



Recommendation 137 (1957)¹

Organisation of a second "Round Table" devoted to Human Rights

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is the achievement of greater unity between its Members and that one of the methods by which that aim is to be pursued is the maintenance and further realisation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ;

Considering that the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, which is one of the most important achievements of the Council of Europe, constitutes a first step towards the collective enforcement of Human Rights ;

Considering that the Convention is in effect a Charter of the spiritual and moral values which are the common heritage of the community of European peoples ;

Desirous that, with a view to a deeper understanding of this concept, the historical, philosophical and legal significance of the sanctity of human rights should be more fully realised ;

Believing that the most fitting and effective means of disseminating the idea of the Council of Europe would be to bring home to the public, on a suitably impressive occasion, the principles of personal and political freedom and the rule of law,

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers that it should :

1. invite the most eminent European legal thinkers to attend a second "Round Table" at which they would define the principles of a philosophy of Human Rights ;
2. hold the "Round Table" at Brussels in 1958, in connection with the Council of Europe's participation in the Universal Exhibition ;
3. make the necessary appropriations for this "Round Table" to have the dignity and prestige of a major European event ;
4. give the "Round Table" and its results the widest possible publicity.

1. see [Doc. 660](#), Report of the Cultural Committee This Recommendation was adopted by the Assembly at its 8th Sitting, on 3rd May 1957

