

Letter from the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Conference to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe (Paris, 17 March 1954)

Caption: On 17 March 1954, Paul Willem Segers, Belgian Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, writes a letter to the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, Léon Marchal, expressing his wish to establish official relations between the two organisations.

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Sir,

The Governments represented at the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, held at Brussels from 13th to 17th October, 1953, formally set up a new international body to take effective measures to co-ordinate and rationalise European inland transport of an international character.

The constituent Conference adopted a Protocol, of which I beg to enclose a copy. Article 11 of this Protocol deals with relations between international organisations (see enclosure).

The Council of Ministers would like to establish relations with the Council of Europe in order to ascertain any wishes and suggestions which the latter may care to convey to it in regard to problems of transport.

The Conference proposes to send you its annual progress report and will be glad to receive any comments which you may care to make upon it.

The Council of Ministers hopes that it may rely upon the moral support of your distinguished organisation and believes that such relations would facilitate the adoption of suitable measures for the co-ordination of European inland transport.

It takes this opportunity of informing you that the administrative seat of the Conference is at 3, rue André Pascal, Paris, to which all correspondence intended for the Conference should be addressed.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) P. W. SEGERS
Chairman of the Council of Ministers

Strasbourg, 29th April, 1954