

# THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

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## Recommendation 152 (2004)<sup>1</sup> on local policing in Europe

The Congress, bearing in mind the proposal of the Chamber of Local Authorities,

1. Considers that the development of local policing in Europe is to be welcomed, both as a democratic imperative and as an institution that is close to the community and is able to meet its needs;

2. Considers that the local police is a key partner in jointly ensuring security, alongside local authorities and professional categories concerned by the safety of the population;

3. Draws attention to Resolution 180 (2004) on local police in Europe, and its explanatory memorandum which:

*a.* includes a number of considerations and makes policy proposals about the value, objectives and principles of local policing;

*b.* indicates a future possible work programme of the Congress on this question;

4. Asks the Committee of Ministers to encourage their respective national governments to:

*a.* support the establishment of local police forces in their communities;

*b.* ensure that local police forces are directly answerable to the local authority of the community they serve;

*c.* establish a legislative structure which defines the relationship between local police and other levels of police;

*d.* prescribe a code of good practice, in order to define norms of behaviour and standards to be followed by local police;

*e.* foster respect for the capacity and role of local police in jointly ensuring security and prevention, through, for example, parity of salaries, pensions, career development, and training possibilities with national police forces;

*f.* support the initiative of the Congress to establish a European Observatory for Crime Prevention.

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1. Debated and approved by the Chamber of Local Authorities on 25 May 2004 and adopted by the Standing Committee of the Congress on 27 May 2004, (see Document CPL (11) 3, draft recommendation presented by S. Barnes (United Kingdom, L, EPP/CD) and P. Mangin, (France, L, EPP/CD), rapporteurs).