



Recommendation 1721 (2005)¹

Functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1465 \(2005\)](#) on the functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova, in which it calls for decisive, comprehensive and irreversible progress with regard to the democratic standards and practices in the country, if it is to fulfil its European aspirations.
2. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers, with regard to assistance activities :
 - 2.1. call on the Moldovan authorities to speed up reforms corresponding to the Council of Europe values and standards, in particular in the following priority areas: the functioning of democratic institutions, the independence and efficiency of the judiciary; freedom and pluralism of the electronic media; strengthening local democracy; better social protection accompanying strong economic performance; and fighting corruption and trafficking in human beings and organs ;
 - 2.2. pursue or, where necessary, develop new assistance programmes in the above-mentioned fields and allocate the necessary budgetary resources.
3. The Assembly asks the Committee of Ministers, with regard to expertise, to :
 - 3.1. require the Moldovan authorities to submit all draft legislation in the relevant areas to the Council of Europe for expertise prior to its adoption ;
 - 3.2. apply the right combination of expert advice and political pressure to ensure that the Council of Europe recommendations on new legislation are duly taken into account, thus avoiding the waste of resources on several variants of one and the same draft law ;
 - 3.3. work out a better system of follow-up of its legal expertise.
4. The Assembly expects that the Committee of Ministers, through its member states, the Council of Europe Development Bank and in active co-operation within the framework of the EU's European Neighbourhood Policy, will support further economic and social reform in Moldova to the benefit of the entire population. The Assembly refers in this respect to its [Recommendation 1605 \(2003\)](#) on the economic development of Moldova: challenges and prospects.
5. The Assembly asks the Committee of Ministers to urge member states to support Moldova in its action to combat trafficking in human beings and organs. The Assembly refers in this connection to its various recommendations and resolutions on trafficking in human beings and to its [Recommendation 1611 \(2003\)](#) on trafficking in organs in Europe.
6. The Assembly further requests that in its contacts at the highest political level with the relevant authorities of the European Union, the Committee of Ministers ensures the best possible co-ordination and complementarity between the Council of Europe requirements and those of the EU-Moldova Action Plan.

1. Assembly debate on 4 October 2005 (27th Sitting) (see [Doc. 10671](#), report of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), co-rapporteurs : Mrs Durrieu and Mr Kvakkestad). Text adopted by the Assembly on 4 October 2005 (27th Sitting).



7. The Assembly further asks the Committee of Ministers to :
 - 7.1. become involved in the political monitoring and assessment of all proposals for settling the Transnistrian conflict put forward by the various parties concerned ;
 - 7.2. ensure the participation of the Council of Europe in the ongoing consultations, as the necessary guarantee that these developments take account of the fundamental principles defended by the Council of Europe.
 - 7.3. keep monitoring the full implementation of the decision of the European Court of Human Rights regarding the Ilascu case until the political prisoners Andrei Ivantoc and Tudor Petrov Popa, illegally detained in Tiraspol are released.