

Official reply by Konrad Adenauer to Robert Schuman (Bonn, 8 May 1950)

Caption: On 8 May 1950, in his official reply to Robert Schuman's letter which he received the previous day, the German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, informs Mr Schuman of his interest in the plan to pool European coal and steel.

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President Robert Schuman
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Paris

[Bonn,] 8 May 1950

Dear President,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks for the amicable letter dated 7 May that Mr Mischlich conveyed to me on your behalf.

I pay tribute to the ideas set out in your letter, which mark a decisive step towards close relations between Germany and France, and thus towards a European order built on peaceful cooperation. The Federal Government will of course examine in depth the plan submitted by the French Government, as soon as the details are available. However, I can say here and now that Germany is prepared to take part in the study of the plan and in the preparation of the measures to be taken in the future for its organisation.

Yours, etc.

Adenauer