Recommendation 472 (1966)[1]

Co-operation on town and country planning within the Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its Resolution 210, adopted on 26th September 1961, which initiated its first study of town and country planning, stating it to be one of the essential political tasks facing the European institutions at the present time[2];

2. Recalling its Resolution 289 which established the Joint Working Party on Regional Planning;

3. Congratulating the European Conference of Local Authorities for having given prominence to the basic aspects of town and country planning and having thus brought the Council of Europe to take up the question;

4. Having regard to the interim report prepared by the Joint Working Party on Regional Planning presented with the agreement of the Bureau of the Assembly;

5. Observing that the increasingly rapid development of "industrial society" confronts all countries with new problems of land use which can be solved rationally only in the context of town and country planning;

6. Observing that this new responsibility falls on the public authorities at all levels of the administration - local, regional, national and ineluctably European;

7. Observing that the interdepartmental nature of town and country planning necessitates the establishment at all levels of bodies to co-ordinate the activity of the various departments and services concerned;

8. Observing that co-operative action to date, at both governmental and non-governmental level, is not adequate to answer the real needs for European co-operation in this field;

9. Pending consideration of a final report to be entitled "Town and Country Planning - a European problem", containing specific proposals for implementing a programme of European co-operation in this matter,

10. Recommends the Committee of Ministers:

11. to note the Assembly's proposal, now under consideration, for the creation of a European Conference of Ministers responsible for town and country planning, secretarial services for which could be provided by the Council of Europe;

12. to bring this project to the notice of the bodies whose task it is to study developments in the local authorities field, by transmitting this report to the ad hoc committee of experts instructed to give an opinion on this question;

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1. Assembly Debate on 30th September 1966 (16th Sitting) (see Doc. 2111 rev., report of the Joint Working Party on Regional Planning). Text adopted by the Assembly on 30th September 1966) (16th Sitting).
2. Assembly Debate on 30th September 1966 (16th Sitting) (see Doc. 2111 rev., report of the Joint Working Party on Regional Planning).

13. to co-ordinate Council of Europe activities connected with town and country planning by taking the following measures:

a. by grouping these activities together in a chapter in the Programme of Intergovernmental Work;

b. by authorising the Secretary General to convene a co-ordinating group of representatives of the various bodies now concerned with these activities, especially:

1. in the intergovernmental sector:

the European Committee for the Conservation of Nature and National Resources,

the Social Committee (Sub-Committee on the Social Aspects of Regional Development Policy),

the Council for Cultural Co-operation (Committee for Out-of-School Education and the Cultural Rapporteur),

the Committee of Experts on Air Pollution,

the Special Representative for National Refugees and Over-Population;

2. European Conference of Local Authorities (Working Party on Regional Planning and Development);

3. Consultative Assembly (Joint Working Party on Regional Planning);

c. by providing for the financial measures required to allow this co-ordinating group to hold two meetings every year.