



Order 548 (1999)¹

Emergence of a culture of children in Albania

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly points out that its commitment to the cause of children is reflected in the adoption in 1996 of a major text, the European Strategy for Children ([Recommendation 1286](#)). The purpose of this text is to give a European dimension to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and enable the rights it confers on children to be translated into practice.
2. Albania is undergoing an extended political, social and economic crisis and is not paying the requisite attention to its children. There is an urgent need to alert national public opinion, to make the policy makers, the various professional groups and the non-governmental organisations concerned aware of the problems and tragedies facing Albanian children, and to help promote the emergence of a "culture of children" in this country.
3. The Assembly accordingly instructs its Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee to convene a multidisciplinary European conference on children's rights, in co-operation with Unicef, in Tirana in 1999 to mark the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

1. Assembly debate on 29 January 1999 (8th Sitting) (see [Doc. 8284](#), report of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, rapporteur: Mrs Pozza Tasca). Text adopted by the Assembly on 29 January 1999 (8th Sitting).

