



Recommendation 325 (1962)¹

Methods of Communist colonialism in Central and Eastern Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly,
2. Expressing its concern at the non-implementation of Article 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights within the countries of Central and Eastern Europe under Communist rule ;
3. Emphasising that, whereas the policy of member States of the Council of Europe in Africa and Asia is designed to lead the colonial peoples to self-determination and self-government, the aim of Soviet imperialism in Central and Eastern Europe is to hold the bloc States under Soviet control ;
4. Recommends :

that the Committee of Ministers should invite the member Governments to ask the General Assembly of the United Nations to insist on the holding of genuinely free elections in the European countries under Communist rule ;

that the Committee of Ministers should urge the member Governments to oppose charges of "imperialism" and "colonialism" levelled against them in the General Assembly of the United Nations by initiating public debates on the methods of Soviet colonialism as applied in Europe.

1. Assembly debate on 20th September 1962 (9th Sitting) (see [Doc. 1494](#), Report of the Committee on Non-represented Nations). Text adopted by the Assembly on 20th September 1962 (9th Sitting).

