



Recommendation 389 (1964)¹

East-West relations

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly,
2. Considering that it is the duty of the Council of Europe to contribute at the same time towards the unification of a free and democratic Europe and the easing of tension which has begun between East and West;
3. Considering that, while preventing the spread of Communist imperialism and reaffirming the right of all nations to self-determination, the West should foster the conclusion of agreements reducing the danger of war; and that it should also encourage the trend within the Communist world towards peaceful co-operation among open societies,
4. Recommends the Committee of Ministers :
5. to include in their forthcoming political discussions the problems of East-West relations with the aim of bringing the positions of the Governments closer together;
6. to endeavour stage by stage to find forms for a genuine peaceful co-existence between the Soviet Union on the one hand and a Europe in the process of unification and the United States on the other;
7. to support, to this end, on behalf of Europe the setting up of a United Nations international force on a permanent basis;
8. to advocate, in the spirit of the undertakings by the Western Powers to safeguard the liberty of the people of Berlin, measures for restoring free movement between West Berlin and East Berlin ;
9. to study the question of liberalising exchanges of persons and means of information, which includes putting an end to the jamming of wireless broadcasts and allowing the sale of newspapers and periodicals in conditions of reciprocity, and, further, to study the question of joint research, notably into scientific problems, including meteorology and the exploration of outer space; and
10. to organise an annual meeting of national officials responsible for cultural agreements with the Eastern European countries, under the chairmanship of one of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, at which a report would be drawn up for member Governments of the Council of Europe assessing the results of East-West cultural exchanges.

1. Assembly debate on 21st, 22nd and 23rd April 1964 (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sittings) (see [Doc. 1757](#), revised draft Recommendation presented by the Political Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 23rd April 1964 (5th Sitting), as amended.

