



## Recommendation 268 (1960)<sup>1</sup>

# Ratification of Council of Europe conventions

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Considering that more than twenty conventions have now been concluded in the framework of the Council of Europe;

Considering that the state of ratification of a number of these conventions is far from satisfactory;

Noting that the procedure for ratification laid down by the Committee of Ministers in its "statutory resolution" of May 1951 has been inadequately applied;

Noting the report of its Legal Committee ([Doc. 1184](#)) which examines the procedure in force in the International Labour Organisation and attempts to draw lessons therefrom for the Council of Europe -a report which the Assembly recommends to the attention of the Committee of Ministers;

Believing that it is necessary to institute a new procedure which will secure more satisfactory results;

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers :

*that it should keep under constant review the state of ratification of the conventions concluded in the framework of the Council of Europe; and*

*that, for this purpose, it should adopt a further "statutory resolution" providing that:*

1. *the procedure agreed on in 1951 will be applied;*
2. *each member State will submit an annual report to the Committee of Ministers giving particulars of :*
  - a. *the European conventions it has ratified;*
  - b. *the steps it has taken towards the ratification of other European conventions;*
  - c. *the reasons why it has not taken steps to ratify any European conventions not included under (a) or (b);*
3. *the Committee of Ministers (or an appropriate committee of experts) will examine these reports at a fixed time each year and consider what further action may be necessary in order to secure additional ratifications;*
4. *the Committee of Ministers will communicate to the Assembly once a year in the Report provided for in Article 19 of the Statute the information received from member Governments, as required by para. 2 above, and any conclusions which the Committee of Ministers or its committee of experts has reached in accordance with para. 3 above;*
5. *the Assembly will examine these communications in public debate and formulate its conclusions in the form of recommendations to the Committee of Ministers.*

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1. Assembly debate on 29th September 1960 (20th Sitting) (see [Doc. 1184](#), Report of the Legal Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 29th September 1960 (20th Sitting).

