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The Assembly

1. Instructs the committees :

a. to draw up Assembly reports according to the following criteria :

1. on the front page : the theme, the Rapporteur's name, his or her country and political party, a brief text containing a statement of the problem and suggested solutions, cost implications, the reporting committee, the committee(s) seized for opinion ;

2. the names of those voting in the committee should be on the back page rather than on the front page as at present ;

3. the texts to be adopted will follow on a new page after ‘‘Problem and proposed solutions". They should be as concise as possible and written in a comprehensible and straightforward way ;

4. the explanatory memorandum should be a short political memorandum/argument. The wording must be easily understood by non-specialists ;

b. to develop relations with journalists by opening meetings to them as often as possible ;

c. to develop closer co-operation with NGOs ;

2. Instructs the Committee on Rules of Procedure to review rules concerning the form of reports, taking account of Document 6102;

3. Instructs the Bureau of the Assembly to make debates with ministers more constructive by offering more possibilities of question and answer.

1. Assembly debate on 25 September 1989 (15th Sitting) (see Doc. 6102, report of the Committee on Parliamentary and Public Relations, Rapporteur : Mr Büchner). Text adopted by the Assembly on 25 September 1989 (15th Sitting).