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Recommendation 739 (1974)[1]

CSCE - Prospects and consequences for Europe

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The Assembly,

1. Welcoming the holding of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which should give formal sanction at European level to a de facto democratisation of international affairs, and whose primary aim should be to consolidate peace and cooperation in Europe on the basis of the rule of law and the common heritage of civilisation and freedom of the European nations ;

2. Recalling the statement of its basic position in Recommendation 692 (1973) ;

3. Deploring the inadequate state of knowledge among the public in Western states about the current second phase of the negotiations in Geneva ;

4. Bearing in mind the present stage of negotiations, and considering that the Council of Europe should make known its position before completion of their second phase ;

5. Considering that a policy of détente in Europe should find expression in human terms, and produce real benefit for the populations of all European states ;

6. Considering that peace and security in Europe cannot but be strengthened by the improvement of communications between Europeans and by a reduction in ideological tension,

7. Recommends that the Committee of Ministers :

a. continue its intergovernmental consultations and its exchanges of views with the Assembly on the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and on the progress of cooperation between Eastern and Western Europe ;

b. agree to a position of principle according to which the member states of the Council of Europe :

will harmonise their action during the final stage of the second phase of the conference in order that the terms of reference of the conference, as determined by the final recommendations of the preparatory meeting in Helsinki, will be substantially carried out ;

will insist that before the conclusion of the conference the ambiguities over the principles relating to security in Europe and to humanitarian cooperation between East and West will be dispelled ;

c. oppose the setting up in connection with the conference of any additional international organisations not specifically warranted by its outcome and, in this context, investigate the possibility of using the Council of Europe machinery for coordinating supervision of the follow-up to the conference in fields such as culture.

1. Assembly debate on 27 September 1974 (13th Sitting) (see Doc. 3478, report of the Political Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 27 September 1974 (13th Sitting).