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Creation of a European Minorities Office

Motion for an Order
tabled by Mr James I.A. DICKSON and other members of the Assembly

The Assembly,

Recognising the fact that national minorities and nationalities not constituting States in Europe are historical and cultural entities existing in European territory which cannot be ignored;

Considering that unsatisfactory solutions of minority problems are a source of difficulties between the countries concerned;

Recognising, thus, the necessity of taking the minority and nationality problems into consideration when efforts are made for creating a United Europe;

Considering it necessary that these problems be specially examined and taken into consideration,

Resolves that a sub-committee on minority questions be set up under the Committee on Legal and Administrative Questions. This sub-committee shall be charged with the following tasks :

1. Study of minority and nationality legislations ;
2. Study of the implications of the European Convention on Human Rights for the status of minorities and nationalities;
3. Presentation of annual reports to the Assembly on the situation of European minorities and nationalities.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed:

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