

Letter from Walter Hallstein to Lodovico Benvenuti (Brussels, 18 August 1959)

Caption: On 18 August 1959, the arrangement between the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the Commission of the European Economic Community (EEC) takes the form of an exchange of letters. This letter is from Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the EEC to Lodovico Benvenuti, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

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**COMMISSION
of the
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
The President**

Brussels, 18th August 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date on the subject of the relations to be established between the Commission of the European Economic Community and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

Without prejudice to any general agreement which may be subsequently concluded between the Community and the Council of Europe in accordance with Article 230 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, which stipulates that the Community shall establish all suitable co-operation with the Council of Europe, I am happy to inform you that on behalf of the Commission of the European Economic Community I approve the following arrangements set out in your letter for practical co-operation between the Commission and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe :

1. The Commission will transmit to the Committee of Ministers the annual general report which it is required to prepare under Article 156 of the Treaty of 25th March 1957, establishing the European Economic Community. It will participate in the Committee's discussion of any problems dealt with in that report.

A representative of the Commission will participate in any meetings of the Ministers' Deputies at which these problems are discussed.

2. The Committee of Ministers may address to the Commission any comments it may have to make on the report submitted by the Commission.

3. The Committee of Ministers may invite the Commission to participate in its discussion of any other problems of a general nature which are of concern to the Commission.

A representative of the Commission may be invited to attend meetings of the Ministers' Deputies at which such problems are discussed.

4. The experts of the Commission may, where appropriate, be invited to take part in meetings of the committees of governmental experts of the Council of Europe dealing with problems of interest to the Community.

5. The experts of the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe may, when appropriate, be invited by the Commission to hold an exchange of views with its administrative departments on problems of interest to the Council of Europe.

6. The Statutory Report of the Committee of Ministers, the Report of the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe on European Co-operation as well as the Official Report of the debates of the Consultative Assembly on European economic integration, shall be transmitted to the Commission.

7. Within the framework of the present arrangement, the Commission and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may devise other practical means of co-operation.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Walter HALLSTEIN

Monsieur Lodovico BENVENUTI,
Secretary-General of the Council
of Europe,
STRASBOURG.