Recommendation 682 (1972)[1]

European "Sport for All" Charter

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its Recommendation 588 (1970) on the development of Sport for All and the creation of co-ordinating structures ;

2. Reaffirming that, in a society increasingly dominated by machines, man needs a certain amount of physical exercise for both his physical and his mental well-being ;

3. Observing that a policy for the development of Sport for All, the aim of which is to bring sport as a socio-cultural activity within the reach of as many people as possible, raises problems which cannot be satisfactorily solved within a purely national framework ;

4. Believing in this context that the adoption of common principles would enable national policies to be progressively harmonised ;

5. Welcoming the fact that the work done by the Council for Cultural Co-operation and various other international bodies has already enabled several common principles to be established ;

6. Emphasising, however, that a systematic and comprehensive approach to the problems connected with Sport for All would in particular make it possible to identify objectives and means in regard to a European policy for the development of Sport for All ;

7. Conscious that the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of a European "Sport for All" Charter, defining the principles that might serve as a common framework for the actions of governments and the various other authorities concerned, would provide a sound and coherent basis for the drawing up of various agreements applicable to particular sectors, even of a European Convention on Sport for All ;

8. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers :

a. adopt a European "Sport for All" Charter on the principles set out in the report of its Committee on Culture and Education (Doc. 3186) ;

b. invite the Council for Cultural Cooperation and its subsidiary organs :

1. to see that the charter is implemented ;

2. to direct their work towards the preparation of a European convention in the light of the European "Sport for All" Charter.

1. Assembly debate on 20 October 1972 (13th Sitting) (see Doc. 3186, report of the Committee on Culture and Education). Text adopted by the Assembly on 20 October 1972 (13th Sitting).