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Ratification of Council of Europe Conventions

Motion for a recommendation
tabled by Mr Hermod LANNUNG and other members of the Assembly

The Assembly,

Considering that quite a few Council of Europe Conventions and Agreements have not yet been ratified by certain Member States ;

Considering that the European Convention on the Equivalence of Periods of University Study and the European Convention on Establishment, although signed in 1956 and 1955 respectively, have been ratified by only one Member State or by a number insufficient to bring them into force ;

Recalling the provisions of the Statutory Resolution adopted by the Committee of Ministers in May 1951, whereby the Conventions or Agreements shall be submitted by the Secretary-General to all Members for ratification and whereby each Member undertakes that within one year of such submission or, where this is impossible owing to exceptional circumstances, within eighteen months, the question of ratification of the Convention or Agreement shall be brought before the competent authority or authorities in its country ;

Finding that these provisions have not been complied with by some Members,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers add the following text to sub-paragraph (ii) of the said Statutory Resolution :

" After the expiry of the aforementioned periods :

a. The Secretary-General shall place the question of outstanding ratifications on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of Ministers.

b. The Committee of Ministers shall inform the Assembly of the reasons why the Conventions and Agreements in question have not been ratified."

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed:

LANNUNG Hermod, Denmark