Resolution 1048 (1994)[1]

Relations between the Council of Europe and the United Nations

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly, referring to its Recommendation 1252 (1994) on relations between the Council of Europe and the United Nations, insists that the member states of the Council of Europe have much to gain from improving co-operation between the two organisations and ensuring that this also involves a parliamentary dimension.

2. It further notes that the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Security Council and the permanent representatives of the member states lay great store by the presence of parliamentarians in New York, particularly during the sessions of the General Assembly.

3. Moreover, through such presence, these parliamentarians will give the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, national parliaments and the public a better understanding of the activities of the United Nations and increase their awareness of its role in the years ahead.

4. The Assembly hopes that all member states of the Council of Europe and the states whose parliaments hold special guest status will follow the example of certain member states by including parliamentarians in their delegations to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

5. The Assembly therefore decides:

5.1. to monitor very closely the work of the United Nations and, in particular, of its Security Council and General Assembly;

5.2. to hold an annual debate on the activities of the United Nations and to append to its report a list of the contributions paid to the United Nations budget by the Council of Europe member states and by the states whose parliaments hold special guest status;

5.3. to encourage its members to join their countries' delegations to the General Assembly of the United Nations;

5.4. to ask its members to advocate the holding of debates in their national parliaments about the activities of the United Nations in order to increase public awareness of that organisation's new tasks and growing financial needs as it approaches its fiftieth anniversary;

5.5. to initiate discussion as to whether the Council of Europe should be regarded as a regional organisation within the meaning of Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter.

1. See Doc. 7178, report of the Political Affairs Committee, Rapporteuse: Mrs Err. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 10 November 1994.