**Order 426 (1985)**[1]

# European Community participation in the activities of the Council of Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Noting the report presented by the Political Affairs Committee on the future of European co-operation (Doc. 5455) ;

2. Having taken note of the opinion of the Commission of Eminent European Personalities (Colombo Commission) that "an essential step forward in European co-operation would be taken through the participation by the Community as such in Council of Europe activities, in ways to be defined in the spirit of Article 230 of the Treaty of Rome: this might go as far as accession to the Statute of the Council of Europe" ;

3. Anxious to assess this suggestion on the basis of a full understanding of its legal and political implications for all the parties concerned,

4. Instructs the Secretary General to have a study made of all the legal aspects of participation by the European Community as such in the work and activities of the Council of Europe, including the possibility of accession by the European Community to the Statute of the Council of Europe ;

5. Instructs its Legal and Political Affairs Committees to examine this question further in the light of the study to be presented by the Secretary General.

1. *Assembly debate* on 27 September 1985 (12th and 13th Sittings) (see Doc. 5470, motion for an order). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 27 September 1985 (13th Sitting).