Resolution 750 (1981)[1]

Security and co-operation in Europe, General Policy of the Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Calling to mind its earlier pronouncements regarding the implementation of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), and in particular its Resolution 732 (1980) ;

2. Having examined the report of its Political Affairs Committee concerning the CSCE meeting in progress in Madrid (Doc. 4724) ;

3. Noting that, in spite of the unforeseen prolongation of its proceedings, the Madrid meeting offers good prospects of concluding satisfactorily, although many uncertainties remain ;

4. Reasserting its conviction that the process embarked on in Helsinki is of a nature to make a positive contribution to the consolidation of peace and security between the participating states and in the world at large ;

5. Stressing the importance of reaching operational decisions in Madrid with respect to all the fields covered by the Helsinki Final Act, so as to reinforce the aim of the Final Act, that is improve the situation of individuals in the participating states, and should therefore take account of the specific proposals made in Madrid for improvement of the situation of individuals or certain groups of individuals ;

6. Pointing out that a dynamic concept of peace can disregard neither the political and military aspects of security, nor respect for human rights, nor the need for co-operation among the participating states in the spheres concerned ;

7. Regretting that the continuing Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, Soviet pressure on Poland and the failure on the part of the USSR to fulfil the undertakings given in the Helsinki Final Act to respect human rights, surround the outcome of the CSCE with questions and uncertainties which impede progress towards world peace and security,

8. Invites the governments of member states to pursue their efforts in defence of the values and ideals specifically upheld by the Council of Europe and to take a firm attitude to any delaying action that others might resort to ;

9. Invites the governments of member states to spare no effort to speed up and bring to a satisfactory conclusion within a reasonable time the proceedings of a meeting which the people of our countries are watching with impatience and in which they place their hopes.

1. Text adopted by the Assembly on 15 May 1981 (7th Sitting). Assembly debate on 14 and 15 May 1981 (6th and 7th Sittings) (see Doc. 4724, report of the Political Affairs Committee).