

Recommendation 204 (1959)¹

European Conference of Local Authorities

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Considering the work done by the European Conference of Local Authorities at its first two Sessions ;

Taking note of the very promising way in which the studies being carried out by various organs of the Conference, following the work of the Conference, are progressing ;

Noting with satisfaction the agreement of the Committee of Ministers to vote the necessary appropriations so as to enable the Conference to hold its third Session in 1960 ; even though these appropriations are still inadequate ;

Welcoming the decision by which the Committee of Ministers has approved the principle of meetings of the organs of the Conference between Sessions in order to ensure the continuity of its work ;

Noting with satisfaction that the Committee of Ministers has announced that it is prepared to consider requests for the holding of further Sessions of the Conference, while reserving the right to examine each request on its " individual merits", though it has refused so far to accept the principle that such sessions should be held periodically ;

Conscious of interpreting the wishes of the great majority of European local authorities ;

Convinced that the work of the Conference can be fully effective only if it is carried out under stable and regular conditions ;

Being most anxious to avoid any controversy of principle with the Committee of Ministers which would harm its relations with that Committee and the very future of the Conference itself, particularly since there is a fundamental understanding between the Conference and the Committee auguring well for the future of the Conference,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers should be so good as to consider forthwith what steps will be necessary to hold a highly desirable fourth Session of the Conference and that it should also give sympathetic consideration to the need to ensure continuity and regularity of the work of the Conference.

1. Assembly Debate on 15th September 1959 (14th Sitting) (see [Doc. 1008](#)[Doc. 1008](#), Report of the Committee on Local Authorities). Text Adopted by the Assembly on 15th September 1959 (14th Sitting).

