Resolution 50 (1954)[1]

Appointment of a Committee on Budgetary Questions and Administration and on the procedure to be followed in budgetary matters

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Noting with satisfaction Resolution (53) 38 adopted by the Committee of Ministers with the object of enabling the Assembly to express an Opinion on its own operational appropriations ;

Considering, however, that in any estimate of the costs involved it is impossible to draw a hard-and-fast distinction between those arising from the permanent organisation of the Secretariat-General and those due to the temporary nature of the Assembly's Sessions ;

Believing, moreover, that it is desirable that the Budget should be reviewed as a whole in order to preserve the administrative unity of the Council of Europe ; and

Considering that the parliamentary nature of the Assembly's work should progressively be strengthened, within the framework of its consultative fonctions,

Resolves :

1. that the Assembly should be consulted by the Committee of Ministers on the draft Budget of the Council of Europe as a whole ;
2. that a Committee of seven, to be called the "Committee ou Budgetary Questions and Administration", be appointed by the Assembly to report on all budgetary and administrative questions and that its members be appointed in accordance with Rule 40 (4) of the Rules of Procédure ;
3. that the documents placed before the Committee by the Secretary-General should include the draft Budget of the Council of Europe for the forthcoming year, the Budget for the current year as approved by the Committee of Ministers, and the most recent audited accounts of the Council of Europe ; and that, on the basis of the Committee's Report thereon, the Assembly adopt an Opinion to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.

1. (see Doc. 284, Report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges). This Resolution was adopted by the Assembly at its 15th Sitting, on 15th September, 1954