



Resolution 635 (1976)¹

Protection of Human Rights in Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Referring to its [Recommendation 791 \(1976\)](#), on the protection of human rights in Europe,
2. Considers it of the utmost importance that those member states which have not yet done so² recognise the rights of individual application under Article 25 and the compulsory jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights under Article 46 of the European Convention on Human Rights ;
3. Expresses the hope that those member states which have not yet done so may sign and ratify as soon as possible the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ;
4. Urges its members to take appropriate steps in their national parliaments to press their governments to make the declaration under Article 41 of the covenant, recognising the competence of the Human Rights Committee to receive and consider communications to the effect that a state party claims that another state party is not fulfilling its obligations under the covenant (inter-state applications) ;
5. Urges its members, when called upon in their national parliaments to consider the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to see to it that member states follow the example set by Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and make a reservation to the effect that no individual application may be submitted to the UN Human Rights Committee if the same matter is, or has been, under consideration by the European Commission of Human Rights ;
6. Expresses the wish that those member states which adhere to the UN Covenant and in which the substantive provisions of the UN Covenant are not directly applicable make certain that these provisions are applied effectively.

1. Assembly debate on 17 September 1976 (12th Sitting) (see [Doc. 3852](#), report of the Legal Affairs Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 17 September 1976 (12th Sitting).

2. Cyprus, France, Greece, Malta and Turkey. France, however, recognised the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court under Article 46.

