



Resolution 163 (1959)¹

Provisions of financial and moral support for the Cultural Fund of the Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Having regard to [Recommendation 74 \(1955\)](#) on the establishment of a Cultural Fund of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Resolution (58) 13 of the Committee of Ministers setting up the Cultural Fund;

Believing that the progress of the Cultural Fund will depend largely on the moral and financial support it receives in each member country and that it is advisable to set up National Committees for this purpose,

Invites its Members to take appropriate steps to ensure that the Cultural Fund receives from their respective countries the financial and moral support it requires for success:

(i) National Committees

The first step to be considered should be, for each country, to set up a National Committee for the purpose of interesting the general public in the cultural activities of the Council of Europe and of securing financial and moral support for the Cultural Fund. Wherever possible such a committee should:

- a. be constituted as a non-profit-making association and governed in accordance with the laws of the country concerned;
- b. be under the most distinguished patronage and be assured of the co-operation of bodies and institutions already working in the cultural field;
- c. collaborate closely at national level with all Funds or Foundations concerned with European cultural activities, with a view to ensuring the co-ordination of their tasks;

(ii) Other steps

In cases where a national committee appears inexpedient, efforts should be made to obtain financial support for the Fund from non-governmental sources by whatever procedure is most appropriate in the country concerned;

Instructs the Secretary-General to afford Representatives every assistance in implementing this Resolution;

Instructs its Cultural Committee to submit periodically a general report on any activities undertaken in pursuance of the present Resolution.

1. (see [Doc. 938](#), Report of the Cultural Committee). This Resolution was adopted by the Assembly at its 30th Sitting, on 22nd January 1959

