

RESOLUTION (68) 30

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 31 October 1968)

**MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST INCITEMENT TO RACIAL,
NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED**

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to Recommendation 453 of the Consultative Assembly on measures to be taken against incitement to racial, national and religious hatred ;

Considering that the harmonious development of the European community of nations implies guaranteeing for all the preservation of tolerance, reciprocal understanding and respect for human dignity necessary to the upholding of democratic traditions and to full and fruitful collaboration between democratic states ;

Believing that such development could be encouraged by appropriate action on the national and international levels ;

Having regard to the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination concluded under the auspices of the United Nations ;

Considering it desirable that this convention enter into force without delay ;

Taking into account that the United Nations is currently preparing a draft convention on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief,

A. Recommends to the governments of member states of the Council of Europe:

1. that those governments which have not yet done so sign and ratify the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination concluded under the auspices of the United Nations and, subsequent to its entry into force, give all possible support to its effective implementation ;
2. that governments, when depositing their instruments of ratification with the United Nations, stress by an interpretative statement the importance which they attach, on the one hand, to the reference made in the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, to the safeguarding of all rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and, on the other hand, to the respect for the rights laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ;
3. that governments exert their influence in the United Nations with a view to obtaining as soon as possible a satisfactory conclusion to the work on the draft convention on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief ;
4. that governments review their legislation in order to ensure that it provides for effective measures on the matter of prohibition of racial discrimination as well as on the related question of the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief ;

B. Invites the member states of the Council of Europe to keep the Secretary General informed of all measures concerning the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.