Resolution 153 (1958)[1]

Situation in the Soviet Zone of Germany

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Noting the present situation in the Soviet Zone of Germany ;

Considering that, in that Zone, the pressure exercised in every sphere with a view to the systematic destruction of fundamental freedoms has become accentuated during the last few months ;

Considering, in particular, that all means are employed to prevent the inhabitants of the area from contacting their families living in the Federal Republic of Germany, as witness the 85% reduction, compared with the preceding year, in the traffic between the Soviet Zone and free Germany in 1958 ;

Considering that this state of affairs has led to a considerable increase in the number of refugees, who now total three million since 1946,

1. Expresses to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the only lawful spokesman for the population of that Zone, its solidarity with and sympathy for all those suffering under totalitarian oppression ;

2. Reminds the European peoples of the seriousness of the situation in the Soviet Zone of Germany ;

3. Reaffirms the right to the population of that region to be allowed freely to determine its political fate.

1. (a) This question was the subject of Order 123, adopted on 3rd May 1958.
(b) 15th October 1958, tabling of the Report of the Committee on Non-represented Nations,Doc. 901.
(c)17th October 1958, debate in the Assembly (see 22nd Sitting of the 10th Session). The Resolution was adopted unanimously.