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Recommendation 1816 (2007)[1]

Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights - stock-taking and perspectives

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly, referring to its Resolution 1581 (2007) on the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights – stocktaking and perspectives, recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

1.1. ensure that the Human Rights Commissioner's independence is respected at all levels, including when it comes to the organisation of his office, the determination of his budget in a way that takes into account the programme of work he seeks to carry out and is expected to implement, and the choice of his staff;

1.2. allocate the Commissioner's Office the funds it needs to carry out its tasks, particularly to enable it to assess regularly the human rights situation in all the member states and properly perform its forthcoming functions before the European Court of Human Rights;

1.3. make practical arrangements to fulfil the intention expressed in its Declaration of 19 May 2006 by organising, as quickly as possible, an initial annual tripartite meeting between representatives of the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Commissioner in order to promote stronger interaction with regard to the execution of Court judgments;

1.4. provide support for national human rights structures, particularly by taking prompt action on the Group of Wise Persons' suggestion that a recommendation be drafted calling for the recognition of formal human rights competences for national ombudsmen and equivalent bodies.

1. Assembly debate on 5 October 2007 (36th Sitting) (see Doc. 11376, report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Gardetto). Text adopted by the Assembly on 5 October 2007 (36th Sitting).