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# Urgent Necessity of Assistance to Refugees

**Conclusions**[1]
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**1. Recommendation to the Committee of Ministers, adopted 26th August 1950 at the conclusion of the Debate on the Report from the Special Committee on Refugee Questions**

The Assembly,

deeply moved by the situation that has been caused in Europe by the migrations of populations and by the wretched conditions under which refugees of all categories are living,

recognising the common obligation of all members of the Council of Europe to alleviate the sufferings of European refugees,

convinced that the solution of this problem demands the closest collaboration, on an international scale, and more particularly between the members of the Council of Europe, in accordance with the principles of European solidarity and civic morality as denned by the Statute of the Council,

considering, finally, that the immediate establishment of a provisional service to attend to the most pressing needs is a matter of the greatest urgency,

calls the attention of the Committee of Ministers to the urgent necessity of affording assistance to all refugees, and requests the said Committee in the first place, to recommend the Governments of the Members of the Council of Europe to take all such measures, on the national level, as may be calculated, in their opinion, to improve the lot of the refugees, and, secondly, to set up immediately, within the framework of the Secretariat-General of the Council of Europe, a provisional service for the study of problems involved in the legal position of Refugees and to satisfy the most pressing needs of refugees of all categories, in particular those who do not. at present receive assistance from any international organisation.

1. See Doc. 102, Report.