

Resolution adopted by the Gstaad Conference (Gstaad, 9 September 1947)

Caption: Meeting at the first conference of the European Parliamentary Union (EPU) held in Gstaad from 8 to 10 September 1947, 114 members of Europe's national parliaments adopt a resolution setting out the arrangements that need to be put in place for the creation of a European federation.

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

A. appeals to all the parliamentarians of Europe to use their power and influence alike with governments and people to give effect to the following objectives:

1. to set up within the shortest possible time a European Regional Group within the meaning of Article 52 of the United Nations Organisation.
2. to set up with the agreement of all the European states ready to join the same cause a permanent community under the name of the UNITED STATES OF EUROPE with the intention of finally uniting the whole of Europe.
3. to convoke as soon as possible a European Constituent Assembly charged with the task of working out a Federal Constitution; the members of this Assembly are to be elected by the national parliaments or by the populations directly; the draft of the Constitution worked out by the Assembly to be submitted to the European states, who shall each have the right to accept or reject it.

B. In order that these objectives can be attained, the Conference invites the members of the parliaments:

1. to set up in each parliament, and over-riding party differences, parliamentary groups in favour of the Federation, who will devote themselves to winning over powerful and effective majorities to the cause of European Federation.
2. to secure the support of as significant majorities as possible for all recommendations and decisions tending towards a closer and closer economic cooperation, with the ultimate objective of a European economic union, as well as for all other measures calculated to secure a nearer approach to each other's point of view and collaboration between the European states.

C. The Conference earnestly requests the spiritual and moral leaders in all walks of life, mothers and teachers, to foster the spirit of fraternity and international solidarity.

It urges journalists and all those who, through various qualifications, exercise an influence upon public opinion to use all their endeavours to bring about the suggestions referred to above, inspired by the ideal of European Federation.