

Order 530 (1997)¹

Strengthening the machinery of the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly refers to its [Recommendation 1323 \(1997\)](#).
2. It invites its Bureau, when drawing up lists of candidates for the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):
 - 2.1. to pay particular attention to the criteria of professional background, gender and age, in order to ensure a more balanced composition of the committee and, in particular, a greater participation of prison specialists and forensic scientists, as well as an increased number of women among its members;
 - 2.2. to emphasise the criterion of availability in order to ensure the committee's effectiveness;
 - 2.3. to ask all candidates to undertake formally, should they be elected as member of the CPT, to resign as member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.
3. It calls upon the national parliamentary delegations to have particular regard to the above-mentioned criteria when nominating candidates for the CPT.
4. It instructs its Bureau to return the list of candidates to the national delegations for re-examination if the above-mentioned criteria have not been taken into account.
5. For the purpose of facilitating and harmonising the selection of candidates for membership of the CPT, the Assembly invites its Bureau to establish, in co-operation with its Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, a model curriculum vitae to be transmitted to all national delegations and completed by each candidate they nominate.
6. The Assembly instructs its Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:
 - 6.1. to follow closely the CPT's work;
 - 6.2. to co-operate closely with the CPT and transmit to it without delay any information regarding the conditions of detention in a member state, and, whenever useful, to invite CPT representatives to its working meetings;
 - 6.3. to meet from time to time, if necessary, the chairpersons of the national parliamentary delegations, in the context of paragraph 5 above.
7. The Assembly instructs its Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States:
 - 7.1. to insist on the timely ratification of the convention and its additional protocols, in particular Protocol No. 2, in the framework of the different monitoring procedures;

1. Assembly debate on 21 April 1997 (9th Sitting) (see [Doc. 7784](#), report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Jaskiernia). Text adopted by the Assembly on 21 April 1997 (9th Sitting).



7.2. to transmit without delay to the CPT, after declassification, its reports on the honouring of obligations and commitments by member states, together with the comments of the authorities of the state concerned, and, whenever useful, to invite CPT representatives to its working meetings.