



Recommendation 128 (1957)¹

Participation of the Council of Europe in UNESCO projects concerned with the "mutual appreciation of Eastern and Western cultural values"

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Having learnt with satisfaction that at the General Conference of UNESCO in New Delhi the project "mutual appreciation of Eastern and Western cultural values" was included in the programme of UNESCO as one of the three major projects of that Organisation;

Considering it of the highest importance that the countries of Europe should be aware of the need for presenting Europe as a cultural whole to the other regions of the world ;

Considering that the Council of Europe's contribution should take the form of schemes jointly organised by European countries which should transcend national particularism and as far as possible illustrate the unity of Europe,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers should associate the Council of Europe as closely as possible with the implementation of the UNESCO project concerned with "mutual appreciation of Eastern and Western cultural values", in particular by the adoption of the following measures :

- a. to hold one or more European art exhibitions in Eastern countries, making use in this connection of the experience gained with the Council of Europe exhibitions in Brussels, Amsterdam and Rome ;
- b. to organise in Europe courses of European studies for nationals of Eastern countries ;
- c. to organise in one or more Eastern countries courses of one or more weeks duration devoted to the "presentation of the European idea", at which eminent Europeans would give lectures on the fundamental aspects of European culture ; this programme might be supplemented by other manifestations of European culture ;
- d. to send a representative of the Council of Europe to the meeting which will be taking place in 1958, under the auspices of UNESCO, for the purpose of considering how the subject of Western civilisation should be dealt with in Asian textbooks.

1. (see Doc. 611, draft Recommendation presented by the Committee on Cultural and Scientific Questions and Explanatory Memorandum by Mme Rehling) This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its 37th Sitting, on 11th January 1957

