**Recommendation 341 (1963)**[1]

# Anti-Noise Campaign

Parliamentary Assembly

*The Assembly,*

Having examined certain Anti-Noise Campaign studies and plans in course of preparation in member countries of the Council of Europe and the legal requirements in force in those countries ;

Having noted the work undertaken by intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations on this subject ;

Concerned about the harmful effects that noise may have on the physical health and the mental balance of the individual ;

Considering that the information in its possession justifies the belief that means already exist to combat noise at places of work and noise produced by traffic or emanating from other sources ;

Having learnt that the Committee of Ministers has awarded three co-ordinated medical fellowships for the year 1963 to three experts of Austrian, Swiss and Irish nationality respectively for the purpose of studying the problem of noise-abatement ;

Fully aware of the need to improve working and housing conditions in respect of noise of all kinds, but realizing that all traffic noise, in particular that of aircraft, can be effectively combated only if measures are taken at international level ;

Having learnt that some Governments are sponsoring the construction of supersonic aircraft for civil transport,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers :

*a.* Call the attention of Governments to the urgent need to compel builders to comply with specifications ensuring that the noise from such civil supersonic aircraft shall not constitute a nuisance for the everyday life of the people, still less a danger to health ;

*b.*

- *a.* Transmit the present report to the three co-ordinated fellowship specialists so that they may take it into account in their research and, in particular, may give their opinion on the conclusions reached by the Consultative Assembly and on the anti-noise measures recommended by the Assembly ;
- *b.* Transmit the specialists' report to the Consultative Assembly for opinion as soon as it is available ;

*c.* Consider whether it is possible, without awaiting the result of the three specialists' work, to have standard units of measurement adopted throughout Europe ;

*d.*

- *a.* Foster research work into reducing noise, both by calling on governmental committees of experts and by giving effective assistance to all governmental and non-governmental organisations dealing with this matter ;

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*b.* Promote the exchange of information between specialised institutions dealing with all aspects of the anti-noise campaign ;

*e.* Support the general dissemination of information to educate public opinion as to the dangers to health inherent in noise.