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Regional Co-operation

Motion for a recommendation¹

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

Co-operation between countries located in a certain geopolitical sector of the world is essential for their sustainable development. Regional co-operation can accelerate the process of economic and social development for all participating countries. It is a necessary prerequisite for creating an area of peace, stability, and dialogue. Nowadays, alienation and isolation are not an option anymore and there is no alternative to regional co-operation, the positive outcomes of which are undeniable.

The Council of Europe has been hosting numerous discussions on regional co-operation. The most recent example is the issue of transfrontier co-operation presented during the January 2008 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. However, regional co-operation in the current international situation demands new approaches, in particular in the areas of conflict or strained relations.

Promoting regional co-operation in areas involving conflicts or tense relations, especially in terms of its confidence building potential, would be beneficial for Europe, where there are always processes of integration. The content of co-operation may vary from case to case but there are numerous ongoing projects of regional cooperation in Europe which can serve as an example.

Therefore, the Assembly calls on the member states of the Council of Europe and on the Committee of Ministers to:

- discuss and elaborate new approaches to regional cooperation;
- be more consistent in their will to establish regional co-operation models and in ensuring their compliance with existing realities;
- design innovative methods of co-operation between countries engaged in conflicts or where there are strained relations;
- urge international organisations to oversee the process of co-operation;
- promote observation, planning and training for the countries willing to co-operate.

Signed (see overleaf)

1. Referred to the Political Affairs Committee, for report, and to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs, for opinion: Reference No. 3454 (19th Sitting, 23 June 2008).



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