

RESOLUTION (62) 31

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 5th December 1962)

NATURE CONSERVATION

Recommendation 284

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to Recommendation 284 of the Consultative Assembly on the establishment within the Council of Europe of a permanent system of co-operation in matters concerning the protection of nature in Europe;

Having regard to its Resolution (61) 21 setting up an *ad hoc* Committee of Experts to study the desirability of establishing a permanent Committee of Experts to deal with questions of nature conservation in Europe;

Having approved, at its 109th meeting, the unanimous recommendation of the *ad hoc* Committee of Experts that a permanent Committee of Experts should be created in order to ensure European co-operation in the field of nature conservation,

Resolves to authorise the Secretary-General to convene a Committee of Governmental Experts for the Conservation of Nature and Landscape, with the following terms of reference :

To work generally for :

1. the conservation of nature and natural resources ;
2. the preservation of landscape and natural habitats and especially sites or areas of special scientific interest or outstanding natural beauty ;
3. the establishment of new nature reserves and national and intra-European parks.

The programme of work of the Committee of Experts shall be in conformity with the proposals contained in the Report of the *ad hoc* Committee (Doc. CM (62) 73, Point 6 (b)).

For the first meeting of the Committee of Experts, the expenses of two experts per member country shall be borne by the Council of Europe.