

Opinion 107 (1981)¹

Council of Europe budgets for the years 1979, 1981 and 1982

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having regard to the texts relating to the Assembly's budgetary powers ;
2. Having examined the general accounts of the Council of Europe for the financial year 1979 which is the last financial year for which accounts have been closed and for which discharge has been given ;
3. Having regard to the Council of Europe budget for 1981 as adopted by the Committee of Ministers ;
4. Welcoming the decision taken by the Committee of Ministers on the principle of designating 1985 European Music Year, and considering that this activity calls for appropriate additional appropriations,
5. Adopts the following opinion :
 - a. Approves the rational way in which the financial resources allocated to the organisation have been used ;
 - b. Considers the 0.53 % increase in real terms as too close to zero growth and far below what the Assembly would consider as a moderate growth rate ;
 - c. Recalls the provisions of Resolution (74) 33 of the Committee of Ministers, by which priorities were to be assigned to the various fields and sectors of activity in the medium-term plan, criteria which, if implemented properly, would facilitate the task of the members of the Assembly in obtaining support at national level for specific undertakings of the Council of Europe ;
 - d. Urges the Committee of Ministers to give favourable consideration, in one of its next budgets, to a reinforcement of the staff of the Documentation and Library Section of the Secretariat, which renders particularly valuable service to the members of the Assembly ;
 - e. Asks the Committee of Ministers to provide for the European Music Year, as from 1982 to the end of this activity, additional appropriations to be paid into a special account into which funds from other sources can also be paid ;
 - f. Resolves to intervene energetically with the financial authorities in each of the twenty-one member states in order to ensure that the 1982 budget of the Council of Europe is accorded the modest growth which it requires in order to fulfil its statutory function.

1. See [Doc. 4748](#), report of the Committee on the Budget and the Intergovernmental Work Programme. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 1 July 1981.

