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COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS  
Follow-up to the 75th Session  
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The Chairman recalled the decisions already taken concerning the follow-up to the 75th Session of the Committee of Ministers.

(a) Role of the Council of Europe in the building of Europe

- a Deputies' drafting group had been instructed to prepare the draft Resolution on relations between the Council of Europe and the European Communities;
- at their 381st meeting (21-25 February 1985 - A level) the Deputies would resume their consideration of part C of CM(84)143 on follow-up action on the report of their working party on the role of the Council of Europe in the process of European unification.

(b) East/West relations and European security within the context of the CSCE

- At their 381st meeting (February 1985), the Deputies would consider, following the special ministerial meeting of 29 January 1985, the possibility of holding exchanges of views, attended by experts from the national capitals, on the various aspects of the CSCE process, and particularly the Ottawa meeting on human rights questions (May 1985).

(c) North/South questions

- the Deputies would consider, at their 381st meeting (February 1985), Assembly Recommendation 992 on the Conference: "North/South: Europe's role" and the Lisbon Declaration appended to that Recommendation, together with the question of the holding of exchanges of views, attended by experts from the national capitals, on selected aspects of the North/South dialogue.

(d) Terrorism

- the second meeting of the multidisciplinary working party of Senior Officials on terrorism would be held in Strasbourg on 21 and 22 February 1985.

The Chairman proposed for the present meeting adopting replies, in time for the next Assembly session (28 January to 1 February 1985), on the basis of drafts prepared by the Secretariat:

- to Recommendation 998 on East/West relations, and
- to Recommendation 994 on the future of European co-operation.

The Representatives of Austria and the Federal Republic of Germany suggested adding to the reply to Recommendation 998 a reference to the meeting in Berne in the CSCE framework on human contacts in 1986.

In connection with the CSCE process in general, the Representative of Sweden welcomed the comments made by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr Möllemann, when he had a meeting in Paris on 10 December 1984 with the members of the Committee on Relations with European Non-member Countries, on the particular role played by the neutral and non-aligned countries in the CSCE meetings. The Representative of Austria said he hoped that the exchanges of views on the CSCE, with the participation of experts, which the Deputies would decide to arrange at their 381st meeting (February 1985), would tackle all the subjects covered by the CSCE and the Final Act, and give a detailed analysis of how the CSCE process had developed since the Madrid meeting.

#### Decisions

##### The Deputies

1. adopted the following reply to Assembly Recommendation 988 on East/West relations:

"East/West relations and the process of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) are still at the heart of the political dialogue within the Committee of Ministers, as it will develop and deepen in pursuance of Resolution (84)21 of 21 November 1984 on Council of Europe action in the political field. The Ministers discussed these issues at length at the Committee's 75th Session and will have a further opportunity of doing so at the special meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 1985, to which the Chairman of the Committee, Mr H-D. Genscher, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, has invited them. Current and future meetings, such as the Stockholm Conference on disarmament, the Ottawa meeting on human rights, the Budapest Cultural Forum, the 10th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, the Berne meeting on human contacts, and, above all, the forthcoming CSCE meeting in Vienna in 1986 are thus helping to intensify exchanges of views between Council of Europe member States.

During these discussions in the Committee of Ministers, participants will continue to keep a close eye on developments in all the CSCE countries with regard to the implementation of the Helsinki Final Act and the Madrid final document. However, in response to the request

newly formulated by the Assembly in Recommendation 988, the Committee of Ministers can only repeat what it said in connection with Recommendation 973, namely that the Council of Europe does not itself possess the resources needed to collect detailed and reliable information for each of the CSCE countries.

However, the Committee of Ministers is prepared, as it has already indicated in its reply to Recommendation 973, to do everything in its power to help improve exchanges between the Committee and the Assembly on the content of the political dialogue on the CSCE process and East/West relations in general. It accordingly welcomes the growing number of opportunities for meetings and discussion between the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers and the relevant Assembly Committees, such as the exchange of views held on 10 December 1984 between the Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries and Mr Möllemann, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the meeting between the Political Affairs Committee and the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, scheduled for March 1985 in Bonn. The Committee is convinced that meetings of the Joint Committee, whether at Deputy level or on the occasion of the annual Colloquy with the Ministers, could also be used more effectively to promote a fuller exchange of information and opinion between the governments and Assembly representatives on the CSCE process.";

2. adopted the following reply to Assembly Recommendation 994 on the future of European co-operation:

"Most of the issues raised by the Assembly in Recommendation 994 have been central to the Committee of Ministers' recent activities.

Commission of Eminent European Personalities (paragraph 11.B.ii; 12 and Appendix)

At the Colloquy on 21 November 1984, the Ministers attending the 75th Session of the Committee of Ministers held a broad exchange of views with Assembly representatives on the proposed establishment of such a Commission, its membership, its function and the importance of its work for the Organisation as a whole. They then supported the setting-up by the Assembly of an independent Commission of Eminent European Personalities to chart the future course of European co-operation beyond the present decade. They declared themselves willing to consider any conclusions reached by the Commission in a positive spirit and as soon as possible.

When the Council of Europe's budget for the 1985 financial year was discussed, the Committee of Ministers took the decisions needed to allow the Commission to start work. At the same time, it appealed to the national parliaments and/or governments of all the member States to make voluntary contributions towards the total cost of the project.

The Commission will hold its first meeting in Strasbourg on 28-29 January 1985. The Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, Mr H-D. Genscher, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, has expressed a wish to make contact with it on that occasion.

Relations between the Committee of Ministers and the Assembly  
(paragraph 8)

On the basis of the report of their working party on the working methods of the Council of Europe and of the detailed exchange of views which they held on this subject with the President of the Assembly on 14 November 1984, the Ministers' Deputies have adopted a text on relations between the Committee of Ministers and the Assembly, which should make the most of existing possibilities for co-operation and accentuate the political aspect of the dialogue between the two bodies. (1)

Mr H-D. Genscher, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany and Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, has also stressed the importance which he himself attaches to good relations between the Committee of Ministers and the Assembly and has invited the Political Affairs Committee to an exchange of views in Bonn. The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr J. Möllemann, has already held an exchange of views, on 10 December 1984 in Paris, on prospects for East/West relations in Europe and on forthcoming meetings within the CSCE context, and particularly the meeting of experts on human rights (Ottawa, May 1985) with the members of the Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries.

Council of Europe action in the political field (paragraphs 6, 7 and 9)

At its 75th Session, on 21 November 1984, the Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution (84)21 on Council of Europe action in the political field. This Resolution follows on a decision taken by the Ministers at an earlier session concerning the path which the Council of Europe should follow for the purpose of giving European unification a new impetus. Stressing that increased cohesion and solidarity between the member States, in the very spirit of the Council of Europe's Statute, was needed to meet the challenges which Europe faces today, the Committee of Ministers expressed its determination to expand and deepen the political dialogue and defined its aims. It also declared itself willing to promote fuller exchanges of views on political questions of mutual interest between representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Committee of Ministers at Ministerial and Deputy level.

In the meantime, the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers has invited his colleagues to a special ministerial meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 1985 for the purpose of discussing, chiefly, East/West relations and the CSCE process, the situation in Latin America and the situation in the Middle East. He regards this special meeting as a first step towards immediate implementation of Resolution (84)21 on Council of Europe action in the political field.

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(1) - This text will be communicated to the Assembly without delay.

In its final communiqué at the 75th Session (21-22 November 1984), the Committee of Ministers also asked the Ministers' Deputies to continue their exchanges of views, attended by experts from the national capitals, on the various aspects of the CSCE process. It examined the final Declaration adopted by the Conference organised in Lisbon in April 1984 by the Parliamentary Assembly on the theme: "North/South: Europe's Role". Convinced that the Council of Europe has a duty to make its own special contribution to the promotion of North/South relations and agreeing with the Assembly that public opinion in Europe must be made more aware of the interdependence of North and South, the Committee of Ministers has instructed the Deputies to make proposals for practical follow-up action on this Declaration. The Committee has also declared itself in favour of joint, concerted and mutually supportive action to counter the scourge of terrorism and has instructed the Deputies to report, for the 76th Session (April 1985), on progress made by the interdisciplinary working party of senior officials on terrorism.

Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Communities (paragraph 11.A)

At the 75th Session, the Ministers also referred to relations between the Council of Europe and the European Communities. Taking note of the work already done by the Deputies, they reconfirmed the importance which they attach to the reinforcement and development of co-operation between the two institutions, so that each can contribute fully to the process of European unification. In this spirit, they instructed the Deputies to continue working on the draft Resolution under study on this subject, with a view to its adoption at the next session.

The Deputies have since set up a drafting group to finalise the draft Resolution on relations between the Council of Europe and the European Communities. Recommendation 994 is included in the drafting group's file."