

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RESOLUTION (76) 5

ON LEGAL AID IN CIVIL, COMMERCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 18 February 1976
at the 254th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Considering that with a view to eliminating economic obstacles to legal proceedings and permitting persons in an economically weak position more easily to exercise their rights in member states, it is expedient to ensure equality of treatment in granting legal aid to nationals of member states of the Council of Europe and to those aliens for whom such equality of treatment appears to be most justified,

Recommends to governments of member states to accord, under the same conditions as to nationals, legal aid in civil, commercial and administrative matters, irrespective of the nature of the tribunal exercising jurisdiction,

- a. to natural persons being nationals of any member state ;
- b. to all other natural persons who have their habitual residence in the territory of the state where the proceedings take place.