

**CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION**

Preamble

THE GOVERNMENTS MEMBERS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION,

REAFFIRMING

the principles embodied in the Resolution adopted on 5 December 1951 by the Migration Conference in Brussels and annexed hereto;

RECOGNIZING

that the furnishing of special migration services is often needed in order to increase the volume of European emigration and to ensure the smooth accomplishment of migratory movements and, in particular, the settlement of the migrants under the most favourable conditions for their quick integration into the economic and social life of their countries of adoption;

that international financing of European emigration would not only contribute to solving the problem of population in Europe, but may also stimulate the creation of new economic opportunities in countries lacking manpower;

that the movement of migrants should as far as possible be effected by the normal shipping and air transport services but that, from time to time, there is evidence of a need for additional transport facilities;

that there is need to promote the co-operation of Governments and international organizations with a view to the emigration of persons who desire to emigrate to overseas countries where they may achieve self-dependence through useful employment and live with their families in dignity and self-respect, doing their part to contribute to peace and order in the world;

DO HEREBY ESTABLISH

the INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (hereinafter called the Committee) as a non-permanent organization and

ACCEPT THIS CONSTITUTION.

CHAPTER I—PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

ARTICLE 1

1. The purpose and functions of the Committee shall be:

- (a) to make arrangements for the transport of migrants, for whom existing facilities are inadequate and who could not otherwise be moved, from European countries having surplus population to countries overseas which offer opportunities for orderly immigration;
- (b) to promote the increase of the volume of migration from Europe by providing, at the request of and in agreement with the Governments concerned, services in the processing, reception, first placement and