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**Recommendation 801 (1977)**[1]

# Introduction of summer time arrangements in Europe

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The Assembly,

1. Having regard to the report of its Committee on Regional Planning and Local Authorities on the introduction of summer time arrangements in Europe (Doc. 3913) ;

2. Having regard to the economic advantages, and in particular the energy savings, that could result from the introduction of summer time arrangements throughout Europe ;

3. Having regard also to the psychological benefit that summer time can have in making public opinion aware of the many aspects of the problem of saving energy ;

4. Believing that summer time may help to bring about an improvement in the organisation of leisure pursuits and in the living conditions of the populations concerned ;

5. Aware of the difficulties that arise when summer time is introduced in some European countries and not in others, and on different dates ;

6. Concerned above all with the problems encountered by countries with intensive mutual trade and communications, as a result of differences between their summer time arrangements,

7. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers :

*a.* request member governments to confer together as early as possible with a view to adopting a uniform summer time system ;

*b.* follow up the proposals of the Commission of the European Communities on the introduction of summer time, by taking the uniform scheme proposed for the nine member states of the European Communities and extending it to the nineteen member states of the Council of Europe.

1. Assembly debate on 25 January 1977 (22nd Sitting) (see Doc. 3913, report of the Committee on Regional Planning and Local Authorities). Text adopted by the Assembly on 25 January 1977 (22nd Sitting).