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Military waste and the environment

Reply to Recommendation[1]: Recommendation 1946 (2010)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers has examined Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1946 (2010) on "Military waste and the environment". It has brought the recommendation to the attention of member states' governments and has also communicated it to the Committee of Senior Officials of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning (CEMAT).

2. The Committee of Ministers acknowledges that military waste management is an important issue and a major responsibility for governments, given that many substances present in military waste are still active and can cause problems for the environment and for human health. It also shares the view that adequate measures need to be implemented, at the national level and possibly at the European level, to deal with military waste, and encourages the relevant authorities of member states, where appropriate, to give due consideration to the recommendation and the related resolution to this end.

3. The Assembly is aware that at present, the Council of Europe is focusing on further streamlining its activities, with a view to concentrating its limited resources on its core objectives. The Committee of Ministers has noted that the Committee of Senior Officials of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning (CEMAT) has proposed to give attention to this question in the framework of its future work programme. This proposal would need to be reviewed in the light of the decisions of the Committee of Ministers on the programme and budget for 2012-2013.

1. adopted at the 1113th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (4-5 May 2011)