

Resolution (57) 26 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (13 December 1957)

Caption: In December 1957, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe requests the Secretary-General to prepare an annual report on European cooperation for the spring session of the Assembly.

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General policy of the Council of Europe

The Committee of Ministers,

Having studied with interest Recommendation 150 adopted by the Consultative Assembly on 27th October 1957, which it will continue to examine ;

Recalling its Resolution (56) 23 in which it recorded its conviction that the international situation makes it increasingly urgent for Member States to formulate and apply a common policy on all questions of vital concern to Europe ;

Conscious of the importance of improving the methods of exchanging views on questions of common interest ;

Convinced that, to this end, the closest possible co-operation between the Committee of Ministers and the Consultative Assembly is most desirable,

Resolves :

1. To continue to consult together as in the past and further to develop their consultations whenever a problem arises which vitally affects the Council of Europe.
2. To arrange that whenever it is agreed to hold these consultations, in accordance with Article 21 (c) of the Statute and Article 1 (b) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Ministers, they shall take place in the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, as the general framework of European policy.
3. To examine ways and means whereby a detailed report might be drawn up and presented annually to the spring meeting of the Consultative Assembly on European co-operation in the framework of the Statute of the Council of Europe.
4. Pending this study, to request the Secretary-General to prepare a report of this kind for the next spring session of the Assembly. This report should contain a systematic summary and an analysis of all the reports which are normally presented to the Council of Europe by the various European organisations. It should be completed by a survey drawn up by the Secretary-General himself concerning aspects of European co-operation not included in the reports mentioned above.
5. To arrange that the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and also where appropriate other Ministers, should do their best to attend the Assembly 's annual debate on this report.
6. To consult with the Assembly and other European organisations concerned, with a view to establishing set and consecutive periods each year for the meetings of the various European Assemblies.