



Recommendation 824 (1977)¹

Allocation of seats in the Assembly among member states (Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe)

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Considering that the scale for the allocation of seats in the Assembly among the member states of the Council of Europe was fixed in 1949 on the basis inter alia of the population figures available at that time and has not been revised since 1951 ;
2. Noting the most recent population statistics of the United Nations Organisation ;
3. Considering that the population of Turkey has increased much more in the last twenty-six years than that of any other member state, and that this provides grounds for increasing the number of seats allotted to Turkey ;
4. Considering that the population of Spain is approximately in the same range as that of Turkey ;
5. Approving for the time being the Committee of Ministers' decision to fix the number of Assembly Representatives from Spain at 10, as set out in Resolution (77) 32 of 18 October 1977, which was the invitation to Spain to become a member of the Council of Europe,
6. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers fix at 12 the number of seats in the Assembly to which Spain and Turkey are entitled, and make the necessary consequential amendment in Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe ;
7. Expresses the wish that the recommended amendment of the Statute may be effected before the opening of the third part of the 29th Ordinary Session of the Assembly.

1. See [Doc. 4068](#), report of the Political Affairs Committee. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 13 December 1977.

