



## Recommendation 583 (1970)<sup>1</sup>

# Suppression of and guaranteeing against unjustifiable discrimination

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Abhorring all forms of unfair discrimination, whether by reason of race, religion, sex, colour, language, birth or other circumstances which distinguish between people;
2. Deploring all manifestation of hostility and prejudice towards minority groups, whether native or immigrant, as being clearly at variance with the principles enshrined in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and other international agreements to a like effect;
3. Considering that a number of international instruments designed to prevent discrimination have been concluded in recent years by the United Nations, the Specialised Agencies and the Council of Europe, but that, nevertheless, their provisions are not yet fully respected in practice;
4. Recalling its [Recommendation 453 \(1966\)](#) "on measures to be taken against incitement to racial, national and religious hatred" and [Resolution \(68\) 30](#) of the Committee of Ministers on the same subject;
5. Having regard further to its [Resolution 356 \(1967\)](#) and its [Recommendation 504 \(1967\)](#) on the political, social and civic position of women in Europe,
6. Urging those states which have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination and other conventions directed against discrimination in employment and education and relating to the political, social and civic rights of women;
7. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers invite member governments :
  - a. to re-examine their legislation and practices with a view to tightening up and improving their systems for the suppression of discriminatory practices, particularly in the fields of political rights (including the ages at which political capacity is acquired), civil rights, employment and housing, and to repealing any national laws which have discriminatory effects;
  - b. to undertake or intensify campaigns of public education designed to combat discrimination and make sociological studies of its causes and remedies;
  - c. to take particular account of the particular interests of minorities within their borders and to the special needs of immigrants and migrant workers;
  - d. to speed up the process of providing fair and equal treatment for women workers, including equal pay, and securing the political rights of women;
  - e. to ensure that government-controlled and nationalised industries and public authorities set a special example in avoiding discrimination and promoting the integration of minority groups; and
  - f. to report regularly to the Secretary General on the action taken on the foregoing matters;

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1. Assembly debate on 23 January 1970 (18th Sitting) (see [Doc.2703](#), report of the Legal Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 23 January 1970 (18th Sitting).



8. 8. Recommendsthat the Committee of Ministers :
  - a. instruct theCommittee of Experts on Human Rights to draft anadditional Protocol to theEuropean Convention on Human Rights which wouldsecure the equal treatment ofpersons in the enforcement of the law and prohibitdiscrimination in theexercise of the following rights :
    1. the rightto participate with equal votingrights in national and local elections basedon the fair delineation ofelectoral boundaries ;
    2. the rightof access to employment,particularly in central and local government services,in state and semi-statecompanies and public bodies financed wholly or partlyout of central or localgovernment funds, and in private industries partlyfinanced or subsidised bystate or local bodies ;
    3. the rightto the equitableallocation of dwellings and of resources required to providedwellings wholly orpartly financed out of public funds ;
    4. the right of accessto the publicservice
  - b. submit the draftProtocol to theAssembly for its opinion before signature by membergovernments.