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ROMANIA

State of relations with the Council of Europe

1. Since 1 January 1991 the Romanian Parliament has enjoyed special guest status with the Parliamentary Assembly.
2. In the course of the visit to capitals of Central and Eastern European countries, the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain, Mr Fernandez Ordoñez and the Secretary General went to Bucharest on 7 February 1991.
3. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Mr Adrian Nastase, took part in the Extraordinary Session of the Committee of Ministers held in Madrid on 21 February 1991.
4. At their 455th meeting (March 1991, item 3) the Ministers' Deputies decided to invite Romania to accede to the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law (ETS No 62) and the European Convention on the Protection of Animals during International Transport (ETS No 65). Romania acceded to these two conventions on 26 April 1991.
5. Following a Committee of Ministers' decision (455th meeting, March 1991 item 3), a Secretariat delegation went to Bucharest from 13 to 15 May 1991 to examine concrete possibilities for co-operation and assistance. The report of this trip is contained in document Misc(91)30.
6. From 18 to June 1991 a second mission, of constitutional experts visited Bucharest for discussions with the Parliamentary Committee responsible for preparing the draft Constitution.

7. As a result of a decision taken at the 460th meeting (June 1991, item 3), a delegation of Romanian senior officials, under the leadership of Mr Teodor Melescanu, Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs was present in Strasbourg on 7 and 8 October 1991 in order to discuss co-operation programmes and the conditions for a possible invitation to Romania to accede to the European Cultural Convention. The Secretary of State had an exchange of views with the Committee of Ministers on 8 October.

8. At the 89th Session of the Committee of Ministers on 26 November 1991 Romania was invited to accede to the European Cultural Convention. On 19 December 1991 the Ministers' Deputies will hold an exchange of views with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Mr Adrian Nastase.

APPENDIX

CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES WITH ROMANIA

Constitutional reform

- A second Expert Mission on the drafting of a new Constitution, 18-20 July 1991, Bucharest.

Social affairs

- Expert Mission on the organisation of legislation concerning social security, 13-28 July 1991.

Local authorities

- Contribution to a "Workshop on Democracy" with a view to presenting local authority action in the rural development field, 2-3 May 1991, Timisoara.

Legal co-operation

- Meeting on prison rules, the organisation of detention and the treatment of detainees, with a view to facilitating the adoption of reforms in Romania and creating awareness of the treaties and recommendations of the Council of Europe, 23-25 April 1991, Bucharest;
- Study visit by senior officials from the Romanian prison administration to Austria, 22-26 July 1991;
- Participation in all multilateral co-operation activities, in particular in the legal and human rights fields.