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Resolution 824 (1984)[1]

Return of the Argentinean expatriates to their country of origin

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Welcoming the restoration of democracy in Argentina ;

2. Aware that many expatriate Argentinians would wish to return to Argentina if they could be given financial and administrative help, and that the Argentinian authorities have declared that they have removed all obstacles to their return and established guarantees giving them recourse to constitutional justice and enabling them to take any action to make good errors which have been committed ;

3. Acknowledging that voluntary repatriation is the best possible solution to their problems ;

4. Considering that their return would contribute to the consolidation of democracy and human rights in their country ;

5. Considering that their qualifications and talents would contribute towards meeting the economic needs of their country ;

6. Considering that these facts make it a moral duty for democratic Europe to help the Argentinian expatriates and their families wishing to return to their country and that this help would supplement the efforts deployed by the Argentinian authorities in this sphere ;

7. Aware of the current action of the Intergovernmental Committee on Migration (ICM) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the resettlement in Argentina of Argentinian expatriates,

8. Notes with interest the contract drawn up between Spain and the UNHCR for the repatriation of Argentinian and Chilean refugees ;

9. Invites the governments of the member states :

9.1. to provide the Argentinian expatriates with :

administrative help, particularly as regards their travel documents ;

financial and material help, for instance : provision of air tickets, free transport for their personal effects as well as an allowance for minimum equipment needs relating to reinstallation, readaptation and the search for a job ;

9.2. to co-operate with the Argentine Government with a view to reintegrating expatriates into the professional sections from which they have been ousted ;

9.3. to seek bilateral agreements with the Argentinian Government which would facilitate re-entry into the educational system (recognition of diplomas obtained in the host country) and into the cultural and social system ;

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1. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 28 June 1984. See Doc. 5240, report of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography.

9.4. urgently to assist the ICM and UNHCR with adequate financial contributions for the repatriation of Argentinians.