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Resolution 375 (1968)[1]

General policy of the Council of Europe: Europe and the world

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The Assembly,

1. Viewing with concern the recent international events which have disturbed the atmosphere of detente in Europe ;

2. Bearing in mind, however, that the peoples of both Western and Eastern Europe desire the development of peaceful relations, which presupposes full respect for the right to self-determination ;

3. Recalling that the development of such relations implies the renunciation of resort to force or of violation of the right of peoples to self-determination ;

4. Recalling that the Council of Europe has repeatedly stated its willingness to further technical co-operation between East and West, wherever this is sincerely desired by both sides ;

5. Emphasising once again that lasting detente in the world can only be achieved when such problems as Vietnam and the Middle East are settled,Considers :

a. that the governments of the member states should do everything possible to oppose all types of hegemony which would compromise the detente desired by the peoples of Europe ;

b. that the parties to the Middle East conflict should be guided by the example of reconciliation and co-operation set by Western Europe since the end of the second world war, by beginning the negotiations which alone can re-establish peace ; such negotiations, which imply the recognition of Israel, would inter alia make it possible to fix stable and accepted frontiers, to settle the problem of refugees and to ensure the economic development of that part of the world.

1. Assembly debate on 23 September 1968 (10th and 11th Sittings) (see Doc. 2440, Doc. 2440, report of the Political Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 23 September 1968 (11th Sitting).