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The ceremony will take place in the presence of high personalities and distinguished guests of the Council of Europe.

It will be opened by the sounding of a gong.

Mr. Polys MODINOS (Greek), Deputy Secretary-General of the Council of Europe and former Clerk of the European Court of Human Rights, will read the Parchment of which the following is the text:

'In the year nineteen hundred and sixty-three, on the eighteenth day of the month of September,

'Lord McNAIR and René CASSIN being President and Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights,

'Sture PETREN and C. Th. EUSTATHIADES being President and Vice-President of the European Commission of Human Rights,

'Eugène SCHAUS, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, being Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe,

'Pierre PFLIMLIN, Mayor of Strasbourg, being President of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe,

'Lodovico BENVENUTI and Polys MODINOS being Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General of the Council of Europe,

'there was laid this foundation stone of the building designed by Bertrand MONNET, Architect in Chief of Historic Monuments, and erected by the City of Strasbourg, which will house the European Institutions that, in accordance with the Statute of the Council of Europe and the European Convention on Human Rights, are entrusted with the task of ensuring the rule of law and preserving the fundamental Rights of Man.

Done at Strasbourg in the presence of
MAURICE CUTTOLI, Prefect of the Bas-Rhin,
and of the REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES of the
COUNCIL OF EUROPE'

This will be read in French, and will be followed by the reading of the same document in English by Mr. A. H. ROBERTSON (British), Head of the Human Rights Directorate in the Council of Europe.

The Representatives of the seventeen member States of the Council of Europe will be called, in the English alphabetical order, and will place in the lead tube coins of the 17 countries:

<u>Austria</u>	a 25-schilling coin bearing the effigy of Mozart;
<u>Belgium</u>	a silver coin of 50 francs, bearing the effigy of Queen Fabiola and King Baudoin, minted on the occasion of their wedding;
<u>Cyprus</u>	a silver coin of 100 mils.
<u>Denmark</u>	a five-kroner silver coin, bearing the effigy of Queen Ingrid and King Frederick IX, minted on the occasion of their Silver wedding.
<u>France</u>	New coins minted in France in 1963 including a five-Franc piece with Marianne.
<u>Germany</u>	a coin of 10 ducats 'Aureus Magnus' with the effigy of the Federal Chancellor.

<u>Greece</u>	a 20 drachma piece, bearing the effigy of King Paul of Greece.
<u>Iceland</u>	a gold coin issued in commemoration of Icelandic statesman Jon Sigurdsson, who is Iceland's national hero.
<u>Ireland</u>	a silver half-crown bearing on one side the Irish Harp, which is the national emblem, and on the reverse a horse, symbolic of Ireland's bloodstock breeding tradition.
<u>Italy</u>	a 500-lire coin commemorating the centenary of Italian unity (1861-1961) bearing on one side the effigy of Italy crowned with olive branches and on the other a quadriga.
<u>Luxembourg</u>	a gold medal struck in commemoration of the one thousandth anniversary of the foundation of the City of Luxembourg.
<u>Netherlands</u>	a 2 ¹ / ₂ silver rijksdaaler bearing the effigy of Queen Juliana on one side and the arms of the Netherlands on the other.
<u>Norway</u>	a silver coin of two-kroner which was struck to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution.
<u>Sweden</u>	a silver coin of the value of two crowns bearing on one side the effigy of King Gustaf VI Adolf and on the reverse the National Arms.
<u>Switzerland</u>	a gold coin of 25 francs bearing on one side the effigy of William Tell and on the other the Federal Cross (This is not yet in circulation)
<u>Turkey</u>	a gold coin of 100 Turkish Pounds bearing on the face the effigy of Ataturk and on the reverse Oak Leaves and ears of corn.
<u>United Kingdom</u>	A gold sovereign bearing on one side the effigy of Queen Elizabeth and on the other side St. George and the Dragon.

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It is customary in ceremonies of this nature for coins and medals with the effigy of the reigning monarch to be sealed in the foundation stone. This is the first time in history that the coins and medals of seventeen different countries are assembled in such a ceremony. The tube containing the parchment, the coins and medals will be sealed by the Deputy Secretary-General, who will hand it to the President of the Committee of Ministers, who will place it in the foundation stone. The President of the Consultative Assembly and the Secretary-general of the Council of Europe will then seal the stone with mortar.

At that moment the European Flag, bearing a crown of twelve golden stars on a blue background, will be hoisted and a gong will sound the close of the ceremony.