



Resolution 362 (1968)¹

Article 57 of the European Convention on Human Rights

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its [Recommendation 416 \(1965\)](#) on measures to make the European Convention on Human Rights more fully effective ;
2. Considering that Article 57 provides that, on receipt of a request from the Secretary General, a Contracting Party to the Convention will furnish an explanation of the manner in which its internal law ensures the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention ;
3. Convinced that the right given to the Secretary General in this Article represents a useful means of obtaining information about the implementation of the Convention by the Contracting Parties ;
4. Noting that the Secretary General addressed a request for information to the Contracting Parties in October 1964 and that replies have been received from all the fifteen Governments which were Contracting Parties to the Convention at the time of the survey ; but that, while some of these replies were full and detailed, others contained little useful information,
5. Congratulates the Secretary General on having taken the initiative to exercise for the first time the powers conferred by this provision of the Convention ;
6. Expresses the hope that all Contracting Parties will send complete and detailed replies to any further requests for information which may be addressed to them by the Secretary General in accordance with the provisions of Article 57 of the Convention and that the Secretary General will continue to keep it informed of the replies received ;
7. Suggests that the Secretary General :
 - a. should make use in the future of the powers conferred to him by Article 57 of the Convention from time to time, as circumstances may require ;
 - b. should undertake future surveys on precise questions of a more limited and detailed nature, with the object of ascertaining what is the judicial or administrative practice in the States concerned as regards the implementation of specific provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights.

1. Assembly Debate on 31st January 1968 (17th Sitting) (see [Doc. 2328](#), report of the Legal Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 31st January 1968 (17th Sitting).

