

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS
(PARTIAL AGREEMENT)

**TEXT OF THE PARTIAL AGREEMENT AND
REVISED LIST OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

RESOLUTION (59) 23

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 16th November 1959)

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the decision adopted on 21st October 1959 by the Council of Western European Union concerning the exercise of social and cultural activities ;

Having regard to Resolution (51) 62 of the Committee of Ministers concerning partial agreements ;

Recognising the need for the social and cultural activities listed in the Annex to this Resolution to be exercised henceforth as effectively as they were by Western European Union,

RESOLVES :

I. Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall be authorised to the extent that their Governments may consider necessary, to continue the activities mentioned in the Annex within the framework of the Council of Europe, on the basis of a Partial Agreement.

II. The working methods hitherto employed by W.E.U. will be maintained under this Partial Agreement.

This means that :

1. the liaison section system, which enables officials of the government departments concerned to keep close contacts with one another and provides an efficient means of developing European co-operation on the technical level, will be maintained ;
2. the background documentation will continue to be prepared by national delegations ;
3. all documentation will remain confidential until its wider distribution has been agreed. This will maintain the existing atmosphere of free and frank discussion ;

4. certain meetings will be held away from the headquarters of the Council of Europe in order to enable participants to study on the spot questions within their competence and to enable officials of the host country to become more conversant with European problems.

III. Any activity covered by the Partial Agreement can, as required, be extended to other Member States of the Council of Europe.

IV. Committees and Sub-committees set up under the Partial Agreement will report on their activities to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, which, at meetings limited to representatives of Member States party to the Partial Agreement, will decide what action to take on these reports. The latter will be forwarded for information to the competent expert committees of the Council of Europe.

A chapter on the activities in question will be incorporated in the report which the Committee of Ministers is required to submit to the Consultative Assembly.

V. Additional expenditure incurred by the Council of Europe in respect of any activity coming within the purview of the aforesaid Partial Agreement shall be borne solely by the member countries participating in such activity.

VI. The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, in agreement with the Secretary-General of Western European Union, shall take all necessary executive action to implement this Resolution, in particular as regards the timing of transfer of each particular activity, and make all arrangements for the preservation of archives.

I. Social activities under the Partial Agreement

1. Detailed study of ratification and implementation of selected International Labour Conventions.
2. Youth employment (e.g. vocational guidance; training and apprenticeship; introduction of young persons to employment).
3. Manpower : settlement of practical questions arising from the Multilateral Conventions and exchange systems which cannot yet be transferred to a larger framework. The Social Committee (Partial Agreement) may recommend that the Council of Europe should consider transferring the study of general manpower policy to OEEC under their agreement with that organisation.
4. Information on the social aspects of the activities of the six-Power European communities.
5. Matters arising from the agendas of other international organisations.
6. Training of supervisors in accident prevention.
7. Industrial safety and health.
8. Labelling of mixtures of dangerous chemical substances.
9. Labour statistics.
10. Rehabilitation and resettlement of the disabled.

II. Public health activities under the Partial Agreement

1. Cancer.
2. Public health aspects of environment (e.g. noise prevention, measures to control the pollution of the atmosphere).
3. Epidemiological and demographic studies (e.g. poliomyelitis, salmonellosis, rabies, the prevention of congenital malformations and diseases of early infancy, the use of fluoride to prevent dental caries).
4. Immunisation.
5. Protection against ionising radiations.
6. Health control of sea and air traffic.
7. Health control of foodstuffs (production and distribution).
8. Pharmaceutical products.
9. Exchange of information on legislation and action in the field of public health to the extent that this is not covered by the Committee of Experts on Public Health of the Council of Europe.

* This annex contains the list of activities which was revised by the Ministers' deputies in September 1960; it does not mention the cultural activities.