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## RESOLUTION (96) 2

### **INVITATION TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 8 February 1996  
at the 557th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Considering the wish expressed by the Russian Federation to become a member of the Council of Europe;

Having taken note of the intention of the Government of the Russian Federation to sign the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Protocol No. 11 upon the deposit by the said government of its instrument of accession to the Statute of the Council of Europe;

Expecting that these instruments will be ratified as soon as possible and that the said Government, on this occasion, will recognise the right of individual application under Article 25 and the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court under Article 46 of the Convention;

Having, in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Resolution (51) 30 A, consulted the Parliamentary Assembly, which has expressed a favourable opinion (Opinion No. 193 (1996));

Observing with satisfaction that the Russian Federation complies with the conditions laid down in Article 4 of the Statute;

In the light of the commitments entered into and the assurances for their fulfilment given by the Russian Government in its contacts, both with the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, with a view to membership of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to Article 16 of the Financial Regulations,

Resolves:

- i. to invite the Russian Federation to become a member of the Council of Europe and accede to the Statute;
- ii. to fix at eighteen the number of Representatives of the Russian Federation in the Parliamentary Assembly;
- iii. to determine the Russian Federation's various proportionate financial contributions to the Council of Europe according to the appendix to this resolution, of which it forms an integral part;

Instructs the Secretary General to notify the Government of the Russian Federation of these decisions and to make all necessary arrangements for their implementation.

#### Appendix to Resolution (96) 2

1. The Committee of Ministers, in accordance with Resolution (94) 31 on the method of calculating the scale of member states' contributions to Council of Europe budgets, fixes the rate of the contribution of the Russian Federation to the ordinary and pensions budgets at 4,65% for 1996 to be applied *pro rata temporis* from the day of accession.
2. The amount which the Russian Federation is to contribute to the Working Capital Fund, calculated in accordance with the same percentage as for the ordinary budget, is 883 500 French francs which is added to the fund's present total.
3. The Committee of Ministers notes the interest shown by the Russian Federation to be integrated at a later stage into the category of major contributor states. Should this interest be confirmed by a decision of the Russian Federation, it would be duly taken into account during the annual adjustment of the scales of contributions.