

Motion adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Strasbourg (25 February 1952)

Caption: On 25 February 1952, the Strasbourg City Council, chaired by the Mayor, Charles Frey, President of the Temporary Strasbourg Committee for the European Movement, emphasises the benefits to be derived from the selection of Strasbourg as the seat of the institutions of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC).

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Number of members elected to the Council: 37, of which 37 are still in office.

Meeting of 25th February, 1952:

M. Charles PREY, Mayor, in the Chair.

Present: 30 members of the Council

Absent: 7 members - absence excused in all cases.

Single Item on the Agenda:

Establishment at Strasbourg of the Institutions of the European Coal and Steel Community

The Council, after discussion, adopted the following Motion:

The Municipal Council of Strasbourg,
meeting in extraordinary session on 25th February, 1952,

CONSIDERING that the Treaty of 18/4/51 instituting the European Coal and Steel Community may be expected to be ratified a few weeks hence by all the signatory countries,

CONSIDERING that the question will shortly arise of selecting the town in which to establish the High Authority, the Consultative Committee, the joint Assembly and the other institutions of the Community;

CONSIDERING that Strasbourg is the seat of the Council of Europe and that in order to facilitate the operation and work and to diminish the cost of the institutions of the Treaty of 18th April, 1951 as well as of the other European organizations contemplated or planned - which will necessarily be the nucleus of the future European administration - it will be highly important and essentially desirable to group these institutions and organizations round and in the same town as the already existing Council of Europe;

CONSIDERING that it will be essential that relations should at all times be maintained between the European countries which are signatories to the Treaty of 18th April, 1951 and those who may accede to it later on the one hand and the non-signatory countries represented in the Council of Europe on the other;

CONSIDERING that the Council of Europe will undoubtedly constitute the best possible body to ensure that these relations are effectively maintained;

CALLS the attention of the Government of the Republic to the great advantage of establishing the institutions of the European Coal and Steel Community at Strasbourg, seat of the Council of Europe;

REQUESTS the President of the Council, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of State for the Council of Europe and all Members of the Government to take full account of the consideration set forth above, which are inspired by concern for the general interest and by the desire that a united Europe should be established and organized, when decision is taken on the choice of the place at which are to be established the institutions of the European Coal and Steel Community and subsequently such other bodies as are planned for the economic, social technical and doubtless one day also political organization of Europe.

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Charles FREY
Mayor