

Recommendation 1841 (2008)¹

State of democracy in Europe. The functioning of democratic institutions in Europe and progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 1619 \(2008\)](#) on the functioning of democratic institutions in Europe and the progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure, in which it commends, *inter alia*, the remarkable work carried out by the Council of Europe human rights institutions and monitoring bodies and the acquis they have established over the years, and recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 1.1. take into account, in its own periodic reporting procedures, the conclusions contained in the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the Assembly with regard to country monitoring reports;
 - 1.2. step up and reinforce existing assistance programmes in order to support member states in the implementation of their obligations and commitments to the Council of Europe, by allocating appropriate financial resources to them and making use of donor funding when necessary;
 - 1.3. continue to work with the member states to develop, where appropriate, new targeted co-operation programmes to further strengthen democratic institutions, making full use in particular of the financial instruments of other international organisations, especially those of the European Union;
 - 1.4. ensure that the findings and recommendations of the various Council of Europe monitoring bodies and human rights institutions are fed directly into the Organisation's programme of activities, in particular as regards standard setting, expert assistance and co-operation programmes. For this purpose, these bodies and institutions could be invited to give their views as to what they consider to be priority areas in good time before the adoption of the Organisation's programme of activities;
 - 1.5. support the Council of Europe's human rights institutions and monitoring bodies by allocating additional resources so as to further enhance their efficiency and to enable them to strengthen their followup procedures aimed at verifying the implementation of their recommendations by member states.
2. The Assembly also asks the Committee of Ministers to invite the authorities of the member states to:
 - 2.1. set up or enhance national mechanisms in charge of ensuring that appropriate follow-up is given to the findings of Council of Europe monitoring bodies;
 - 2.2. ensure that national parliaments are regularly informed of measures taken by the governments to implement recommendations by Council of Europe monitoring bodies, and to ensure execution of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

1. *Assembly debate* on 25 June 2008 (23rd Sitting) (see [Doc. 11628](#), report of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), rapporteur: Mr Holovaty). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 25 June 2008 (24th Sitting).

