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Readmission of Greece to the Council of Europe

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The Assembly,

1. Having been asked by the Committee of Ministers for an opinion on the readmission of Greece to the Council of Europe, in accordance with Statutory Resolution (51) 30 A adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 3 May 1951 ;

2. Recalling its Resolutions 573 and 578 on the situation in Greece ;

3. Recalling that, in its Resolution 578, it expressed the conviction that Greece would soon fulfil the remaining statutory requirements for joining again the Council of Europe, particularly the holding of free parliamentary elections,

4. Notes that free elections were held on 17 November 1974 and that Greece now has the parliamentary regime essential for becoming a Member of the Council of Europe ;

5. Notes, moreover, that Greece is a European state which is now deemed able and willing :

a. to fulfil the provisions of Article 3 of the Statute, which provides that "every Member of the Council of Europe must accept the principles of the rule of law and of the enjoyment by all persons within its jurisdiction of human rights and fundamental freedoms", and

b. to collaborate sincerely and effectively in the realisation of the aim of the Council of Europe as specified in Chapter I of the Statute ;

6. Finds that Greece thus fulfils the conditions for accession to the Council of Europe as laid down by the Statute, and consequently declares itself in favour of the Committee of Ministers' inviting Greece to become a Member of the Council of Europe again ;

7. Welcomes the intention, manifested by Greece, of becoming once again a Contracting Party to the European Convention on Human Rights ;

8. Agrees that the number of Representatives of Greece in the Assembly should be fixed at seven and that Article 26 of the Statute should be amended to that effect.

1. See Doc. 3512, report of the Political Affairs Committee. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 27 November 1974.