



Recommendation 64 (1954)¹

Efforts to be made by Western Europe to put its trade with the East on a normal basis (Further Considerations)

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly recognises that a relaxation in the present restrictions on East-West trade may result in certain limited advantages to the subject nations of Eastern and Central Europe, in so far as it may lessen the current economic hardships suffered by these people, and may also to some degree modify Soviet efforts to direct the trade of these nations away from its traditional channels and integrate their economies ever more closely within the satellite bloc.
2. It affirms that no action, or endorsement of action, by the Council of Europe in respect of the development of East-West trade in any way diminishes, runs contrary to, or affects the Council's continuing adherence to the views recently stated in [Resolution 47 \(1953\)](#), in which the Assembly reaffirms the need for the unity of the whole of Europe and looks forward to the day when these nations will again become an integral part of the free European community.
3. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers should keep the development of East-West trade under close and constant review, and should, in particular, take any steps which may appear necessary and practicable to prevent this trade from directly facilitating any re-intensification of Communist policies in collectivisation or similar activities inimical to the ultimate return of these subject nations to a free and democratic life, or from advancing the standard of life of the peoples of the U.S.S.R. at the expense of those in the satellite countries.

1. (see [Doc. 294](#), Report of the Special Committee to watch over the interests of the European nations not represented in the Council of Europe). This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its 26th Sitting, on 22nd September, 1954

