



Recommendation 2086 (2016)¹

How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented?

Parliamentary Assembly

1. Referring to its [Resolution 2096 \(2016\)](#) “How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented?”, the Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

- 1.1. call on member States of the Council of Europe to implement its Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)14 on the legal status of non-governmental organisations in Europe and prepare a study taking stock of progress made;
- 1.2. consider revising Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)14 in order to adapt it to new threats to the functioning of independent civil society;
- 1.3. continue its thematic debate on the role and functioning of NGOs in the Council of Europe in order to follow, on a regular basis, the state of civil society and of the freedoms of association, assembly and expression in the member States;
- 1.4. increase the number of exchanges of views with civil society representatives and provide a fixed framework for such a dialogue;
- 1.5. consider creating a platform for the exchange of experience and good practices in the area of freedom of association between the member States.

1. *Assembly debate* on 28 January 2016 (8th Sitting) (see [Doc. 13940](#), report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Yves Cruchten). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 28 January 2016 (8th Sitting).

