

## RESOLUTION (69) 4

*(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 25 January 1969)*

### EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to the Consultative Assembly's decision of 15 January 1964 to appoint Mr. Peter Smithers as Secretary General of the Council ;

Considering that Mr. Peter Smithers took up office on 16 March 1964 ;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure for appointment to the posts of Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Clerk of the Assembly having the rank of Deputy Secretary General, in particular clause 8 which stipulates, on the one hand, that the three senior officials shall be appointed for a period of 5 years and, on the other hand, that the term of office of those officials may always be renewed for a period specified by agreement between the Assembly and the Committee of Ministers in the Joint Committee ;

Taking into account administrative considerations which make it inadvisable to change the Secretary General of the Council of Europe in May, when the Committee of Ministers has a new Chairman and the Consultative Assembly elects its President, and the willingness of Mr. Peter Smithers to continue in office as Secretary General until the early autumn of 1969 ;

Referring to paragraph 3 of the letter dated 20 March 1962 from the Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies, which mentions the Committee of Ministers' right to propose only the candidature of the senior official whose term is about to expire ;

Having consulted the Representatives of the Assembly in the Joint Committee on the renewal of the term of office of Mr. Peter Smithers and the duration of this renewal, as well as on the timetable for the election in due course of his successor,

Decides to recommend to the Consultative Assembly the single candidature of Mr. Peter Smithers as Secretary General for the period from 16 March 1969 to 15 September 1969.