



## Resolution 505 (1972)<sup>1</sup>

# Results of the Parliamentary Conference on Human Rights

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its [Resolution 467 \(1971\)](#), in which it referred to the initiative it had taken in 1949 in proposing the conclusion of the European Convention on Human Rights, noted the emergence of new ideas and new techniques which have created new situations in the intervening twenty years, and therefore decided to convene a Parliamentary Conference on Human Rights with the aim of drawing up a further programme for the years ahead ;
2. Noting that this conference duly took place, at the invitation of the Austrian Parliament, in Vienna in the month of October 1971, and afforded an opportunity for the participants, taking as their point of departure the accomplishments already achieved by virtue of the Convention on Human Rights, to discuss the measures which should be taken both at the national level and at the European level, in order to consolidate what has already been done, and to reinforce and develop it by means of a short-term and medium-term programme ;
3. Considering the conclusions of the conference, as expressed in its final resolution, relating to protection and further development of human rights in Europe, both by national action in member States and by international action in the European framework,
4. Expresses its satisfaction with the successful outcome of the conference, and thanks the Austrian Parliament and the Austrian Government for the assistance which they have given to this initiative ;
5. Welcomes the principles laid down in the final resolution of the conference annexed to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee ([Doc. 3078](#)), and decides to take them as its point of departure for its further work in this field ;
6. Invites national parliaments to give effect to the proposals of the conference set out in part 2 of the final resolution relating to the establishment of machinery in national parliaments for the scrutiny of bills and for the promotion of legislation with a view to the protection of human rights, and also to the institution of a specialised organ authorised to receive and examine individual complaints, functioning on the lines of the Ombudsman as known in the Scandinavian countries.

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1. Assembly debate on 19 January 1972 (16th Sitting) (see [Doc. 3078](#), report of the Legal Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 19 January 1972 (16th Sitting).

