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Resolution 167 (1959)[1]

Participation of the Council of Europe in the World Refugee Year

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Having regard to Resolution No. 1285 of 5th December 1958 of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the proposal to hold a World Refugee Year;

Noting that this proposal has two aims, namely :

a. to focus interest on the refugee problem and to encourage additional financial contributions from Governments, voluntary agencies and the general public for its solution;

b. to encourage additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions on a purely humanitarian basis and in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves;

Believing that European countries should seize this opportunity of giving renewed proof of their solidarity by associating themselves with this project and by a joint contribution to it,

Decides :

1. to hold a special debate during its 1959 autumn Session on the subject of World Refugee Year;
2. to invite its members
    a. to sponsor similar debates in their national parliaments;
    b. to assist in the work of national committees, and, where necessary, urge that they be set up;
    c. to attend public meetings in connection with World Refugee Year and, if need be, make proposals for holding such meetings;
    d. to support the campaign being carried on by the United Nations, national committees and specialised bodies to assist refugees.

1. see Doc. 973, Report of the Committee on Population and Refugees This Resolution was adopted by the Assembly at its 7th Sitting, on 24th April 1957