

COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION No. R (88) 17

**OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES
ON CO-OPERATION WITH THE GEORG ECKERT INSTITUTE
FOR INTERNATIONAL TEXTBOOK RESEARCH
(HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL STUDIES)
(Brunswick, Federal Republic of Germany)**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 29 September 1988
at the 419th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, in pursuance of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Recalling that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members, and that one of the ways of pursuing this aim is the taking of common action in educational and cultural matters;

Recalling that the European Cultural Convention enjoins the Parties to include in their fields of action the encouragement and promotion of the study of history;

Having regard to the co-operation begun in 1953 between the Council of Europe and the Brunswick Institute on the revision of history and geography textbooks;

Having regard to its Resolution (65) 17, which emphasises "the importance and value of a constant and effective improvement in school textbooks and other didactic material designed for the teaching of history and geography";

Having regard to the co-operation practised by the Council for Cultural Co-operation and the Brunswick Institute, and particularly the efforts made to ensure the updating of the collections in the institute's library;

Recalling its Resolution (85) 6 on European cultural identity, which refers to the common cultural history of Europe;

Considering that it is important, through a continuing supply of textbooks, to safeguard the enduring value and international nature of the Brunswick Institute's library, one of the largest international libraries on this subject,

I. Recommends that the governments of member states:

1. help to make teachers and textbook authors aware of the work of the Georg-Eckert-Institut für Internationale Schulbuchforschung, Cellerstraße 3, D-3300 Braunschweig;

2. encourage publishers of educational material and publishers' associations to send, free of charge, copies of their main history, geography and social studies textbooks to the library of the above-mentioned institute;

II. Instructs the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to draw the content of this recommendation to the attention of the governments of the states which are Parties to the European Cultural Convention but not members of the Council of Europe.