Resolution 719 (1980)[1]

Moscow Olympic Games

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its Recommendation 889 on the crisis in Afghanistan, and Resolution 718 on the arrest and forced exile of Dr Andrei Sakharov;

2. Bearing in mind the unchanging moral values underlying democracy and sport, draws to the attention of the National Olympic Committees of member states and the athletes of Europe the seriousness of the events which have taken place in Afghanistan during the last month, together with the treatment accorded to Professor Sakharov, and urges them to take these events into account in making their decisions as to whether to participate in the Olympic Games in Moscow or in the ceremonies associated with them;

3. Calls on European governments, in the light of their contacts with their National Olympic Committees and through them with the International Olympic Committee, to endeavour to concert in the framework of the Conference of European Ministers responsible for sport a common position with regard to the Olympic Games in Moscow.

1. Assembly debate on 30 and 31 January 1980 (24th and 25th Sittings) (see Doc. 4485, report of the Political Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 31 January 1980 (25th Sitting).