

Telegram from Konrad Adenauer to Robert Schuman (14 December 1951)

Caption: On 13 December 1951, the French National Assembly ratifies the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community. The following day, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer sends a telegram to Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, to congratulate him.

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For the attention of His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, Robert Schuman, Paris.

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It gives me great pleasure to learn of the ratification by the French National Assembly of the great plan which bears your name — stop — The French people has thereby demonstrated, in recognition of its historical mission, its commitment to the great community of the peoples of Europe, which alone will ensure peace in the world — stop — I have no doubt that the plan will prove a blessing for our two peoples and for all those who come to participate in it — stop — Mr Schuman, I congratulate you on this great success.

Adenauer