Recommendation 805 (1977)[1]

Council of Europe's relations with management and labour

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Considering that the existence in the Council of Europe of such instruments as the European Social Charter confers special responsibility on the Council with regard to social questions in a broad sense;

2. Recalling that social questions account for a large proportion of the activities in the Council of Europe's medium-term plan ;

3. Convinced that a proper social policy cannot be drawn up without a frank and full dialogue with the main interested parties ;

4. Noting that at present the relations of the Council of Europe's various organs with workers' and employers' organisations are piecemeal ;

5. Also noting that the Council of Europe is the sole major European organisation where permanent dialogue with management and labour has not become standard practice,

6. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers make arrangements for the setting up in the Council of Europe of an advisory committee composed of representatives of the main international workers' and employers' organisations, and of representatives of governments, with which the Assembly would also be associated, in order to enable a continuous and comprehensive dialogue to be conducted between those parties on any economic and social policy matter ;

7. Further recommends that the Committee of Ministers, during the implementation and the revision of the medium-term plan, take the views expressed during those consultations fully into account, in order to lay down the main lines of a coherent and realistic social policy.

1. Assembly debate on 27 January 1977 (25th Sitting) (see Doc. 3902 report of the Committee on Social and Health Questions). Text adopted by the Assembly on 27 January 1977 (25th Sitting).