

Resolution of the International Landworkers' Federation (29 May 1952)

Caption: On 29 May 1952, the International Landworkers' Federation, meeting in Salzburg in Austria, adopts a resolution that emphasises the importance of involving agricultural trade unions in the development of a European agricultural market.

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THE TWELFTH CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LANDWORKERS' FEDERATION, held at Salzburg, Austria, on May 28-29, 1952,

Records the projects which exist in the field of integration in Western-European agriculture;

Having noted the results of the Preparatory Conference on the European Agricultural Community held at Paris, 25-28 March, 1952;

Supports on certain conditions the endeavours for closer cooperation in agriculture in Western Europe;

Notes that not all groups of interest involved were adequately represented at the Preparatory Conference in question;

Especially regrets that the interests of consumers and landworkers were represented in an unsatisfactory measure;

Calls attention to resolution No. 4 concerning the economic integration of Western Europe, as adopted at the Second World Congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, held at Milan, Italy, 4-12 July 1951;

Appeals therefore to the governments in question to include in their delegations to future conferences on the integration in agriculture representatives of the free trade unions;

Emphasizing the interests which the landworkers' organisations especially have in the closer cooperation in agriculture;

Invites the organisations in Europe, affiliated to the International Landworkers' Federation to approach their respective governments in order to obtain adequate representation in the national delegations to the future conference on the European Agricultural Community;

Having noted the resolution of the Preparatory Conference on the European Agricultural Community to invite also the international trade organisations of producers, commerce and, industry as observers to the future governmental conference on the integration in agriculture, to be held between June 1st and October 31st, 1952;

Urges that the International Landworkers' Federation and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions should be invited to this conference;

Referring to the instructions which the Interim Working Party for the European Agricultural Community obtained from the Preparatory Conference;

Insists on this Working Party inserting in its study the wages and working conditions in agriculture as well as the social position of landworkers in general with respect to other groups of the population in the countries concerned;

Makes the condition that a contingent establishment of a European Agricultural Community should not jeopardize the social rights and standard of living of people and especially of agricultural workers in the different countries but that it should work out in improvements;

Expresses the hope that as a result of the discussions held and to be held the greatest possible number of European countries will cooperate in an Agricultural Community;

Also expresses the hope that contingent countries not taking part in the endeavours for an Agricultural

Community with supra-national authority will enter into closest possible association with the Agricultural Community to be established.