Recommendation 820 (1977)[1]

Situation in Spain

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its Resolutions 575 (1974), 599 (1975), 614 and 640 (1976), and 656 (1977) ;

2. Having heard the freely elected representatives of the Spanish people, members of the all-party ad hoc delegation of the Cortes invited to the second part of the 29th Ordinary Session ;

3. Warmly welcoming the declaration of 8 October 1977 addressed to the Assembly and signed by the spokesmen of all the political groups in the Cortes, solemnly confirming their intention to ensure that the new constitution guarantees the ideals enshrined in the Statute of the Council of Europe and the European Convention on Human Rights ;

4. Looking forward to the rapid adoption and full implementation of a new and democratic constitution for Spain ;

5. Considering that democratic Europe has a pressing responsibility to contribute to the consolidation of democracy in Spain, and that both Spain and Europe have much to gain from the closest possible links

6. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers without delay invite Spain to join the Council of Europe, and considers that this recommendation should be deemed by the Committee of Ministers to be the opinion of the Assembly provided for by Resolution (51) 30, adopted by the Committee of Ministers in May 1951, relating to the admission of new members to the Council of Europe.

1. Assembly debate on 11 and 12 October 1977 (15th and 16th Sittings) (seeDoc. 4037, report of the Committee on European Non-Member Countries). Text adopted by the Assembly on 12 October 1977 (16th Sitting).