

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION No. R (81) 6

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND MEN IN AN EQUITABLE PROPORTION
IN COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES SET UP IN THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 30 April 1981
at the 333rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that one of the aims of the Council of Europe is to facilitate the economic and social progress of its members ;

Considering that full participation by both women and men in political, economic, social and cultural life is an essential factor for the balanced development of society ;

Considering that such participation must be effective at all levels, including the international level ;

Having noted that women are clearly less numerous than men on most of the committees and other bodies set up in the Council of Europe,

Recommends that the governments of member states should, as far as possible :

a. ensure participation of women and men in an equitable proportion in the committees and other bodies set up under the Statute of the Council of Europe or under a treaty drawn up in that organisation ;

b. nominate candidates of both sexes for committees and other bodies set up by election in the Council of Europe.