



**Order 514 (1996)<sup>1</sup>**

## Promoting children's causes

### Parliamentary Assembly

1. By adopting a European Strategy for Children, the Assembly reaffirms that children's status should be a political priority. As a pan-European parliamentary forum, it feels particular responsibility and entitlement for discussing and promoting children's causes.
2. The Assembly instructs its Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee:
  - 2.1. to participate actively in the follow-up to be given to [Recommendation 1286 \(1996\)](#) on a European strategy for children;
  - 2.2. to continue their advocacy of children's causes, if need be in co-operation with other relevant committees of the Assembly and to initiate all appropriate activities to improve the situation of children in Europe and outside Europe in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
3. To that end, it invites the committee to continue its co-operation with Unicef and authorises it to hold regular meetings with Unicef at its European offices.
4. The Assembly also instructs its Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in close co-operation with the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, to pursue its study of the problems associated with children's rights in judicial proceedings, especially in the field of legal aid, with a view to providing guidelines.

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1. Assembly debate on 24 January 1996 (4th Sitting) (see [Doc. 7436](#)[Doc. 7436](#), report of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, rapporteur: Mr Cox; and [Doc. 7473](#), opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mrs Err). Text adopted by the Assembly on 24 January 1996 (4th Sitting).

