



Resolution 908 (1988)¹

Situation of the Church and freedom of religion in Eastern Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling its [Recommendation 1086 \(1988\)](#) on the situation of the Church and freedom of religion in Eastern Europe,
2. Calls on the governments concerned to provide for :
 - a. the release of all remaining prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe ;
 - b. the recognition of the Ukrainian (Uniate) Catholic Church in the Soviet Union and the end to the persecution of the Lithuanian Catholic Church ;
 - c. the possibility for the Pope to visit the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia ;
 - d. an end to the persecution of ethnic Turks and to the elimination of Muslim identity in Bulgaria ;
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 - f. an end to the persecution of ethnic Turks and to the elimination of Muslim identity in Bulgaria ;
 - g. the Polish Roman Catholic Church to be allowed to assist in solving the country's environmental, medical and economic problems ;
 - h. a response by the Czechoslovak Government to the thirty-one-point petition by the Roman Catholic Church calling for more religious freedoms ;
 - i. an end to Romania's resistance to any improvement in its treatment of Churches and religious believers, and to its plans to eliminate villages with their churches and Christian heritage ;
 - j. an end to the ban on religious belief and practice in Albania, as the country attempts to come out of its international isolation.

1. *Assembly debate* on 5 and 6 October 1988 (12th and 13th Sittings) (see [Doc. 5944](#), report of the Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries, Rapporteur : Mr Atkinson). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 6 October 1988 (13th Sitting).

