Order 539 (1998)[1]

Monitoring of commitments as regards social rights

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Recalling that, in accordance with Article 1 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, the aim of this latter is to achieve a greater unity between its members for the purpose (...) of facilitating their economic and social progress;

2. Recalling its Recommendation 1354 (1998) on the future of the European Social Charter, and considering that member states ought to maintain a high level of protection of human rights, concerning both civil and political as well as social rights;

3. Taking note of the Final Declaration of the second summit in which heads of state and government decided to "promote and make full use of the instruments which are a reference and a means of action (...) in particular the European Social Charter";

4. Convinced that the respect of social rights should form part of the monitoring procedure which was set up to examine the commitments undertaken by member states,

5. Charges its Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee to control whether member states respect the provisions of existing legal instruments in the social field to which they are party, and in particular the European Social Charter, its protocols and the Revised Social Charter, and to present a report to the Assembly at regular intervals.

1. Assembly debate on 26 and 28 January 1998 (1st and 5th Sittings) (see Doc. 7980, report of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, rapporteur: Mr Haack). Text adopted by the Assembly on 28 January 1998 (5th Sitting).