

Resolution (55) 32 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (8 December 1955)

Caption: On 8 December 1955, the Committee of Ministers decides to adopt for the Council of Europe an emblem in the form of a blue flag with a circle of 12 gold stars.

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Emblem of the Council of Europe

The Committee of Ministers,

Having taken note of Recommendation 88 adopted unanimously by the Consultative Assembly on 25th October, 1955,

Decides to adopt for the Council of Europe the following emblem : on a field azure a circle of twelve mullets or, their points not touching. The emblem is in accordance with the descriptions and the design attached.

Heraldic description

On a field azure a circle of twelve mullets or their points not touching.

Symbolical description

Against the blue sky of the Western world, the stars symbolise the peoples of Europe in the form of a circle, the sign of union. The stars are twelve in number and are invariable, the figure twelve being the symbol of perfection and entirety.

Geometrical description

The emblem is in the form of a blue rectangular flag of which the fly (F) is one and a half times the length of the hoist (H). Twelve gold stars situated at equal intervals form an undefined circle of which the centre is the point of intersection of the diagonals of the rectangle. The radius (R) of the circle is equal to one-third of the height of the hoist. Each of the stars has five points which are situated on the circumference of an undefined circle of which the radius (r) is equal to one-eighteenth of the height of the hoist. All stars are upright - that is to say, with one point vertical at 90° and two points in a straight line at right angles with the mast.

The circle is arranged so that the stars appear in the position of the hours on the face of a clock. Their number is invariable.

The colour, heraldic azure, is represented by light ultramarine blue.

The colour heraldic or is represented by deep chrome yellow.