



Resolution 406 (1969)¹

Ratification of the European Convention on Establishment

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Considering the European Convention on Establishment ;
2. Considering that this Convention was opened to signature by member states of the Council of Europe on 13 December 1955, that it entered into force on 23 February 1965 and that it at present binds seven only of the eighteen member states of the Council of Europe, namely Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Norway ;
3. Considering that this Convention, notwithstanding its limited objectives, is of substantial importance in the field of establishment, even within the framework of the European Economic Community (EEC), especially in respect of those activities which have not yet been opened up to non-nationals within the European Economic Community ;
4. Considering that the Convention contributes to the reduction of differences of treatment as regards establishment which exist in the Contracting States whether or not they are Members of EEC ;
5. Considering that the final objective of the Convention is the application, by each Contracting State, of the treatment accorded to its own nationals to citizens of the other Contracting States ;
6. Considering that the realisation of this objective is facilitated by the "closed" character of the European Convention, thereby excluding the possibility of third party states invoking so called "most-favoured-nation" clauses in order to claim for their own nationals the same advantages as those accorded, on a reciprocal basis, to nationals of Contracting States,
7. Urges all member states who have not yet done so, to ratify, before the end of 1969, the European Convention on Establishment ;
8. Calls on its Committee on Parliamentary and Public Relations to take appropriate steps to this end.

1. Assembly debate on 31 January 1969 (27th Sitting) (see [Doc. 2496](#), report of the Legal Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 31 January 1969 (27th Sitting).

