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Recommendation 1820 (2007)[1]

Co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Conference of INGOs

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1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its Resolution 1589 (2007) on co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Conference of INGOs.

2. The Assembly invites the Committee of Ministers to:

2.1. encourage those member states which have not yet done so to ratify the European Convention on the Recognition of the Legal Personality of International Non-Governmental Organisations (ETS No. 124), opened for signature in 1986;

2.2. adopt the draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the legal status of non-governmental organisations in Europe;

2.3. promote the harmonisation of the "Fundamental principles on the status of non-governmental organisations in Europe", approved in July 2002 by a Council of Europe group of experts, which constitute a vital complement to convention ETS No. 124, and to consider making this text a legal instrument of the Council of Europe.

3. The Assembly invites member states holding the chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to encourage active participation of key national NGOs at meetings of the Standing Committee they host in their countries.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee*, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 23 November 2007 (see Doc. 11441, report of the Political Affairs Committee, rapporteur: Mr Biberaj).