

2nd European Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional/Spatial Planning (CEMAT) (La Grande Motte, France: 25-27 September 1973) on " Objectives of a European regional planning policy"

Resolution No. 6 on The status and future action of the European Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional Planning

I. The ministers,

1. Having noted the provisions of Resolution (71) 44 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, concerning Conferences of Specialised Ministers, and in response to that Committee's invitation to state their views on the future status of the conference;

2. Express their satisfaction with its present status, whereby:

a. the plenary sessions of the conference are organised at the invitation of a member government of the Council of Europe;

b. the business of the conference between sessions is conducted by a Committee of Senior Officials appointed and financed by the ministers themselves;

c. secretarial services for the conference and the Committee of Senior Officials are provided by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

3. Ask that this status be maintained and request the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:

a. to renew their instructions to the Secretary General of the Council to provide secretarial services for the conference;

b. to provide the resources necessary for such services.

II. The ministers,

4. Having taken cognisance of the proposals put forward by the Committee of Senior Officials, in accordance with the recommendations of the 1st Conference, intend to instigate European co-operation in the spheres falling directly within the competence of the conference, and having adopted accordingly special resolutions Nos. 1-5;

5. In view of the importance granted to frontier regions and mountain regions at the Bonn Conference, instruct the Committee of Senior Officials to supervise the implementation of the activities set out in resolutions No. 2 and No. 3; they further request the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to include those activities in the Council's work programme in order to further the closest possible co-ordination in this field between the work of the Committee of Senior Officials and of the competent Council of Europe bodies;

6. Instruct the Committee of Senior Officials to supervise the implementation of the programmes set out in resolutions No. 4 and No. 5, concerning:

- Long-range forecasting,
- Cartography, statistics and terminology;

7. Recommend the Committee of Ministers:

a. to make arrangements, in accordance with the organisation's financial regulations, for financing by means of a subsidiary budget to the general budget of the Council of Europe

i. the expenditure of all kinds arising out of the implementation of the programme of co-operation, as entrusted to the Committee of Senior Officials, mentioned in paragraph 6 above;

ii. the additional administrative expenditure entailed by the new work entrusted to the Council by this resolution;

b. to authorise that the implementation of those activities of the conference which are limited to certain member states can be carried out in accordance with the regulations laid down in Resolution (51) 62 on Partial Agreements;

8. It is their intention to finance this subsidiary budget, in accordance with the internal financial regulations of their countries, and in conformity with the arrangements to be laid down by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

9. Request the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to authorise non-member countries of this organisation participating as observers in the work of the conference:

- to take part in the activities referred to in paragraph 6 and to contribute to their financing on conditions to be determined by the committee;
- to be associated with the activities mentioned in paragraph 5.