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Institution of a day of European fellowship

Motion for a recommendation

tabled by Ms Eva FINCKENSTEIN, von and other members of the Assembly

In its Special Message transmitting to the Consultative Assembly the Programme of Work of the Council of Europe ([Doc. 238](#)), the Committee of Ministers proposed that a Europe Day be instituted in member countries.

Such a day might become the European equivalent of " American Day ", which provides an annual occasion for celebrating the sense of brotherhood existing in the United States of America.

The Sixth Pan-European Congress, held at Baden-Baden on 1st November, 1954, considered various possible dates which could give rise to no objection on either political or religious grounds and unanimously decided upon the 21st March as a " Day of European Fellowship ".

This date, being the first day of spring, may be taken to symbolise the dawn of a new era of peace and unity among European peoples.

It is therefore proposed that the Assembly should adopt the following text:

The Assembly,

Warmly welcoming the proposal contained in the Special Message of the Committee of Ministers on the Assembly's Programme of Work ([Doc. 238](#)) that a Europe Day be instituted in member countries,

Recommends that this should be fixed on 21st March, being the first day of spring.

Signed (see overleaf)



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Signed:

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