



Resolution 655 (1977)¹

Qualification of candidates for the European Court of Human Rights

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Referring to [Recommendation 809 \(1977\)](#) on the qualifications of candidates for the European Court of Human Rights ;
2. Recalling that the judges of the Court are elected for a term of nine years,
3. Requests its members not to vote for candidates :
 - i. who have not given a formal undertaking to retire from the office of judge during the year in which they reach the age of 75 ;
 - ii. who, by the nature of their functions, are dependent on their government and who have not given a formal undertaking to resign the said functions upon their election to the European Court of Human Rights ;
4. Considers that a list which includes more than one candidate in the situation indicated under paragraphs 3.i or ii above should not be put to the vote, since in this case effective choice would be vitiated.

1. *Assembly debate* on 29 April 1977 (6th Sitting) (see [Doc. 3950](#), report of the Legal Affairs Committee). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 29 April 1977 (6th Sitting).

