



Recommendation 993 (1984)¹

European sports co-operation

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having noted the report of its Committee on Culture and Education on European sports cooperation ([Doc. 5270](#)) ;
2. Being informed of the results of the 4th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport (Malta, 15-16 May 1984) ;
3. Welcoming the political interest shown by the ministers in sports co-operation at this level, and sharing their conviction that "the Council of Europe and the European Cultural Convention ... should remain the principal framework for European intergovernmental co-operation in sport" ;
4. Recognising the need to associate more fully in this co-operation the sporting bodies and nongovernmental organisations in the sports field ;
5. Supporting the wish for greater autonomy of the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport, and recalling the parallel of the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education which acts as an overview body of European education co-operation ;
6. Welcoming Recommendation No. R (84) 8 of the Committee of Ministers, on the reduction of spectator violence at sporting events, and the common concern for action in this field shown by the sports ministers and by the Assembly in its [Recommendation 963 \(1983\)](#), and recalling the importance of education for fair play ;
7. Drawing attention to the many other areas of sports co-operation, in particular to the problems of funding sporting activity other than high-level competition events ;
8. Recalling its [Recommendation 900 \(1980\)](#) and [Resolution 738 \(1980\)](#), on the Olympic Games and the outlook for their future, and reasserting its concern at the increasing commercialisation and politicisation of the Olympic movement,
9. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers :
 - a. give positive follow-up to the resolutions of the Malta Conference, in particular by providing adequate resources for implementing, in the intergovernmental Steering Committee for the Development of Sport, the proposals made by the conference ;
 - b. give consideration to the ministerial contribution to European sports co-operation as a model for European co-operation in other sectors of the cultural field.

1. Assembly debate on 1 October 1984 (16th Sitting) (see [Doc. 5270](#), report of the Committee on Culture and Education). Text adopted by the Assembly on 1 October 1984 (16th Sitting).

