



Recommendation 58 (1954)¹

Establishment of a procedure for consultation among the European delegations to international organisations

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Considering that consultation among European delegations to the United Nations, its Specialised Agencies and Administrative Unions would help to foster closer unity between Members of the Council of Europe and promote their ideals and the principles underlying the Statute of the Council ;

Considering that such consultation among European delegations could not but serve to reinforce the contribution made by Members of the Council of Europe to the work of the international organisations in question by the avoidance of conflict or duplication between the work of such organisations and that of the Council ;

Considering that such consultation will provide Members of the Council who do not participate in any given international organisation with a multilateral and institutional means of acquainting the other Members of the Council with their views, thus avoiding the need to approach each of the individual chancelleries concerned,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers should adopt a statutory Resolution establishing the procedure for consultation defined below :

- a. On the initiative of the head of the delegation of a Member State of the Council of Europe to an international organisation, or of his representative, the delegations of the Member States of the Council may meet at any time in order to discuss an item on the agenda of such an organisation which falls within the competence of the Council of Europe. To this end the Member Governments of the Council of Europe shall communicate the necessary authorisation to their delegations, which shall be part of the standing instructions of such delegations.
- b. Whenever the work of an international organisation is likely to be of interest to the Council, the Secretary-General shall submit any suitable proposal to the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers for the convocation of such a meeting through the medium of the delegation of the Chairman's own country.
- c. Observers or ad hoc delegates of such Member States of the Council of Europe as are not members of the international organisations in respect of whose activities meetings are to be held as proposed in the preceding paragraphs shall be invited to such meetings at the instance of the delegation convening the meeting, or the delegation of that Member of the Council of Europe whose Foreign Minister is Chairman-in-office of the Committee of Ministers.
- d. The meeting may either be confined to a simple discussion or, by the unanimous consent of the delegations, may lead to the adoption of joint conclusions. The Governments shall retain sole power to take such action as they deem fit on the conclusions submitted to them.

1. This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its 4th Sitting, on 24th May, 1954 (see [Doc. 224](#), Report of the Committee on General Affairs). See also [Resolution 45](#) below.



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- e. The delegation convening the meeting shall be responsible for its organisation and, with the consent of the other delegations shall, in appropriate cases, draw up a summary report of the meeting for submission to the Committee of Ministers. The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe may be asked to lend his assistance for specific purposes.