



Resolution 338 (1967)¹

Press legislation

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having studied with interest [Resolution No. 3](#) on Press legislation adopted by the 4th Conference of European Ministers of Justice ;
2. Having regard to the important role of the Press in every true democracy ;
3. Considering that the European Convention on Human Rights contains several provisions affecting the rights and responsibilities of the Press and that it would be desirable for these to be interpreted uniformly in the legal systems of the Council of Europe's member countries, whereas, in fact, the relevant legal provisions vary from country to country ;
4. Considering that the increased facilities for disseminating information across frontiers require some co-ordination of such legal provisions ;
5. Considering that some member countries of the Council of Europe are planning to reform their Press legislation and that it would be desirable for any such reform to tend towards a greater uniformity in law ;
6. Desirous of studying in detail the problems arising in connection with Press legislation, with special reference to the European Convention on Human Rights,
7. Decides :
 - a. to convene a meeting composed of specialists in Press legislation and Press and parliamentary representatives to study the problems arising in connection with the Press and other media of mass communication, with special reference to the European Convention on Human Rights ;
 - b. to instruct the Legal Committee to organise such a meeting and submit a report to it on the results obtained ;
 - c. to invite the Secretary General to help the Assembly to implement this Resolution.

1. Assembly Debate on 26th January 1967 (23rd Sitting) (see [Doc. 2168](#), report of the Legal Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 26th January 1967 (23rd Sitting).

