...	91 792 098·65
Common Assembly ...	35 694 728·45
Special Council of Ministers ...	11 450 868·25
Court of Justice ...	10 750 155·41
Total ...	<u>149 687 850·76</u>

This decision was deliberated and adopted by the Committee at Strasbourg on May 9, 1955.

The Chairman of the Committee of Presidents,
Massimo PILOTTI,
President of the Court of Justice.

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