

First resolution adopted by the EPU Congress in Venice (20 September 1949)

Caption: On 20 September 1949, the European Parliamentary Union (EPU), meeting for the third time in Venice, adopts a resolution calling for political integration in Europe and for the powers of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe to be extended.

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First resolution of the third European Parliamentary Congress adopted on Tuesday, 20 September 1949, at Venice

The Congress of the European Parliamentary Union which met in Venice in September 1949

welcomes with satisfaction the meeting in Strasbourg of the European Consultative Assembly, which by affirming its full competence, has covered an important stage of European organization. It considers, however that its true objective will be reached only when the European Assembly has been provided with a legislative power, it advises its members to see that the political unification of Europe predominate in their respective parliamentary assemblies as the axis of all foreign policy ,

in order that the recommendations of the Assembly of Strasbourg may be assured the highest degree of efficacy, it forthwith invites the national groups and the members of the European Parliamentary Union to take the necessary steps to have these recommendations supported by their respective parliaments and adopted in the near future by the States members of the Council of Europe,

requests the Committee of Ministers to agree to all amendments to the Statue of Europe which were adopted by the Strasbourg Assembly,

notes that an efficacious remedy can be found to the economic chaos denounced in Strasbourg only by the constitution of a supernational political authority,

reaffirms its Interlaken programme and once more vigorously advocates resolute progress in the direction of a European federation, the Executive Power of which to be instituted by a European Constituent Assembly,

decides to submit before 1 November to the Rapporteur of the Commission on General Affairs of the Consultative Assembly a report tending to establish that only the creation of the United States of Europe in a federal form can guarantee the peaceful and prosperous future of our Continent,

recalls that the European concept cannot be carried into effect until the representatives to the Consultative Assembly are all elected by their parliaments, pending the final stage of direct suffrage by the peoples themselves.