Resolution 164 (1959)[1]

Action taken by the Committee of Ministers on Recommendations of the Assembly

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Recalling its Recommendation 168 in which it invited the Committee of Ministers to request Member Governments to keep their national Parliaments regularly informed, so far as possible, of the decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers;

Having been informed by the Committee of Ministers that it regards as sufficient existing means of information,namely :

the transmission of the official documents of the Council of Europe to the Clerks or libraries of national Parliaments; and

the submission by some Governments of Special Annual Reports to their Parliaments;

Believing that these measures do not suffice to ensure adequate publicity for the work of the Council of Europe, either in Parliaments or among the general public;

Determined to remedy the present situation whereby in national Parliaments as in public opinion so many of the Assembly's Recommendations are regarded as a dead letter;

Desirous that, by the concerted efforts of all concerned, greater interest in the Council of Europe's work should be awakened and its prestige enhanced among parliamentarians and the general public,

Requests Representatives to take appropriate steps in their national Parliaments with a view to urging each Government to inform its Parliament regularly:

a. of the position it has adopted in relation to the Assembly's recommendations; and

b. of the action taken thereon by the Committee of Ministers.

1. (see Doc. 939, Motion for a Resolution submitted by M. Czernetz and a number of his colleagues). This Resolution was adopted by the Assembly at its 30th Sitting, on 22nd January 1959, under Rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure