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Transfer to the Council of Europe  
of W.E.U.'s activities in the  
social and cultural fields

Memorandum by the Secretariat General

1. At its Session held in April 1959, the Committee of Ministers took the following decision:

"The exercise of the powers of W.E.U. in the social and cultural fields will be transferred to the Council of Europe in accordance with procedure to be laid down by the Ministerial Committees of the two Organisations."

This decision has since been endorsed by the Council of W.E.U.

2. In accordance with the instructions given to them by the Committee of Ministers and the Council of W.E.U., the Secretaries General of the two Organisations have been considering the arrangements necessary for the envisaged transfer. They have recently worked out the outline of a procedure which could be followed to give effect to the decision to transfer to the Council of Europe the social and cultural activities of W.E.U. The Secretaries General's proposals have been submitted to the two Ministerial organs, who are considering them for the time being.

The principles contained in the Secretaries General's proposals are briefly:

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- (a) The transfer of the exercise of the social and cultural activities at present pursued by W.E.U. to the Council of Europe will be such that the activities in question can be carried out as effectively in the Council of Europe as hitherto in W.E.U.
- (b) This will be achieved by the procedure of partial agreement set out in Resolution 51 (62) of the Committee of the Council of Europe. In accordance with the provisions of this Resolution, the Committee of Ministers will authorise the Member States of W.E.U. to continue to the extent which they consider necessary within the Council of Europe the activities included in the transfer.
- (c) The special working methods hitherto employed by W.E.U. will be maintained under ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup> partial agreement.
- (d) The other Member States of the Council of Europe may join in any activities covered by the partial agreement.
- (e) Committees set up under the partial agreement will report on the activities to the Committee of Ministers, which, at meetings limited to representatives of Member States party to the agreement, will decide what action to take on these reports - the Committee of Ministers will inform the Consultative Assembly of the activities in question in the statutory report.
- (f) The Secretaries General of the two Organisations shall determine the time<sup>ing</sup> of transfer of each particular activity.

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3. It is probable that the Committee of Ministers and the Council of W.E.U. will have agreed upon a procedure for the transfer before the end of the year.

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