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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL AND OF THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

of 27 May 1988

on the future organization of their work

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THE COUNCIL AND THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

resolved to intensify their work on cultural affairs and having regard to their conclusions on future priority actions,

HAVE AGREED THAT:

1. A Committee on cultural affairs shall be appointed consisting of the representatives of the Member States and of the Commission. The chairman of this Commitee shall come from the country holding the office of President of the Council.

   The Committee shall evaluate all proposals relating to cultural cooperation and prepare the work of the Council and/or the Ministers responsible for cultural affairs meeting within the Council on cultural priorities and actions involving the Community and/or all the Member States without prejudice to the procedure laid down in Article 4 of the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities and current practice regarding the preparation of meetings of Ministers meeting within the Council.

   The Committee shall also have the task of monitoring the implementation of actions decided on by the Council and/or the Ministers meeting within the Council and of reporting back regularly.

2. The Council and/or the Ministers meeting within the Council may invite European countries that are not members of the Community and organizations concerned with European cultural cooperation, especially the Council of Europe, to participate in specific cultural activities of mutual interest.

3. If, in the absence of a decision or agreement on certain actions at the level of the Council and/or the Ministers meeting within the Council, Member States continue their discussions on such actions, they shall report regularly to the Committee on the progress of their work.

4. Without prejudice to the dispositions of Article 155 of the EEC treaty, the Commission shall implement, in close cooperation with the Committee on cultural affairs, actions decided on by the Council or the Council and the Ministers meeting within the Council that are to be implemented at Community level.

   The Commission may be invited to assume a coordinating function, in agreement with the Committee on cultural affairs, in the implementation of the decisions of the Ministers meeting within the Council. The Commission may also be invited to ensure coordination of projects not involving all Member States of the Community and/or projects involving European countries which are not members of the Community.