

Extract from the report on the third meeting of the Interim Commission (22 November 1954)

Caption: The third meeting of the Interim Commission is held on 22 November 1954. Although all the delegations agree that the Council should remain free from the regular presence of a representative of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), British representative Lord Harold Caccia believes that it would be useful to ask for NATO's opinion on the best way of establishing links between the two organisations.

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A. QUESTION ON THE PERMANENT ORGANISATION OF WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION

4. Relationship with:

(i) NATO

1) All delegations expressed the view that, as a general rule, the Council should remain free from regular commitments towards any organisation or country with regard to the presence of a permanent observer.

With the exception of the Marquis du PARC, who preferred to reserve his Government's position on the matter, the Commission agreed that having regard to the close co-operation to be established with NATO, it would seem natural that the

Neth. ; latter be invited to send a representative when dis-
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It was, moreover obvious that numerous contacts would be taking place between the Agency and NATO on practical matters.

2) The Commission further agreed that an exchange of information of interest to the 2 organisations might be instituted between the 2 Secretariats-General in accordance with a procedure to be determined.

Sir Harold CACCIA thought it would be advisable to consult NATO on the best way of establishing liaison.

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It was decided to resume discussions at the next meeting and it was proposed, subject to the Marquis du PARC's obtaining the agreement of his Government, that a representative from NATO be invited to attend on that occasion.