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Memorandum to Prof. E. Grandjean, secretary to the International
Ergonomics Association

from the Council of the Nederlandse Vereniging voor
Ergonomie

In the most recent council meeting of the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie, the prospective way in which future contacts between the Vereniging and the International Ergonomics Association might develop, has been on the agenda.

Amongst others the present organisation of the I.E.A. as laid down in its Articles and the subsequent modifications has been discussed.

From within the council a few suggestions have been forwarded, and it is my honour as a secretary to the council to submit these to the Committee of the I.E.A.

1. In the interest of a stronger tie between individuals and organisations interested in ergonomics and with a view to a more efficient communication internationally, the council believes that above all the I.E.A. should assume the character of an International Union of Ergonomics Societies.

Such an organisational form is the more pressing as, besides the existing British, American and German organisations, three new national societies have been established, viz.

The Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie
the Société d'Ergonomie de Langue Française and
the Società Italiana di Ergonomica

This would by no means exclude the possibility of an individual membership, an affiliated membership or an associate membership.

2. The organisational form as indicated above would involve certain implications for the privileges and duties of its members and for the constitution of its Committee.
 - a. The council would like to propose proportional representation of national organisations in the General Assembly.
 - b. The council would like to make the contribution payable by the national organisations dependent on the number of members of these organisations.

- c. The council believes that the execution of the task of the Committee would be improved by the appointment of an Executive Committee for the organisation of international meetings, consisting of representatives of each national ergonomics organisation.

The council of the Nederlandse Vereniging voor Ergonomie would appreciate a consideration of the above suggestions by the Committee, possibly as a starting point for further discussions.

If necessary we might consult our own members prior to the General Assembly of the I.E.A.

For this reason we would appreciate to be informed about the Committee's views at the earliest of your convenience.

Eindhoven, May 26th 1964

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