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PROCEDURE OVER APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Memorandum by the President

During the past twelve or eighteen months there have been informal approaches to CERN by several non-Member countries, seeking to ascertain what would be the attitude of the Council to an application for membership. To all of them the same reply has been given, namely that CERN being in course of getting itself organized, its programme launched, is not yet ready to entertain new applications for membership. I suggest that the time has now come for CERN to adopt this attitude as a matter of policy. The question has been discussed on Committee of Council, and with their approval I submit the following resolution for consideration by Council:

"According to Article III of the Convention, States not yet members of the Organization can apply for membership. During the period of the building up of the Organization, the Council considers it advisable to defer action on such applications until January 1957. However, the Council authorizes the Director-General to accept, prior to that date, subject to approval by Council and on appropriate terms, suitable research workers from non-Member countries as collaborators in the work of CERN".