



Recommendation 1537 (2001)¹

Situation in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1261 \(2001\)](#) on the situation in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”.
2. It takes note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to its [Recommendation 1528 \(2001\)](#) on the situation in “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” adopted on 28 June 2001.
3. The Assembly takes note of the proposals for the Council of Europe’s contribution to the implementation of the Framework Agreement and urges member states to provide sufficient financial resources for these and other programmes for Macedonia.²
4. In order to accelerate the reconstruction of the destroyed homes in Macedonia³ and the return of refugees and internally displaced persons, the Assembly recommends that the Council of Europe Development Bank be engaged to propose concrete and urgent programmes for that purpose.
5. In this connection, the Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers give priority in the assistance programmes to the following areas:
 - 5.1. confidence-building measures;
 - 5.2. legislative reforms, in particular the reform of local self-government, and their implementation;
 - 5.3. education, in particular help to the South East University;
 - 5.4. return of the internally displaced persons and refugees to their homes.
6. The Assembly asks the Committee of Ministers to inform the United Nations Security Council and to recommend to Unmik and Kfor that they enhance the control measures on the borders with Macedonia⁴ in order to prevent arms trafficking and arms supplies to the extremist groups in Macedonia.⁵
7. The Assembly calls on the Committee of Ministers to take an active part in the efforts of the international community in favour of the implementation of the agreement in the framework of the recently established civilian implementation co-ordination mechanism and, in particular, take the lead in overseeing the most urgent legislative reforms.

1. Assembly debate on 27 September 2001 (30th Sitting) (see [Doc. 9234](#), report of the Political Affairs Committee, rapporteur: Mr Jakič). Text adopted by the Assembly on 27 September 2001 (30th Sitting). Text adopted by the Assembly on 27 September 2001 (30th Sitting).

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