



Recommendation 184 (1958)¹

Present situation in Central and Eastern Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Noting the reports of its Committee on Non-represented Nations ;

Considering that the continued enslavement of peoples of Central and Eastern Europe is of great concern to the free nations of the world ;

Considering that the situation in a number of countries in Central and Eastern Europe constitutes a threat to world peace ;

Believing that it is necessary that the position of democratic Europe should be emphasised frequently and clearly so that there may be no misunderstanding,

Recommends to the Committee of Ministers :

- a. that the Member Governments of the Council of Europe should forthwith make a solemn declaration that :
 1. free Europe reiterates that it has no desire and never has had any desire to impose upon the peoples of Eastern and Central Europe any political, cultural, or economic system ;
 2. the only concern of democratic Europe is that the peoples of Eastern and Central Europe, and they alone, should have the right to decide what system they desire to live under ;
 3. that no obstacle should be placed in the way of these peoples reaching such a decision ;
- b. that other Governments throughout the free world should be invited to adhere to this declaration.

1. (a) This question was the subject of Order 123, adopted on 3rd May 1958. (b) 11th October 1958, tabling of the report of the Committee on Non-represented Nations, [Doc. 884](#). (c) 17th October 1958, debate in the Assembly (see 22nd Sitting of the 10th Session). Amendment No. 1 by Mr. Mulley replacing paragraph 3 adopted The Recommendation as amended was adopted unanimously.

