



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

