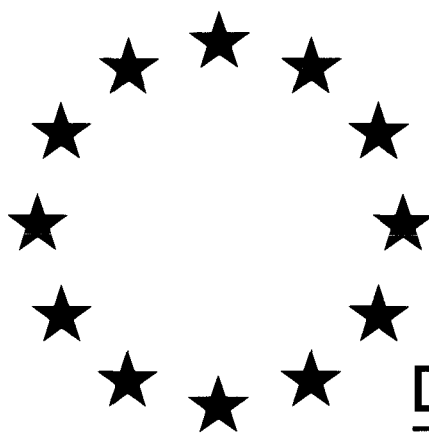


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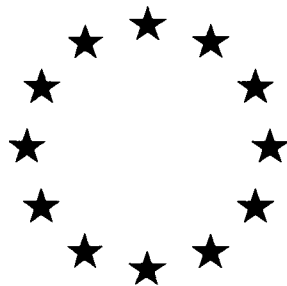
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	Miss	K.	Proidl
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	Mr	G.	Coptsidis
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	Mr	G.	Ceccoli
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	Mr	M.	Hernandez Ruigomez

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	Mr	C.	Altan
	Mr	A.	Meriç
	Mr	Y.	Belet
	Miss	I.	Musluer
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	Mr	J.	Jamieson
	Mr	A.	Staunton

1.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Decision

The Deputies adopted the agenda for their 496th meeting (14 June 1993 - B level and 15 - 18 June 1993 - A level), as it appears at Appendix 1 to the present volume of Decisions.

3.

**RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
(INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LAW AND
PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY)**

(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/3, CM(93)21 rev.2 and 79,
Misc(93)28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 38)

Decisions

The Deputies,

- i. approved the general lines set out in the report of the meeting of the Council of Europe Secretariat/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Contact Group held in Strasbourg on 3 and 4 June 1993 [Misc(93)38], concerning the implementation of the joint programme of activities of the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation;
- ii. instructed the Secretariat to prepare, for the next meeting, an assessment of the conditions for the Russian Federation's accession to the European Conventions referred to in Chapter 3.1.ii of the joint programme of activities;
- iii. took note of the progress report of the Albania Task Force [Misc(93)32], decided to extend the Task Force's terms of reference until 31 December 1993 and authorised the Secretariat to increase the Task Force's administrative back-up within the limits of the appropriations in Vote 9;

iv. authorised the continuation of the activities of the Group of Experts in Demography concerning the census of the population in "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" as set out in the report of the first meeting [Misc(93)31], and decided to increase the number of experts by adding two data-protection specialists and permitting the participation of up to four representatives of minorities from "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia";

v. authorised the Secretariat to respond, within the limits of the appropriations in Vote 9, to the requests from the Republic of Azerbaijan for expert assistance with the draft legislation on national and religious minorities and the organisation of a seminar on the independence of the judiciary;

vi. invited, in the composition restricted to members of the Partial Agreement establishing the European Commission for Democracy through Law¹, the latter to proceed, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 3 of its Statute, to an exchange of views with the representatives of the Republic of Azerbaijan on that Republic's draft constitution;

vii. decided to resume consideration of the draft Resolution on the creation of an interim committee for the protection of human rights in non-member States at their 497th meeting (September 1993);

viii. took note of the report of the visit by experts to Croatia to examine the legislative, regulatory and administrative framework for the media in Croatia [Misc(93)33] and authorised its declassification;

ix. confirmed their approval for the implementation of an action programme to promote the independence of the media in former Yugoslavia, as set out in Misc(93)34 and within the limits of the available appropriations;

x. decided to return, at one of its forthcoming meetings, to the request made by the Government of Croatia to be considered a Contracting Party to a number of conventions to which the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had been a Contracting Party;

xi. invited Belarus and Ukraine to accede to the Convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats (ETS 104);

¹

States concerned: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

xii. authorised the Secretariat to follow up the proposal of the Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the sending of an expert mission to Erevan to examine various problems relating to the progress of democratic reforms and the Rule of law in Armenia;

xiii. decided to resume, at the 497th meeting (September 1993), consideration of a proposal by the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), that the Secretary General convene a meeting of experts under the aegis of the Council of Europe to exchange views on the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violation of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia to be set up by the United Nations.

xiv. decided to resume, at their 497th meeting (September 1993), consideration of the proposal that the Secretariat invite a delegation of senior officials from "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" to a meeting in Strasbourg to examine the possibilities for co-operation within the framework of the co-operation and assistance programmes in Vote 9.

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Item 5

5.

CONFERENCES OF SPECIALISED MINISTERS

State of Preparation

(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/5, CM(93)92, SG/D/Inf(93)5)

Decisions

The Deputies

- A. With regard to the 5th Conference of European Ministers of Labour (La Valetta, 28-29 October 1993)
1. took note that the general theme of the Conference will be: "The employment situation in Europe";
 2. took note that the representatives of management and labour (UNICE and ETUC) will be invited to a hearing before the Conference and to the opening Session;
 3. took note of the Draft Agenda of the Conference and that an informal meeting of the Ministers will be held on the first day of the Conference (see Appendix III to CM(93)99);

4. took note that the Parliamentary Assembly and the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) will be invited to be represented at the Conference;
5. took note that the Council and the Commission of the European Communities will be invited to take part in the Conference;
6. established that there was a general agreement within the Committee of Ministers as to the advisability of inviting the following non-member States to participate in the Conference as observers²:

- Albania
- Latvia
- Romania
- Holy See
- Czech Republic
- Slovakia;

7. established that there was a general agreement within the Committee of Ministers as to the advisability of inviting the following intergovernmental organisations to take part in the Conference as observers:

- International Labour Office (ILO)
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- Nordic Council of Ministers.

- B. With regard to the 3rd European Ministerial Conference on Equality between Women and Men (Rome, 21-22 October 1993)

established that there was a general agreement within the Committee of Ministers as to the advisability of inviting the following non-member States to participate at the Conference as observers³:

² States becoming members of the Council of Europe before the Conference would evidently be invited to take part as full participants.

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- Albania
- Belarus
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Latvia
- Moldova
- Romania
- Federation of Russia
- Slovakia
- Ukraine.

C. With regard to the 5th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Migration Affairs (Athens, 18-19 November 1993)

1. took note that the Conference will be held from 18-19 November 1993;
2. took note that the themes of the Conference will be the following:
 - a. Ways of moderating migration flows
 - b. Racism, xenophobia and intolerance;
3. took note that the Parliamentary Assembly and the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) will be invited to be represented at the Conference;
4. took note that the Social Development Fund and the Consultative Committee of the Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers will be invited to be represented at the Conference;
5. took note that the Council and the Commission of the European Communities will be invited to take part in the Conference;
6. took note that the European Parliament will be invited to be represented at the Conference;

7. established that there was a general agreement within the Committee of Ministers as to the advisability of inviting those non-member States having observer status with the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) at the time of the Conference to participate in the Conference as observers⁴, namely:

- Albania
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Holy See
- Latvia
- Federation of Russia
- Slovakia
- United States of America;

8. established that there was a general agreement within the Committee of Ministers as to the advisability of inviting the following intergovernmental organisations to take part in the Conference as observers:

- International Labour Office (ILO)
- United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- International Organisation for Migration (IOM)
- European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE);

9. established that there was a general agreement within the Committee of Ministers as to the advisability of inviting the following non-governmental organisations to take part in the Conference as observers:

- European Trade Unions Confederation (ETUC)
- Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe (UNICE)
- Churches Committee for Migrants in Europe (CCME)
- International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC);

⁴ States becoming members of the Council of Europe before the Conference would evidently be invited to take part as full participants.

10. took note that the CDMG had proposed that if any other State asked to be invited to the Conference, the Greek authorities would refer the matter to the Ministers' Deputies, having first consulted the CDMG, if possible.

D. With regard to the XXIVth Session of the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Family Affairs (Helsinki, 26-28 June 1995)

took note of the place and date of the XXIVth Session of the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Family Affairs, i.e. Helsinki from 26 to 28 June 1995.

E. With regard to the 6th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Social Security (Portugal, 1995)

1. took note that the Conference will be held in spring 1995;
2. took note that the general theme of the Conference will be "Dependence and Social Security", and that the sub-themes will be:
 - The risk of dependence in relation to the protection afforded by social security;
 - The special needs of dependent persons, costs and funding;
 - The social protection of dependent persons in central and eastern Europe;
3. took note that the Committee of Senior Officials (MSS-6-HF), responsible for the preparation of this Conference decided on certain organisational arrangements and in particular, that the opening of the Conference would be preceded by an informal meeting of the heads of delegation;
4. took note that the Parliamentary Assembly, representatives of management and labour (UNICE and ETUC), ILO, OECD, the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the International Social Security Association (ISSA) and the Ibero-American Social Security Organisation (IASSO) will be invited to submit observations or written contributions at the Conference;
5. took note that the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to be represented at the Conference;

6. established that there was a general agreement within the Committee of Ministers as to the advisability of inviting the following non-member States to participate in meetings of the Committee of Senior Officials and in the Conference itself as observers⁵:
 - Albania
 - Australia
 - Canada
 - Latvia
 - Romania
 - Holy See
 - Czech Republic
 - Slovakia
7. established that there was general agreement within the Committee as to the advisability of inviting the Ibero-American Social Security Organisation (IASSO) to participate at the Conference as observer;
8. took note that the Committee will hold its next meeting in Portugal, at the invitation of the Portuguese authorities, from 29 September to 1 October 1993.

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States becoming members of the Council of Europe before the Conference would evidently be invited to take part as full participants.

6.

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

a.

**Follow-up to the 5th part of the 44th ordinary Session
(Strasbourg, 10-14 May 1993)**

i.

Texts adopted

Decisions

The Deputies

1. decided to bring the following Recommendations to the attention of their governments:

Recommendation 1211 (1993) on clandestine migration: traffickers
and employers of clandestine migrants

Recommendation 1213 (1993) on developments in biotechnology and
the consequences for agriculture;

2. decided to bring the following Recommendation to the attention of the Commission of the European Communities:

Recommendation 1213 (1993) on developments in biotechnology and
the consequences for agriculture;

3. instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft interim reply to Recommendation 1212 (1993) on the adoption of a revised Statute of the Council of Europe, with a view to its consideration at the 497th meeting (September 1993);

4. agreed to consider the following Recommendations at the 497th meeting (September 1993):

Recommendation 1211 (1993) on clandestine migration: traffickers
and employers of clandestine migrants

Recommendation 1213 (1993) on developments in biotechnology and
the consequences for agriculture;

5. took note of the following Resolutions:

Resolution 998 (1993)	on the Council of Europe's North-South Centre: role and achievements
Resolution 999 (1993)	on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina
Resolution 1000 (1993)	on Vietnamese migrants and asylum-seekers in Hong Kong ("boat people").

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Item 8

8.

SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT
(Vienna, 8-9 October 1993)
Preparation
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/8)

Chairman's summing-Up

The Chairman noted that a first exchange of views had taken place on a statement by the Turkish delegation containing reflections on the political dialogue in the Council of Europe (the text of which was also distributed). The Working Party preparing the Summit would, as a first step, return to this contribution and to those of any other delegations at its next meeting on 23 June 1993.

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Item 10

10.

SEMINAR ON INTOLERANCE
Proposal by the Secretary General of the
Council of Europe
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)489/34, 492/11, 493/10)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. took note of the proposal by the Secretary General to hold a seminar on intolerance in early 1994, on Council of Europe premises, in the framework of an Action plan to fight intolerance, to be considered by the Summit of Heads of State and Government (Vienna, 8-9 October 1993);
2. authorised the Secretary General to start immediately the appropriate preparatory work for the seminar;
3. authorised the Secretary General to seek pledges from governments and also from as wide a range as possible of private sources for the purposes of the Seminar the draft budget of which appears in Appendix 3 to the present volume of Decisions.

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Item 11

11.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
Request for accession to the Council of Europe
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)489/37, CM(93)83)

Decision

The Deputies adopted and decided to transmit to the Parliamentary Assembly Resolution (93) 29 on the Republic of Moldova, as it appears at Appendix 4 to the present volume of Decisions.

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Item 12

12.

PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA
Assembly Recommendation 1127 (1990)

Decision

The Deputies instructed the Secretariat, in the light of recent developments, to prepare a supplementary reply to Assembly Recommendation 1127 (1990) with a view to its consideration at the 497th meeting (September 1993).

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Item 13

13.

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR
GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND SOLIDARITY
Evaluation after the preliminary period
(Concl(92)478/10, CM(93)91)

Chairman's summing-up

After having been presented with a report on its achievements and its specific contribution during the initial period of 3 years, as foreseen in Resolution (89)14 of 16 November 1989, the Chairman noted that there was agreement on confirming the continuation of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity. The Deputies will resume discussion on the draft revised Statute and other modalities governing the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity following a preliminary meeting of the representatives of members of the Centre.

Decisions

The Representatives on the Committee of Ministers of Cyprus, Finland, France, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey;

Recalling Resolution (89)14 establishing a European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity ("North-South Centre"), adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 November 1989 at its 85th Session;

Having regard to the Report reviewing the pilot phase of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity, its achievements and its specific contribution, which was presented to the Committee of Ministers at the end of the Centre's initial period of three years in conformity with its Resolution (89)14;

Having noted the additional review Reports submitted by the four personalities nominated by the Centre's quadripartite partners, parliamentarians, governments, local and regional authorities and non-governmental organisations;

Having regard to Resolution 998, adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly on 12 May 1993, confirming inter alia the wish for a continuation of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity;

Having regard to Resolution (93)247, adopted by the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities, expressing similar support for the continuation and further strengthening of the North-South Centre;

Considering that efforts towards the attainment of the Centre's objectives as stated in Resolution (89)14 require sustained action at European level and in member States, building on the useful experience already gained and the quadripartite structures and working methods developed during the Centre's pilot phase;

Underlining the urgent need for new and renewed efforts that meet the requirements of an interdependent world through strategies of co-operative action in a spirit of solidarity;

Welcoming the strong support from the Government of Portugal at the time of establishing the North-South Centre and during its pilot phase as well as the special attention and support expressed by various member governments and the European Community to ensure its continuation;

Having regard to the decision taken by the Committee of Ministers at the 430th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (7 November 1989), on the establishment of a European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity on the basis of a partial agreement, thereby enabling the member States which wish to do so to pursue these objectives within the Council of Europe,

Resolve as follows:

1. to confirm the continuation of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity ("North-South Centre") created as a partial agreement by the adoption of Resolution (89)14 on 16 November 1989, to be managed autonomously as an establishment set up by the Council of Europe;

2. to resume the discussion on the draft revised Statute and other modalities governing the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity following a preliminary meeting of the representatives of members of the Centre in the presence of the Chairman of its Executive Council.

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Item 14

14.
**EUROPEAN ECUMENICAL COMMISSION FOR CHURCH AND SOCIETY
(EECCS)**

**Request for observer status with the
Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)
and the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI)
(CM/Del/Dec(93)493/11)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. expressed their agreement in principle to the request by the European Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society (EECCS) for observer status with the two Steering Committees mentioned below;
2. adopted Decision No. CM/563/140693 assigning ad hoc terms of reference to the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) as they appear at Appendix 5 to the present volume of Decisions;
3. adopted Decision No. CM/564/140693 assigning ad hoc terms of reference to the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI) as they appear at Appendix 6 to the present volume of Decisions.

15.

**REFORM OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM OF THE
EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)494bis/2 et Concl(93)486/14)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. agreed to resume consideration of this item at A level as soon as the CDDH has reported back to them;
2. adopted the following supplementary reply to Assembly Recommendation 1194 (1992) on the reform of the control mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights:

"The Committee of Ministers wishes to refer to its interim reply of 20 January 1993 to Assembly Recommendation 1194 (1992) on the reform of the control mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights.

It would like to inform the Assembly that in the Final Communiqué of the 92nd Session of the Committee of Ministers held in Strasbourg on 14 May 1993, the Ministers 'were pleased to note that there had been significant progress at the level of their Deputies in recent weeks on the preparation of a mandate.'. The Ministers instructed their Deputies 'to complete this work urgently in time for the meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) starting on 7 June 1993, with a view to preparing a draft Protocol to amend the European Convention on Human Rights for submission to Heads of State and Government in Vienna in October 1993.'.

The Committee of Ministers is pleased to be able to inform the Assembly that as early as 28 May 1993, during a Special Meeting, the Ministers' Deputies adopted a decision assigning ad hoc terms of reference to the CDDH. The text of the terms of reference reads as follows:

'The Committee of Ministers stresses the necessity of a reform of the supervisory mechanism of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with the aim of improving efficiency and shortening the time taken for individual applications, at minimum cost.

For this reason the Committee of Ministers instructs the CDDH to prepare a draft amending Protocol to the Convention, restructuring the existing supervisory mechanism by replacing it with

- a Court which
 - should consist of a number of judges equal to that of the members of the Council of Europe;
 - should work in committees and chambers; and
 - must be provided with
 - an effective mechanism for the filtering of applications;
 - an effective procedure to enable friendly settlements;
 - an appropriate structure to ensure the quality and consistency of its case law and to enable a re-hearing in exceptional cases, for example those raising serious questions affecting the interpretation or application of the Convention; provision should be made for the presence of a national judge in any such re-hearing;
- the Committee of Ministers retaining its competence under Article 54, it being understood that its competence to deal with individual applications under the present Article 32 of the Convention is abolished.

The CDDH should also examine

- whether the right of individual petition should remain optional or not;
- the way in which inter-State applications should be dealt with;
- the role and functions of possible Advocates General.’.

Furthermore, the terms of reference of the CDDH stipulate that the mandate be completed by '30 September 1993, with a view to submitting the draft Protocol to amend the European Convention on Human Rights to Heads of State and Government in Vienna on 8-9 October 1993.'

Lastly, the Ministers' Deputies agreed, at their June 1993 meeting, to resume consideration of this question as soon as the CDDH has reported back to them.

It goes without saying that the Committee of Ministers will not fail to duly inform the Assembly of any further development concerning the reform of the control system of the European Convention on Human Rights, the urgency of which the Ministers, at the 92nd Session of the Committee of Ministers, underlined again, given the irreducible growth of the workload of the European Court and Commission of Human Rights."

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Item 16

16.

**EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE
AND INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT**

**Opening for accession by non-member States
(Concl(92)480/10)**

Decision

The Deputies agreed to postpone consideration of this item to their 497th meeting (September 1993 - for consideration at A level), in the framework of the consideration of the report of the 34th meeting of the CDDH (7-11 June 1993).

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Item 17

17.

**DRAFT EUROPEAN CONVENTION RELATING TO QUESTIONS ON
COPYRIGHT LAW AND NEIGHBOURING RIGHTS
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
TRANSFRONTIER BROADCASTING BY SATELLITE
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)492/18, CM(93)103)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. agreed to transform the Drafting Group to finalise the Draft European Convention relating to questions on copyright law and neighbouring rights in the framework of transfrontier broadcasting by satellite into an open-ended group;
2. invited the Group to pursue its work of finalising the Draft Convention bearing in mind work on similar issues being conducted in other fora.

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Item 18

18.

**COMMITTEE OF LEGAL ADVISERS ON PUBLIC
INTERNATIONAL LAW (CAHDI)
Report of the meeting
(Strasbourg, 16-17 March 1993)
(CM(93)86)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. took note of the views expressed by the CAHDI at its 5th meeting (see doc. CAHDI(93)3), in particular on State succession in Europe (item 5 on its agenda), the control system of the European Convention on Human Rights (item 10 on its agenda) and on an international court to judge war crimes in former Yugoslavia (item 10 on its agenda);

2. took note of the draft agenda for the CAHDI's 6th meeting (Paris, 13-14 September 1993) as it appears in Appendix III to CM(93)86;
3. bearing in mind decisions 1 and 2 above, took note of the abridged report of the CAHDI's 5th meeting (CM(93)86) as a whole.

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Item 19

19.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF
TERRITORIAL ASYLUM, REFUGEES AND STATELESS PERSONS
(CAHAR) - Report of the 35th meeting
(Strasbourg, 30-31 March 1993)
(Concl(92)484bis, CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)490/14, CM(93)94)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. took note of the Opinion of CAHAR on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1205 (1993) on the situation of displaced persons in several countries of former Yugoslavia (see Appendix III to CM(93)94) and agreed to resume consideration of this Recommendation at their 497th meeting (September 1993) with a view to adopting a final reply to the Assembly;
2. taking into account decision 1 above, took note of the abridged report of the 35th meeting of the CAHAR as a whole (CM(93)94).

20.

**URGENT RELIEF SYSTEM IN CASES OF MASS INFLOWS
OF PERSONS FLEEING THEIR COUNTRY**
Report of the meeting of national correspondents
(Strasbourg, 18 March 1993)
(CM(93)98)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. took note of the report of the meeting of persons responsible for the provision of assistance in the event of mass inflows of persons fleeing their country (Strasbourg, 18 March 1993) (CM(93)98);
2. agreed to resume consideration of this item at one of their forthcoming meetings, in the light of the outcome of the meeting of the Working Party on a solidarity structure - set up by the Group of Senior Officials entrusted with the follow-up to the Conference of Ministers on the movement of persons coming from Central and Eastern Europe ("Vienna Group") - which will be held on 17-18 June 1993.

21.

MIGRATORY FLOWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND POLAND
Assembly Recommendation 1188 (1992)
(Concl(92)480/8a, 482/22)

Decision

The Deputies decided to resume at a subsequent meeting consideration of Recommendation 1188 (1992) on migratory flows in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland in the light of the opinion they had requested from the Governing Body of the Social Development Fund.

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Item 22

22.

**FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF THE
EUROPEAN HEALTH COMMITTEE (CDSP)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)490/23a)**

Decision

The Deputies authorised the holding of a second meeting of the European Health Committee (CDSP) in 1993, within the limits of the credits available under Field VI of Vote II of the 1993 Ordinary Budget, and without prejudice to the 1994 Budget and Programme exercise.

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Item 23

23.

**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION (CDMG)
Report of the 28th meeting
(Strasbourg, 27-30 April 1993)
(CM(93)95)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. approved a modification of the specific terms of reference of the Specialist Group on Equalities of Opportunities for Immigrants (MG-S-EO), increasing its membership from 8 to 9 in order to allow the nomination of a specialist from one of the Central and East European member States, within the limits of the credits available for Field III of Vote II of the 1993 Ordinary Budget (para. 9 of CM(93)95);
2. took note of the opinion adopted by the European Committee on Migration (CDMG) on Assembly Recommendation 1188 (1992) on migratory flows in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland (para. 15 of and Appendix 3 to CM(93)95) and agreed to resume consideration of this Recommendation after the opinion of the Social Development Fund has been received;

3. took note of the opinion adopted by the CDMG on Assembly Recommendation 1191 (1992) on exchanges involving young workers after the revolutionary changes of 1989 (para. 15 of and Appendix 4 to CM(93)95) and agreed to resume consideration of this Recommendation after the opinion of the European Steering Committee for Intergovernmental Co-operation in the Youth Field (CDEJ) has been received;
4. took note of the opinion adopted by the CDMG on Resolution 236 (1992) of the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) on "A new municipal policy for multicultural integration in Europe and the Frankfurt Declaration" (para. 15 of and Appendix 5 to CM(93)95) and agreed to resume consideration of this Resolution at one of their forthcoming meetings;
5. taking into account decisions 1-4 above, took note of the abridged report of the 28th meeting of the CDMG as a whole (CM(93)95).

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Item 25

25.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR (CDEM)
Abridged report of the 13th meeting
(Strasbourg, 21-22 April 1993)
(CM(93)99)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. approved the increase in the membership of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Employment and Labour (CDEM) from 5 to 6 (item 2 of CM(93)99);
2. authorised publication, after 30 June 1993 and under the responsibility its authors, of the report on "the effect on labour relations of new forms of organisation of work in firms" (item 6 of CM(93)99);
3. took note of the opinion adopted by the CDEM on Assembly Recommendation 1196 (1992) on severe poverty and social exclusion: towards guaranteed minimum levels of resources (item 8a of and Appendix IV to CM(93)99) and agreed to resume consideration of this Recommendation at their 497th meeting (September 1993);

4. took note of the opinion adopted by the CDEM on Assembly Recommendation 1191 (1992) on exchanges involving young workers after the revolutionary changes of 1989 (item 8b of and Appendix V to CM(93)99) and agreed to resume consideration of this Recommendation after the opinion of the European Steering Committee for Intergovernmental Co-operation in the Youth Field (CDEJ) has been received;
5. authorised publication of a new version of the Explanatory Report to the European Agreement on Au Pair Placement (ETS No. 68), incorporating the amendment that appears in item 9 of CM(93)99;
6. taking into account decisions 1-5 above, took note of the abridged report of the 13th meeting of the CDEM as a whole (CM(93)99).

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Item 27

27.

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
(CM(93)96)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. invited their Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture and Sport to consider the question of scientific and technical co-operation in the Council of Europe as presented in CM(93)96 and to report back to them;
2. agreed to resume consideration of this matter at one of their forthcoming meetings, in the light of the Rapporteur Group's report.

28.

**4TH CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN MINISTERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH
(Vienna, 13-15 April 1993)
(CM(93)97)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. decided to communicate the Final Text of the 4th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth to the CDEJ, with a request that the latter take it into account when considering its future activities;
2. agreed to ask their governments to bring the message concerning the Interrail card to the attention of their respective railway administrations and/or companies;
3. took note of the report of the 4th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth, as it appears in document CM(93)97, as a whole.

30.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES (CAHLR)
Situation of regional or minority languages in Europe
(CM(93)81)**

Chairman's summing-up

The Chairman noted that the Deputies would come back to this question at a forthcoming meeting in the light of the amendments which will be communicated to the Secretariat and of the contributions from the new member States.

Decision

The Deputies requested delegations to send to the Secretariat possible amendments and modifications to the contributions of their countries set out in document CM(92)211 before 15 September 1993, it being understood that the new member States will also have the possibility to send in their contributions before this date.

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Item 31

31.

**EUROPEAN NETWORK OF TRAINING CENTRES
FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES STAFF
Resolution 240 (1992) of the Standing Conference of
Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE)
and Parliamentary Assembly Opinion No. 166
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)492/6a, CM(92)211)**

Decision

The Deputies agreed to bear in mind Resolution 240 (1992) of the CLRAE:

- in the context of the discussions on the draft budget for 1994;
- when considering Resolution 250 (1993) of the CLRAE in the light of the Opinion of the Parliamentary Assembly on this text.

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Item 32

32.

**STANDING CONFERENCE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL
AUTHORITIES OF EUROPE (CLRAE)
Dates of the 29th Session**

Decision

The Deputies approved the date of 15 to 17 March 1994 for the 29th Session of the CLRAE [or, if need be, 31 May to 2 June 1994].

33.

NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Assembly Recommendation 1209 (1993)

(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)488/6a and 490/31)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. decided to transmit Assembly Recommendation 1209 (1993) to the governments of member States of OECD and States participating in the CSCE, which are not member States of the Council of Europe;

2. decided to transmit Recommendation 1209 (1993) to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the OECD and the Commission of the European Communities;

3. decided to transmit Recommendation 1209 (1993) for information to the competent bodies of the Partial Agreement "Co-operation Group for the Prevention of, Protection against, and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters" in order to enable them to take account of it in the course of their works;

4. adopted the following reply to Assembly Recommendation 1209 (1993):

"1. The Committee of Ministers shares the concern of the Parliamentary Assembly over the state of the nuclear power plants in Central and Eastern Europe and the potential threats they pose to people and the environment in Europe. The important issues raised by Recommendation 1209 have not so far been the subject of work undertaken by the Council of Europe at the intergovernmental level.

2. Other international organisations are very active in this field. Thus, the G7 at its Munich Summit in July 1992 launched a multilateral programme of action for nuclear power plants in Central and Eastern Europe and appealed for contributions from its member States.

3. The European Community is making an important contribution to nuclear security in the countries of Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. It is planned that by the end of 1993 the Community will have spent 330 million ECU to promote nuclear safety in this region. The Commission of European Communities has recently decided to pay a sum of 20 million ECU to the "Nuclear safety" account which the G7 decided to create during its Munich meeting. The participation of the Community aims at completing the already existing bilateral programmes, i.e. the TACIS (Technical Assistance to the new Independent States) and PHARE programmes.

In 1992, 66 million ECU were allocated to the TACIS programme, and the PHARE programme has dedicated 45 million ECU to implementing programmes for Bulgaria, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

4. The Committee of Ministers has decided to transmit this Recommendation to the governments of member States, to the governments of member States of the OECD and the States participating in the CSCE which are not member States of the Council of Europe. It has also been decided to transmit the text to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the Commission of the European Communities and the OECD.

5. The Committee of Ministers has further decided to transmit Recommendation 1209 (1993) for information to the competent bodies of the Partial Agreement "Co-operation Group for the Prevention of, Protection against, and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters", in order to enable them to take account of it in the course of their work."

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Item 34

34.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ACCOMMODATION
NEEDS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SECTOR (CAHLO)**

**Reports of the two meetings
(Strasbourg, 18-19 March and 6 May 1993)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/30, CM(93)60 and 101)**

Decisions

The Deputies

1. asked their Rapporteur Group on Administrative Questions to examine the question of the financing by the Organisation of the costs of participation of CAHLO members;
2. took note of the reports of the meetings of the Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Accommodation Needs in the Human Rights Sector (CAHLO) of 18-19 March 1993 (CM(93)60) and 6 May 1993 (CM(93)101).

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Item 35

35.

MEETING REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/33b,
CM(93)74, Notes on the Agenda N° 9782)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. took note of the information and opinions contained in the Meeting Report of the April 1993 session of the Budget Committee (CM(93)74) and agreed to come back to the question of the role of the Budget Committee at a forthcoming meeting;
2. agreed to hold an informal meeting with the Budget Committee to discuss the latter's role during its Autumn meeting.

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Item 36

36.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S INFORMATION POLICY
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/32, Misc(93)20)

Chairman's summing-Up

The Chairman noted the great importance which the Committee attached to the information policy of the Council of Europe. The discussion showed that thought needed to be given to reforms and to resources. New ideas had been put forward.

The Secretariat would prepare for the Deputies' next meeting in September a document providing answers to the questions asked by delegations, and covering the most important aspects of information policy.

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Item 37

37.

**REVIEW AS AT 1 JANUARY 1993 OF THE AMOUNTS
OF THE KILOMETRIC ALLOWANCE FOR STAFF
OF THE CO-ORDINATED ORGANISATIONS**
20th Report of the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration
(CM(93)100)

Decision

The Deputies approved the 20th Report of the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration (CM(93)100), in particular the recommendation made in paragraph 3 thereof.

38.

**ACCESSION OF CROATIA TO THE EUROPEAN
CULTURAL CONVENTION**
Croatia's contributions arising under the
European Cultural Convention
(CM(93)90)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. took note that, following Croatia's accession to the European Cultural Convention on 27 January 1993, application of the rules for the calculation of contribution scales, calculated pro rata temporis, would result in the following contribution from Croatia for the 1993 financial year:

	Cultural Fund	Sport Fund	Total
Contribution to the Fund	130.678 FF	11.201 FF	141.879 FF
Administration charge (15 %)	19.602 FF	1.680 FF	21.282 FF
TOTAL	150.280 FF	12.881 FF	163.161 FF

2. decided to fix Croatia's contribution to the Cultural Fund and the Sports Fund for 1993 at 50% of the amounts shown in the foregoing table;

3. decided on the following schedule for "normalisation" of Croatia's contributions to the Cultural Fund and the Sports Fund:

1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
1/2	2/3	2/3	3/4	1

39.

**PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON THE CO-OPERATION GROUP FOR THE PREVENTION OF, PROTECTION AGAINST AND ORGANISATION OF RELIEF IN MAJOR NATURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DISASTERS
(CM(93)88 and 89)**

a.

Contributions to the 1993 Budget following the accession of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine

Decisions

1. The Deputies decided, following their exchange of views at the present meeting, to resume consideration of the question of the rate of Ukraine's contribution to the Partial Agreement on the Co-operation Group for the Prevention of, Protection against and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters at their 497th meeting (September 1993) on the basis of a document prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Representatives on the Committee of Ministers of member States of the Partial Agreement on the Co-operation Group for the Prevention of, Protection against and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters⁶ fixed the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Georgia to the Budget of the Partial Agreement for the financial year 1993 at FF 54,698, FF 77,024, FF 183,073 and FF 62,513 respectively.

⁶

States concerned: Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Turkey.

b.

**Contributions to the 1993 Budget
following the accession of Albania**

Decision

The Representatives on the Committee of Ministers of member States of the Partial Agreement on the Co-Operation Group for the Prevention of, Protection against and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters⁷ fixed the contribution of Albania to the Budget of the Partial Agreement for the financial year 1993 at FF 26,946.

40.

1993 BUDGETARY SITUATION
(CM(93)74 paragraphs 1-7, CM(93)79, CM(93)80)

Decisions

A. The Deputies

1. approved supplementary appropriations in the Ordinary Budget 1993 totalling 7,700,000 F as proposed in document CM(93)80 and to be financed from the credit balance remaining on the 1992 Ordinary Budget and adopted Resolution (93)30 as it appears at Appendix 7 to the present volume of decisions (cf. Appendix I of CM(93)80);
2. took note of the other information contained in document CM(93)80;

B. The Representatives of the States Parties to the Partial Agreement on the Co-operation Group for the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters⁸, in the light of their decision

⁷ States concerned: Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Turkey.

⁸ States concerned: Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Turkey.

(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496, item 39) on the contributions payable by new member States to the Open Partial Agreement: approved the amendments proposed in document CM(93)80, paragraphs 5 - 9, to the 1993 Budget of the Partial Agreement on the Co-operation Group for the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural disasters, and adopted Resolution (93)31 as it appears at Appendix 8 to the present volume of decisions (cf. Appendix II of CM(93)80).

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Item 41

41.

**FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS BUILDING**
(CM(93)61, CM(93)74 paragraphs 8 and 9 and Appendix III)

Decision

The Deputies, in the light of the information contained in document CM(93)61, authorised the Secretary General to conclude financing arrangements for the cost of the Human Rights Building in accordance with the recommendation of the Budget Committee as follows:

- i. by means of a bank loan in French Francs;
- ii. the loan should be contracted for a variable amount between 160,000,000 F and 170,000,000 F, the final actual amount being determined at the discretion of the Council of Europe, to ensure full financing of the actual final cost as fixed by application of the relevant construction indices to the cost of the project as approved by the Committee of Ministers at October 1987 prices;
- iii. the loan should be at a fixed rate of interest making use, if it proves advantageous, of financial instruments such as "swaps" to obtain the lowest possible rate;
- iv. the loan should be repaid over a ten year period, which would allow a reasonable spread of the financial burden and allow for a progressive contribution from future member States;
- v. the loan should be the subject of an international tender procedure.

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Item 42

42.

**AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING STAFF SALARIES
AND ALLOWANCES INTENDED TO CLARIFY THE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ALLOWANCES TO STAFF
(CM(93)84)**

Decision

The Deputies agreed to resume consideration of this item at one of their forthcoming meetings.

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Item 43

43.

PREPARATION OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Decisions

The Deputies

1. approved the draft agenda for their 497th meeting (6 September 1993 (3pm) - B level and 7 (3pm) to 10 September 1993 - A level), as it appears at Appendix 2 to the present volume of Decisions;
2. agreed to hold a special meeting (496 bis) on 30 June 1993 in order to consider opinions of the Assembly on applications for membership of the Council of Europe.

44.

**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE
AND INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT (CPT)
Election of members in respect of Denmark,
Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom
(CM(93)104)**

Decisions

The Deputies, having voted in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, of the European Convention for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

1. declared the following candidates elected or re-elected as members of the CPT, with effect from 20 September 1993, for a term of office which will expire on 19 September 1997:

- Mr Bent SØRENSEN (in respect of Denmark)
- Mr Claude NICOLAY (in respect of Luxembourg)
- Mr Love KELLBERG (in respect of Sweden)
- Mrs Gisela PERREN-KLINGLER (in respect of Switzerland)
- Mr Stefan TERLEZKI (in respect of the United Kingdom);

2. adopted accordingly Resolution DH (93)26, as it appears at Appendix 9 to the present volume of Decisions.

45.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW

a.

Request for observer status by Japan

b.

Request for co-operation by the Republic of South-Africa

Decisions

The Representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the States members of the Partial Agreement establishing the European Commission for Democracy through Law⁹:

1. invited Japan to appoint an observer to sit on the European Commission for Democracy through Law;
2. agreed to authorise the co-operation between the European Commission for Democracy through Law and the Republic of South Africa, especially in the process of constitutional reforms taking place in that country.

46.

DEPUTIES' RAPPORTEUR GROUPS

Composition

(Concl(91)461/9)

Decisions

The Deputies,

1. fixed at 1 July 1993 the date-limit for delegations to furnish indications as to their intentions to participate in Rapporteur Groups;

⁹ Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

2. decided to revive their Rapporteur Group on the Information Policy of the Council of Europe, and invited delegations interested in taking part in it to inform the Secretariat, by 1 July 1993;
3. agreed to resume consideration of this item at their 497th meeting (September 1993).

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Item 47

47.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
Modification of the Articles of Agreement
(CM(93)105)

Decision

The Representatives on the Committee of Ministers of the member States of the Partial Agreement on the Resettlement Fund¹⁰ adopted Resolution (93)22 concerning the amendment of Article II of the Articles of Agreement of the Council of Europe Social Development Fund as it appears at Appendix 10 to the present volume of Decisions.

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Item 48

48.

PROSPECTS FOR THE 1994 BUDGET
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/33a, 494/37 and 494bis/4)

Decisions

The Deputies

1. noted the distribution of appropriations by sector of activity, within the framework of a total Ordinary Budget of 771,500,000 F for 1994, set out by the Secretariat in document Misc(93)40;
2. agreed that the Secretary General should prepare the 1994 draft budget:

¹⁰

Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey.

- emphasising its indicative character given certain important observations made during the debate principally concerning the funding of the Parliamentary Assembly and the priority to be given to relations with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe;
 - making in due course proposals concerning the use of the credit balance for 1992;
3. agreed that a decision concerning the implementation of the Second Youth Centre would be taken at a later stage;
4. invited the Secretary General, taking into consideration as far as possible the priorities indicated by the Steering Committees, to make proposals regarding the Programme of Activities.

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Item 49

49.

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
Standing Committee
(Paris, 5 June 1993)

Texts adopted

Decisions

The Deputies

1. decided to examine the following Opinions at their 500th meeting (October 1993) and their 502nd meeting (November 1993) in the framework of their discussions on the general accounts and the budget:

Opinion No 171 (1993) on the Council of Europe general accounts and budgets for the years 1991, 1993 and 1994 and

Opinion No 172 (1993) on the programme-budget for the operational expenditure of the Assembly in 1994;

2. decided to bring to the attention of their Rapporteur Group on the environment and local authorities the following Opinion:

Opinion No 173 (1993)

on the texts adopted at the 28th Session of the CLRAE (16-18 March 1993);

3. decided to consider Opinion No 173 (1993) at their 497th meeting (September 1993) in the framework of the follow-up to be given to the resolutions adopted at the 28th Session of the CLRAE (16-18 March 1993).

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Item 50

50.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
Election of a member in respect of the United Kingdom
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)495/44, CM(93)108,
paragraphs 9 to 16 and Appendix 4)

Decisions

The Deputies

having voted in accordance with Article 21 of the European Convention on Human Rights,

1. declared Mr Nicolas BRATZA elected as member of the European Commission of Human Rights in respect of the United Kingdom, with effect from 1 August 1993, for a term of office which will expire on 17 May 1996;

2. adopted accordingly Resolution DH(93)27, as it appears at Appendix 11 to the present volume of Decisions.

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Item 51

51.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CENTRE AND EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION
Composition of the Governing Board
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/27, CM(93)56)

Decision

The Deputies agreed that Belgium would be invited to designate a representative to sit on the Governing Board of the European Youth Centre and European Youth Foundation for a period of two years in place of Luxembourg.

APPENDIX 1

496th MEETING OF THE MINISTERS' DEPUTIES
(Strasbourg, 14 June 1993 (3pm) - B level,
15 (10am) - 18 June 1993 - A level)

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda and of the Order of Business
(Notes No. 9792 of 11.6.93)

Political and General Policy Questions(1)

2. Political aspects of European co-operation and of current international events
(Resolution (84)21)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/2)
(Notes No. 9904 of 8.6.93 and Add. of 9.6.93)
3. Relations with countries of Central and Eastern Europe (including the development plan for law and programme for local democracy)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/3, CM(93)21 rev.2 and 79, Misc(93)28, 29, 31, 32, 33 of 2.6.93, 34, 35 and 38 of 14.6.93)
(Notes No. 9793 of 28.5.93 and Add. of 10.6.93 and Add. 2 of 14.6.93)
4. Communication from the Secretary General
- *5. Conferences of Specialised Ministers - State of preparation
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/5, CM(93)92, SG/D/Inf(93)5)
(Notes No. 9794 of 27.5.93 and Add. of 4.6.93)

(1) See also items 46 and 49
* B level

6. Parliamentary Assembly
 - a. Follow-up to the 5th part of the 44th ordinary Session - (Strasbourg, 10-14 May 1993)
 - i. Texts adopted
(Notes No. 9795 of 28.5.93)
 - ii. Evaluation of the Session
(Notes No. 9796 of 13.5.93)
 - iii. Parliamentary Questions for oral reply by the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
(AS(44)CR33)
(Notes No. 9797 of 18.5.93)
 - b. Preparation of the 6th part of the 44th ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 29 June - 2 July 1993)
(Notes No. 9798 of 13.5.93)
7. Committee of Ministers - Follow-up to the 92nd Session
(Strasbourg, 14 May 1993)
(CM(93)PV1 prov.)
(Notes No. 9799 of 28.5.93)
8. Summit of Heads of State and Government
(Vienna, 8-9 October 1993) - Preparation
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/8)
(Notes No. 9800 of 1.6.93)
9. Situation in Cyprus
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/9)
(Notes No. 9801 of 13.5.93)
10. Seminar on intolerance - Proposal by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and opening of a special account
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)489/34, 492/11, 493/10)
(Notes No. 9802 of 25.5.93)
11. Republic of Moldova - Request for accession to the Council of Europe
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/37, CM(93)83)
(Notes No. 9803 of 26.5.93 and Add. of 9.6.93)

12. Principality of Andorra - Assembly Recommendation 1127 (1990)
(Notes No. 9804 of 28.5.93)
13. European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity -Evaluation after the preliminary period
(Concl(92)478/10, CM(93)91)
(Notes No. 9805 of 3.6.93)
- *14. European Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society (EECCS) - Request for observer status with the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/11)
(Notes No. 9806 of 25.5.93)

Human Rights(1)

15. Reform of the Control System of the European Convention on Human Rights
(CM/Del/Dec(93)493/14)
(Notes No. 9807 of 2.6.93)
16. European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment - Opening for accession by non-member States
(Concl(92)480/10)
(Notes No. 9808 of 27.5.93)

Mass Media

- *17. Draft European Convention relating to questions on copyright law and neighbouring rights in the framework of transfrontier broadcasting by satellite
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)492/18, CM(93)103 of 19.5.93)
(Notes No. 9809 of 27.5.93)

* B level

(1) See also items 44 and 50.

Legal Questions(1)

18. Committee of Legal advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) - Report of the meeting (Strasbourg, 16-17 March 1993)
(CM(93)86)
(Notes No. 9810 of 28.5.93)
- *19. Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Legal Aspects of Territorial Asylum, Refugees and Stateless Persons (CAHAR) - Report of the 35th meeting (Strasbourg, 30-31 March 1993)
(CM(93)94)
(Notes No. 9811 of 28.5.93)

Social and Economic Questions(2)

- *20. Urgent Relief System in cases of mass inflows of persons fleeing their country - Report of the meeting of national correspondents (Strasbourg, 18 March 1993)
(CM(93)98)
(Notes No. 9812 of 26.5.93)
- *21. Migratory flows in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland - Assembly Recommendation 1188 (1992)
(Concl(92)480/8a, 482/22)
(Notes No. 9813 of 26.5.93)
- *22. Frequency of meetings of the European Health Committee (CDSP)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)490/23a)
(Notes No. 9814 of 25.5.93)
- *23. European Committee on Migration (CDMG) - Report of the 28th meeting (Strasbourg, 27-30 April 1993)
(CM(93)95)
(Notes No. 9815 of 27.5.93)

* B level

- (1) See also item 45
(2) See also item 47

⁽¹⁾*24. European Conference on Population - Conclusions (Geneva, 23 March 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9816 of ...)

*25 Steering Committee for Employment and Labour (CDEM) - Report of the 13th meeting (Strasbourg, 21-22 April 1993)
(CM(93)99) (Notes No. 9817 of 27.5.93)

Education, Culture and Sport

26. Council of Europe Seminar on "Education: Structures, Policies and Strategies" open to all CSCE Participating States - Report of the 1st meeting of the Preparatory Committee (Strasbourg, 1-2 April 1993)
(Notes No. 9818 of 27.5.93)

*27. Scientific and Technical Co-operation in the Council of Europe
(CM(93)96) (Notes No. 9819 of 27.5.93)

Youth(2)

*28. 4th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth (Vienna, 13-15 April 1993)
(CM(93)97) (Notes No. 9820 of 27.5.93)

* B level

(1) The Secretariat proposes to postpone consideration of this item to the 497th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (September, 1993)

(2) See also item 51.

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Environment and Local Authorities

- *30. Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Regional or Minority Languages (CAHLR) - Situation of regional or minority languages in Europe (CM(93)81) (Notes No. 9822 of 27.5.93)
- *31. European Network of Training Centres for Local and Regional Authorities Staff - Resolution 240 (1992) of the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) and Parliamentary Assembly Opinion No. 166 (Notes No. 9791 of 27.5.93)
- #*32. Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) - Dates of the 29th Session (Notes No. 9749 of 26.5.93)
- #*33. Nuclear Power Plants in Central and Eastern Europe - Assembly Recommendation 1209 (1993) (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)490/31) (Notes No. 9824 of 28.5.93)

Administrative Questions(1)

- 34. Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Accommodation Needs in the Human Rights Sector (CAHLO) - Reports of the two meetings (Strasbourg, 18-19 March and 6 May 1993) (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/30) (CM(93)60 and 101) (Notes No. 9825 of 28.5.93)
- 35. Budget Committee - Meeting Report of the April 1993 Session (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/33b, 494/37) (CM(93)74) (Notes No. 9826 of 1.6.93)
- 36. Council of Europe's information policy (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/32, Misc(93)20) (Notes No. 9827 of 25.5.93)

* B level

No debate envisaged

(1) See also item 48

- *37. Revision of the amounts of the kilometric allowance for staff of the Co-ordinated Organisations - Report of the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration (CCR)
(CM(93)100)
(Notes No. 9828 of 26.5.93)
- *38. Accession of Croatia to the European Cultural Convention - Croatia's contributions arising under the European Cultural Convention
(CM(93)90 of 18.5.93)
(Notes No. 9829 of 28.5.93)
- *39. Partial Agreement on the Co-operation Group for the prevention of, protection against and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters
 - a. Contributions to the 1993 Budget following the accession of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine
(CM(93)88 of 19.5.93)
 - b. Contribution to the 1993 Budget following the accession of Albania
(CM(93)89 of 18.5.93)

(Notes No. 9830 of 28.5.93)
- *40. 1993 Budgetary Situation
(CM(93)74, 79 and 80)
(Notes No. 9831 of 1.6.93)
- *41. Financing the Construction of the New Human Rights building
(CM(93)61 and 74)
(Notes No. 9832 of 1.6.93)
- *42. Amendment to the regulations governing staff salaries and allowances intended to clarify the arrangements for payment of certain allowances to staff
(CM(93)84)
(Notes No. 9833 of 28.5.93)
- 43. Preparation of forthcoming meetings
(Notes No. 9834 of 15.6.93)

* B level

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Other business

44. European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - Election of members in respect of Denmark, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom
(CM(93)104 of 28.5.93)
(Notes No. 9845 of 3.6.93)
45. European Commission for Democracy through Law
 - a. Request for Observer Status by Japan
 - b. Request for co-operation by the Republic of South Africa

(Notes No. 9891 of 28.5.93)
46. Deputies' Rapporteur Groups - Composition
(Concl(91)461/9)
(Notes No. 9890 of 26.5.93)
47. Social Development Fund - Modification of the Articles of Agreement
(CM(93)105 of 28.5.93)
(Notes No. 9895 of 2.6.93)
48. Prospects for the 1994 Budget
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/33a, 494/37 and 494bis/4)
(Misc(93)40 of 16.6.93)
(Notes No. 9902 of 10.6.93)
49. Parliamentary Assembly - Standing Committee (5 June 1993) - Texts adopted
(Notes No. 9903 of 9.6.93)
50. European Commission of Human Rights - Election of a member in respect of the United Kingdom
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)495/44, CM(93)108)
(Notes No. 9906 of 14.6.93)
- *51. European Youth Centre and European Youth Foundation - Composition of the Governing Board
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/27, CM(93)56)
(Notes No. 9907 of 11.6.93)

* B level

APPENDIX 2
(item 43)

497th MEETING OF THE MINISTERS' DEPUTIES
(Strasbourg, 6 September (3pm) 1993 - B level
7 (3pm) - 10 September 1993 - A level)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda and of the Order of Business
(Notes No. 9944 of ...)

Political and General Policy Questions

2. Political aspects of European co-operation and of current international events
(Resolution (84)21)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/2)
3. Relations with countries of Central and Eastern Europe (including the development plan for law and programme for local democracy)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/3, CM(93)113)
(Notes No. 9945 of ...)
4. Communication from the Secretary General

N.B. In application of the deadline rules for the dispatch of reference documents and Notes on the Agenda, the date limits are:

A level CM : 9 August 1993
 Notes : 23 August 1993

B level CM : 6 August 1993
 Notes : 20 August 1993

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- *5. Conferences of Specialised Ministers - State of preparation
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/5, CM(93)..., SG/D/Inf(93)...) (Notes No. 9946 of ...)
- 6. Parliamentary Assembly
 - a. Follow-up to the 6th part of the 44th ordinary Session ((Strasbourg, 29 June - 2 July 1993)
 - i. Evaluation of the Session and other Assembly events (Notes No. 9947 of ...)
 - ii. Texts adopted (Notes No. 9948 of ...)
 - iii. Parliamentary Questions for oral reply by the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers (AS(44)CR...) (Notes No. 9949 of ...)
 - b. Preparation of the 7th part of the 44th ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 27 September - 1st October 1993) (Notes No. 9950 of ...)
- 7. Summit of Heads of State and Government (Vienna, 8-9 Octobre 1993) - Preparation (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/8) (Notes No. 9951 of ...)
- 8. Situation in Cyprus (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/9) (Notes No. 9952 of ...)
- 9. Secretary General - Election procedure (CM(93)114 of ...) (Notes No. 9953 of ...)
- 10. Principality of Andorra - Assembly Recommendation 1127 (1990) (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/12) (Notes No. 9954 of ...)

* B level

11. Exchange of views of experts on the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violation of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/3)
(Notes No. 9955 of ...)
12. Adoption of a revised Statute of the Council of Europe - Assembly Recommendation 1212 (1993)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/6ai)
(Notes No. 1 of ...)
- *13. Celebration of the 500th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies
(15-21 October 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9956 of ...)
- *14. Composition of Deputies' Rapporteur Groups
(Notes No. 9957 of ...)
- *15. Protection of Minorities - Implementation of pilot projects
(Notes No. 9958 of ...)
- *16. European Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society (EECCS) - Request for observer status with the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/14)
(Notes No. 9959 of ...)
- *17. Citizens' participation in politics - Assembly Recommendation 1180 (1992)
(Concl(92)480/9)
(Notes No. 9960 of ...)

Human Rights

18. European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) -
 - a. 3rd general report of activities covering the period 1 January to 31 December 1992
(CM(93)109)
(Notes No. 9961 of ...)

* B level

- b. Hearing of the President of the CPT (Thursday, 9 September 1993 at 3pm)
(Notes No. 9962 of ...)
19. European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment - Opening for accession by non-member States
(Concl(92)480/10, CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/16)
(Notes No. 9963 of ...)
- *20. Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG) - Abridged report of the 5th meeting (Strasbourg, 9-11 June 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9964 of ...)
- *21. Three-year programme on Human Rights Education and Information - Opening of a special account
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9965 of ...)
- *22. European Social Charter - 12th cycle of supervision of the application of the Charter (first group of States 1988-1989)
(CM(93)118 of ... and Add. of ...) (Notes No. 9966 of ...)
- *23. European Social Charter - Draft additional protocol providing for a system of collective complaints
(CM(92)186) (Notes No. 9967 of ...)
- *24. Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) - Abridged report of the 34th meeting (Strasbourg, 7-11 June 1993)
(CM(93)116 of ...) (Notes No. 9968 of ...)
- *25. Ad hoc Committee of Experts on CSCE Human Rights dimension issues (CAHDH) - Summary of discussions of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 2 and 3 June 1993
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9969 of ...)

Mass Media

- *26. Steering Committee on the Mass Media (CDMM) - Abridged report of the 34th meeting (Strasbourg, 29 June - 2 July 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9970 of ...)
- *27. Standing Committee of the Convention on Transfrontier Television - Report of the 1st meeting (Strasbourg, 17-18 June 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9971 of ...)

Legal Questions

- *28. Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI) - Abridged report of the 2nd meeting (Valletta, 27-30 April 1993)
(CM(93)111) (Notes No. 9972 of ...)
- *29. Situation of refugees and displaced persons in several countries of former Yugoslavia - Assembly Recommendation 1205 (1992)
(Notes No. 9973 of ...)
- *30. Sects and new religious movements - Assembly Recommendation 1178 (1992)
(Concl(92)474/15) (Notes No. 9974 of ...)

Social and Economic Questions

- *31. European Conference on Population - Conclusions (Geneva, 23 March 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9975 of ...)
- *32. European Population Committee (CDPO) - Abridged report of the 16th meeting (Strasbourg, 24-25 June 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9976 of ...)

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- *33. Steering Committee on Social Policy (CDPS) - Abridged report of the 10th meeting (Strasbourg, 17-19 May 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9977 of ...)
- *34. European Social Security Committee (CDSS) - Abridged report of the 41st meeting (Strasbourg, 11-13 May 1993)
(CM(93)117 of ...) (Notes No. 9978 of ...)
- *35. Gypsies in Europe - Assembly Recommendation 1203 (1993)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)492/19) (Notes No. 9979 of ...)
- *36. Social Development Fund - Report of the Governor for 1992
(CM(93)115) (Notes No. 9980 of ...)
- *37. Severe poverty and social exclusion: towards guaranteed minimum levels of resources - Assembly Recommendation 1196 (1992)
(Notes No. 9981 of ...)
- *38. Migratory flows in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland - Assembly Recommendation 1188 (1992)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)488/22) (Notes No. 9982 of ...)
- *39. Clandestine migration: traffickers and employers of clandestine migrants - Assembly Recommendation 1211 (1993)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/6a) (Notes No. 9983 of ...)

Education, Culture and Sport

- 40. Situation of the Cultural Heritage in Central and Eastern Europe - Assembly Recommendation 1172 (1992)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/24) (Notes No. 9984 of ...)

* B level

- *41. Standing Conference on University Problems (CC-PU) - Higher Education Scholarships Scheme
(Notes No. 9985 of ...)
- #*42. Culture Committee (CC-Cult) - Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on the Cinema
(Notes No. 9986 of ...)
- *43. Cultural Heritage Committee (CC-PAT) - Draft Recommendation No. R(93)... on the protection of the Architectural Heritage against natural disasters (CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9987 of ...)

Youth

- 44. Second European Youth Centre - Report of the ad hoc Board of Assessors (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/25, CM(93)65)
(Notes No. 9905 of ...)

Environment and Local Authorities

- *45. Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE) - Follow-up to Resolutions adopted at the 28th Session of the CLRAE (Strasbourg, 16-18 March 1993)
(CM(93)53 and 54)
(Notes No. 9988 of ...)
- *46. Steering Committee on Local and Regional Authorities (CDLR) - Abridged report of the 11th meeting (Strasbourg, 17-18 June 1993)
(CM(93)...) (Notes No. 9989 of ...)
- *47. Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats - Request for accession by Monaco
(Notes No. 9990 of ...)

* B level

No debate envisaged

- *48. Developments in biotechnology and the consequences for agriculture - Assembly Recommendation 1213 (1992)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/6a)
(Notes No. 9991 of ...)

Administrative Questions

49. 22nd Report of the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration (CCR) - Remuneration of the staff of the Co-ordinated Organisations : General revision
(CM(93)... of ...)
(Notes No. 9992 of ...)
- *50. Report of the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration (CCR) - Adjustment of remuneration of staff of the Co-ordinated Organisations at 1 January 1993
(CM(93)... of ...)
(Notes No. 9993 of ...)
- *51. Report of the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration (CCR) - Exceptional review of the daily rates of subsistence allowance at 1 July 1993
(CM(93)... of ...)
(Notes No. 9994 of ...)
- *52. Modification of the Regulations on appointments - Composition of panels
(CM(93)... of ...)
(Notes No. 9995 of ...)
- *53. Amendment to the Regulations governing staff salaries and allowances intended to clarify the arrangements for payment of certain allowances to staff
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/42, CM(93)... of ...)
(Notes No. 9996 of ...)
- *54. Appeals Board - Appointment of members
(CM(93)110 of ... and CM(93)...)
(Notes No. 9997 of ...)

* B level

- *55. Partial Agreement on the Co-operation Group for the prevention of, protection against and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters - Contribution of Ukraine to the 1993 Budget
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/39a, CM(93)... of ...)
(Notes No. 9998 of ...)

- 56. Preparation of forthcoming meetings
(Notes No. 9999 of ...)

* B level

APPENDIX 3
(item 10)

**DRAFT BUDGET
SEMINAR ON INTOLERANCE**

Early 1994

Journey and daily allowances (40 participants)	400 000 FF
Preparatory Committee 1 meeting for 1 day 8 participants	50 000 FF
Interpretation French/English 2 days Seminar + 1 day Preparatory Committee	30 000 FF
Translation French/English	150 000 FF
Social events 2 lunches + 2 breakfasts	50 000 FF
Working documents	80 000 FF
	TOTAL approx 760 000 FF
	Or 135 000 US \$

APPENDIX 4
(item 11)

RESOLUTION (93)29

ON MOLDOVA

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 June 1993
at the 496th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

Recalling its decision, expressed at its 8th Session in May 1951, to consult the Parliamentary Assembly before inviting a State to become a member or associate member of the Council of Europe in conformity with the provisions of the Statute;

Considering that the Government of the Republic of Moldova, in its letter of 20 April 1993 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, expressed the wish to be invited to become a member of the Council of Europe and declared its readiness to respect the principles stated in Article 3 of the Statute;

Having noted with satisfaction the interest shown by the Republic of Moldova in acceding to the Organisation,

Invites the Parliamentary Assembly to express its opinion on the matter and brings the following considerations to the attention of the Assembly at this stage:

First of all, the Committee of Ministers wishes to inform the Assembly that there is consensus among its members in favour of the Republic of Moldova's joining the Organisation as soon as the conditions laid down in the Statute, that is implementation of the principles of pluralist parliamentary democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law, have been satisfied. This implies that the legislative and judicial systems of the country would have to conform to the principles of the Rule of Law.

In his letter dated 20 April 1993, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Moldova indicated that Moldova would be prepared, like any other member State, to become Party to the European Convention on Human Rights. The Committee of Ministers took note with satisfaction of this intention and expects of the Government of Moldova that it will express its intention to recognise the right of individual petition and the compulsory jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights. The Republic of Moldova would thus have to give practical effect to the obligations under the Convention throughout the whole of its territory at the various levels of the administration.

The Committee of Ministers accordingly affirms its willingness to deepen its dialogue with the Moldovan authorities and intensify the support provided through its co-operation and assistance programmes, with a view to facilitating and accelerating Moldova's transition to democracy, and enabling it to join the Council of Europe as soon as possible.

APPENDIX 5
(item 14)

DECISION No. CM/563/140693

Ad hoc terms of reference

1. Name of committee: STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (CDDH)
2. Source of terms of reference: Committee of Ministers
3. Completion date: 30 November 1993
4. Terms of reference:

To give an opinion on the request for observer status with the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) made by the European Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society (EECCS).

5. Other Committee(s) to be informed of terms of reference: Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI)

APPENDIX 6
(item 14)

DECISION No. CM/564/140693

Ad hoc terms of reference

1. Name of committee: STEERING COMMITTEE ON BIOETHICS
(CDBI)
2. Source of terms
of reference: Committee of Ministers
3. Completion date: 31 July 1993
4. Terms of reference:

To give an opinion on the request for observer status with the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI) made by the European Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society (EECCS).

5. Other Committee(s)
to be informed of
terms of reference: Steering Committee for Human Rights
(CDDH)

APPENDIX 7

(item 40)

RESOLUTION (93)30

CONCERNING THE ORDINARY BUDGET FOR 1993

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 June 1993
at the 496th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 16 of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

HAVING REGARD to Article 5 of the Financial Regulations;

HAVING REGARD to Resolution(92)45 of 27 November 1992 approving the ordinary budget for 1993;

HAVING REGARD to the amendments to the salary scales of grades A and L in respect of purchasing power parities, with retroactive effect from 1 July 1992, recommended by the Co-ordinating Committee on Remuneration (CCR), and approved by the Committee of Ministers at the 492nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)492/26);

HAVING REGARD to Resolution(92)43 concerning the Ordinary Budget for 1992;

HAVING REGARD to the amendments to the Ordinary Budget for 1993 submitted by the Secretary General (CM(93)80);

HAVING REGARD to the Budget Committee's report of April 1993 (CM(93)74);

CONSIDERING that the appropriations entered in the 1993 Ordinary Budget call for amendment,

RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The appropriations granted in the 1993 Ordinary Budget are increased by 7,700,000 F broken down by sub-heads as follows:

VOTE I - COMMON EXPENDITURE

HEAD 1.1

Sub-head 1114 Provision for cost-of-living allowance and other adjustment to remuneration 5,760,000 F

VOTE III - EXPENDITURE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

HEAD 3.1

Sub-head 3106 Provision for cost-of-living allowance and other adjustment to remuneration 950,000 F

VOTE IV OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE OF THE EUROPEAN COURT AND COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE EUROPEAN TRIBUNAL IN MATTERS OF STATE IMMUNITY

European Court of Human Rights

HEAD 4.1

Sub-head 4105 Provision for cost-of-living allowance and other adjustment to remuneration 260,000 F

European Commission of Human Rights

HEAD 4.5

Sub-head 4505 Provision for cost-of-living allowance and other adjustment to remuneration 730,000 F

Article 2

The estimate of receipts under Sub-head 1006 - Sundry receipts - of the Ordinary Budget is increased by 7,700,000 F.

Article 3

Having regard to the initial appropriations and the amendments introduced by this Resolution, the budgets of expenditure and receipts are both increased from 743,867,000 F to 751,567,000 F.

Article 4

The supplementary appropriations approved by this Resolution shall be financed from the credit balance remaining on the 1992 Ordinary Budget and will not therefore require additional contributions from member States.

APPENDIX 8
(item 40)

RESOLUTION (93)31

CONCERNING THE 1993 BUDGET

**OF THE PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON THE CO-OPERATION GROUP FOR
THE PREVENTION OF, PROTECTION AGAINST, AND ORGANISATION
OF RELIEF IN MAJOR NATURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DISASTERS**

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 June 1993
at the 496th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 16 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and with membership restricted to the Representatives of the States of the Council of Europe which are members of the Partial Agreement on the Co-operation Group for the prevention of, protection against, and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters¹

HAVING REGARD to Resolution (87) 2 of 20 March 1987 setting up a Co-operation Group on the prevention of, protection against and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters;

HAVING REGARD to Articles 5, 11, 19 and 21 of the Financial Regulations;

HAVING REGARD to Resolution (92) 54 of 27 November 1992 approving the Budget of the Open Partial Agreement for 1993;

HAVING REGARD to the amendments to the Budget of the Open Partial Agreement for 1993 submitted by the Secretary General (CM (93) 80);

HAVING REGARD to the decision on the contributions payable to the Budget of the Open Partial Agreement by States acceding in 1993 (CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/39);

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States concerned : Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Turkey.

HAVING REGARD to the Budget Committee's report of CM(93)74 of 28 April 1993,

RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The appropriations granted in the 1993 Budget of expenditure of the Open Partial Agreement are adjusted by a net amount of 625,000 F as follows:

HEAD 1.2. - OTHER EXPENDITURE

Sub-head 1201	Official journeys	100,000 F
Sub-head 1202	Grants to the European Centres	- 50,000 F
Sub-head 1203	Consultants	425,000 F
Sub-head 1205	Telecommunications; European Alert System	100,000 F
Sub-head 1208	Sundry Expenditure	50,000 F
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Article 2

The estimates of receipts under Article 1001 - Sundry Receipts - of the budget of receipts of the Open Partial Agreement is increased by 625,000 F.

Article 3

Having regard to the initial appropriations and the amendments introduced by this Resolution, the budgets of expenditure and receipts are both increased from 11,776,000 F to 12,401,000 F.

Article 4

The supplementary appropriations approved by this Resolution shall be financed from the contributions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Georgia to the 1993 Budget and from the credit balance remaining on the 1992 Budget and will therefore not require additional contributions from other member States.

APPENDIX 9
(item 44)

RESOLUTION DH (93)26

**ELECTION OF FIVE MEMBERS
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION
OF TORTURE AND INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT
OR PUNISHMENT**

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 June 1993
at the 496th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 5 of the European Convention for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),

Having regard to Articles 1 and 4 of the Convention;

Considering that the terms of office of the members of the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment elected in respect of Denmark, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom shall expire on 19 September 1993;

Having regard to the list of names drawn up by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1, of the Convention, on the proposal of the Representatives to the Assembly of Denmark, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, and transmitted to the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers by the President of the Assembly;

Considering that Article 5, paragraph 3, of the Convention provides that the members of the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment shall be elected for a period of four years;

Having voted by secret ballot,

Declares the following candidates elected or re-elected as members of the European Committee for the prevention of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, with effect from 20 September 1993, for a term of office which will expire on 19 September 1997:

- Mr Bent SØRENSEN (in respect of Denmark)
- Mr Claude NICOLAY (in respect of Luxembourg)
- Mr Love KELLBERG (in respect of Sweden)
- Mrs Gisela PERREN-KLINGLER (in respect of Switzerland)
- Mr Stefan TERLEZKI (in respect of the United Kingdom).

APPENDIX 10

(item 47)

RESOLUTION (93)22

**CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE II
OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 June 1993
at the 496th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers with membership restricted to the Representatives of the States of the Council of Europe which are members of the Council of Europe Social Development Fund (Resettlement Fund)¹,

Considering that the Articles of Agreement of the Council of Europe Resettlement Fund for National Refugees and Overpopulation in Europe were adopted in the form of a Partial Agreement by its Resolution (56) 9 of 16 April 1956;

Having regard to Article IX - Section 1 - litt. h, of these Articles of Agreement which states that the Governing Body, representing the members of the Fund, shall have sole authority to amend these Articles, without, however making any change in their stated aims;

Considering that by its Resolution 247 (1993), the Governing Body decided to adopt the amended Articles of Agreement of the Council of Europe social Development Fund, subject to the approval of the Committee of Ministers on Article II,

DECIDES

Article II of the amended Articles of Agreement of the Social Development Fund, which is appended to this Resolution, is adopted.

¹ States concerned: Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

A P P E N D I X

Article II

Purpose

a. The primary purpose of the Fund is to help in solving the social problems with which European countries are or may be faced as a result of the presence of refugees, displaced persons or migrants consequent upon movements of refugees or other forced movements of populations and as a result of the presence of victims of natural or ecological disasters.

The investment projects to which the Fund contributes may be intended either to help such people in the country in which they find themselves or to enable them to return to their countries of origin when the conditions for return are met or, where applicable, to settle in another host country. These projects must be approved by a Member of the Fund.

b. The Fund may also contribute to the realisation of investment projects approved by a Member of the Fund which enable jobs to be created in disadvantaged regions, people in low income groups to be housed or social infrastructure to be created.

APPENDIX 11
(item 50)

RESOLUTION DH (93)27

**ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RESPECT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 June 1993
at the 496th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 21 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention");

Having regard to Articles 19, 20 and 22 of the Convention;

Considering that, following the resignation on 16 March 1993, with effect from 1 August 1993, of the member of the European Commission of Human Rights elected in respect of the United Kingdom, it is called upon to elect a member of the Commission in respect of this country;

Having regard to the list of candidates drawn up by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly on 10 May 1993, in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 1, of the Convention, on the proposal of the representatives of the United Kingdom to the Assembly, transmitted on 18 May 1993 to the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers by the President of the Assembly;

Considering that Article 22, paragraph 5, of the Convention provides that a member of the Commission elected to replace a member whose term of office has not expired, shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term;

Having voted by secret ballot,

Declares Mr Nicolas BRATZA elected as member of the European Commission of Human Rights in respect of the United Kingdom, with effect from 1 August 1993, for a term of office which will expire on 17 May 1996.

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Committee of Ministers
Comité des Ministres

Strasbourg, 2 July 1993

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Introduction

At the opening of the meeting at B level, the Chairman welcomed Mrs. Kristiina OJULAND, who was attending a meeting at the committee for the first time in her capacity as Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia.

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At the opening of the meeting at A level, the Chairman welcomed Mr Peter LEUPRECHT as the new Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe. He congratulated him in the name of the committee on his election, recalling his expertise in human rights questions, and added that his experience in the Organisation would allow him to fulfil his new functions with great efficiency.

The Deputy Secretary General thanked the Chairman for his kind words and assured the Deputies of his readiness to work with them and his willingness to serve the Organisation usefully.

The Chairman then spoke as follows:

"I would like to inform you about the meeting that the Bureau had on 1 June with Monsignor Jean-Louis Tauran, the Secretary for relations with States of the Holy See. During this very interesting and fruitful meeting, Monsignor Tauran underlined that first of all this was the first formal contact that he had with the Council of Europe and he considered this as a sign of the joint commitment of the Holy See and the Council of Europe to the same concepts and values. He particularly stressed that relations with the Council of Europe are characterised by 30 years of close co-operation, thanks to a very fruitful "sui generis" relationship, which of course stems from the fact that the Holy See has a temporal branch, being a State.

Taking into account the opening towards Central and Eastern European countries and in view of the rising dangers of racism and xenophobia, this new situation required supplementary and common efforts, and there of course the Church, or the Churches in general, have much interest in ensuring that these efforts cover all layers of society and are carried out in a co-operative way. The Holy See is of course prepared to make its contribution and the new observer status recently adopted by the Committee of Ministers might contribute to closer co-operation. Monsignor Tauran mentioned that the Holy See is seriously considering making use of this new possibility and there are even considerations beyond that for the future.

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My colleagues and I had the impression of a very dynamic personality who looked at the relationship between the Holy See and the Council of Europe as something that can be and needs to be further developed and could be fruitful for both sides. In general Monsignor Tauran expressed his support for the idea of associating other churches more closely with the work of the Council of Europe, working on the assumption that these churches can contribute positively to the community of values and principles of Europe.

He also expressed gratitude for the opportunity given to the Holy See to participate as honoured guests in the Vienna Summit, and he considered in particular that this meeting could have a very beneficial effect on the coordination of activities between European organisations and institutions, in particular between the Council of Europe and the CSCE.

I should mention that Monsignor Tauran was accompanied by a specialist in CSCE affairs, who has worked for many years, and who is very knowledgeable in CSCE matters. We had a very interesting exchange of views on the question of what the tasks of one and the other organisation in the future might be and of what the Vienna Summit could do in order to pronounce itself on this question of partition of tasks between the two organisations. Of course he mentioned, and this is quite right, that the Council of Europe could not by itself decree what the tasks of any other organisations would be.

In conclusion I would like to say that this informal meeting with the Bureau permitted a very lively and frank exchange of views, frank because there were no records, and it had no binding effects. But I believe this type of dialogue should and must be carried on, not only with representatives of the Holy See but hopefully in the future also with other representatives of Churches, as we have done in the past."

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At a later stage in the meeting, the Chairman informed the Deputies that, with a view to ensuring the implementation of the new budgetary procedure, which foresees in June each year a Joint Committee between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Committee of Ministers, he had been in contact with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly.

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The President had proposed that, instead of convening a formal Joint Committee, a meeting be held of a Joint Working Party at the level of the Bureaux of both organs. The Bureau of the Deputies had agreed on this proposal and had suggested that the Deputies could be represented at that meeting by the Bureau, enlarged to include the Chairman of the former Budgetary Procedure Working Group, Ambassador Knudsen.

The Chairman then stated that, on the occasion of the 500th meeting of the Deputies (18 to 21 October 1993), it had been suggested that various events be organised, mainly on 19 October. Some proposals had been submitted to the Bureau and generally well received. A Secretariat "Aide-mémoire" containing these proposals would shortly be distributed to delegations, who would be informed of any financial implications.

Finally, following a proposal by the Swiss Delegation, the Bureau had agreed to authorise an exhibition of paintings by Nikunja Ebner from 24 January to 4 February 1994, in the Foyer of the Committee of Ministers. He noted that there were no objections to the above proposals.

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**POLITICAL ASPECTS OF EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION AND OF
CURRENT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS
(Resolution (84)21)
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/2)**

The Representative of Portugal made a statement on Human Rights violations in East Timor.

The Representative of Turkey made a statement on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

These statements have been distributed during the meeting.

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3.

**RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
(INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR LAW AND
PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY)**

(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)493/3, CM(93)21 rev.2 and 79,
Misc(93)28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 38)

The Representative of France, remarked in connection with decision no. vii ("decided to resume consideration of the draft Resolution on the creation of an interim committee for the protection of human rights in non-member States at their 497th meeting (September 1993)"), that his authorities wished to place on record their reservations concerning the creation of an interim mechanism for the protection of human rights in Europe. Rather than embark on a course of action which risked introducing a "2-speed" Europe for the protection in question (for populations protected by the European Convention, on the one hand, and by a proposed new mechanism, on the other), he felt that a thorough examination of existing mechanisms, which might not have been fully exploited, should be made.

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COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS
Follow-up to the 92nd Session
(Strasbourg, 14 May 1993)
(CM(93)PV1 prov.)

The Representative of Turkey made a statement on political dialogue within the Council of Europe. This statement has been distributed during the meeting.

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10.

SEMINAR ON INTOLERANCE
Proposal by the Secretary General of the
Council of Europe
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)489/34, 492/11, 493/10)

The Representative of Poland recalled that his delegation had, at an earlier discussion of the Secretary General's proposal (489th meeting, March 1993, item 34) circulated proposed amendments, which had been accepted, regarding the plans for the seminar.

Referring to appendices to Notes on the Agenda No. 9660, the amendments in question had been:

"1. To the Appendix titled "Seminar on Intolerance":

- on page 5 to add to the part starting from "Participants" the following sentence:

"Director of the CSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights will be invited to contribute to the Seminar."

- on page 6 to add to the sentence starting from "Organisation" the new third sentence in second paragraph as follows:

"The Secretary General is requested to approach the CSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to indicate experts, in particular those having participated in the CSCE Human Dimension Seminar on Tolerance (Warsaw, 16-20 November 1992) who could also attend the preparatory meeting."

2. To the Appendix I Draft Programme:

- on page 6 change the third part of the sentence by adding in the end after ".. (Council of Europe)" - "Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe"

The Head of the studies and programming Unit, gave assurances on behalf of the Secretary General, that these amendments would be fully incorporated in planning this Seminar, now that the Deputies had authorised the Secretary General to start the appropriate preparatory work.

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13.

**EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR
GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND SOLIDARITY**
Evaluation after the preliminary period
(Concl(92)478/10, CM(93)91)

The Representative of the Netherlands made the following statement:

"In a constructive spirit, I would like to endorse the amendments made by the Norwegian Ambassador. Moreover, on the basis of the instructions that this delegation received, we would like it to be recorded in the notes of this meeting that, firstly, the Netherlands authorities feel that it would have been better if the evaluation would have been carried out by a group of outside independent experts, and secondly that in view of this point, and also in view of the hesitations about the future usefulness of the Centre, the Netherlands authorities have a preference to review the continuation of the Centre at another future date, three or five years from now."

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43.

PREPARATION OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

The Representative of Hungary made the following statement:

"I am under instructions not to support the proposal put forward for convening a special meeting of the Committee of Ministers to consider in a package the outstanding requests for admission to the Council of Europe. We do not see valid political reasons for such a hasty decision. On the contrary, we call for a careful and comprehensive examination of the circumstances and evaluation of the consequences of such a decision that might be entailed in relation to all interested parties.

The Parliamentary Assembly is still considering the request for admission by the Czech Republic and Slovakia and is to take its final decision later this month. Adopting the proposed decision by the Committee of Ministers at this stage would stipulate a political pressure on the Parliamentary Assembly prejudging its decision on the one hand and would deprive the Committee of Ministers, the governments of member States of the time and possibility to give a profound and careful consideration to the issue in all its aspects and to assess different cases on their own merits on the other. A hasty decision may inflict grave damage on all interested.

The discrepancies in connection with assuring minority rights in Slovakia warrant that the Committee of Ministers should give enough time to the government of Slovakia following the Recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly to prove by deeds its declared positive intentions.

We hold that further steps by the government of Slovakia are required so that Hungary could support the admission of Slovakia to the Council of Europe. Without appropriate legal guarantees we do not see that the implementation of the Recommendations and conditions of admission embodied in the reports of rapporteur can be assured. Requiring such guarantees is in full harmony with the declared aim of upholding the high standards that should be met for being admitted to the Council of Europe."

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Later in the debate, the Representative of Hungary made the following statement:

"The government of Hungary deems it absolutely essential that before joining the Council of Europe:

- the Parliament of Slovakia should adopt appropriate legislation granting to every person belonging to a national minority the right to use his/her first name and surname in his/her mother tongue and in the regions in which substantial numbers of national minority are settled, the right for the persons belonging to national minority, to display in their language local names, signs, inscriptions and other similar information, in accordance with the principles contained in Recommendation 1201 (1993);
- the government of Slovakia should provide for credible guarantees that whatever changes in the administrative division of the country would be introduced, it will not be in the detriment of national minorities. It would be welcomed if the experts of the Council of Europe would be invited to contribute to the elaboration of the possible administrative division. It is regrettable however that the preparations under way in Slovakia are contrary to this. As a consequence, administrative units could be created where the proportion of the Hungarian minorities would be much lower than their proportion in the overall population;
- the Slovak government should take appropriate measures to provide for the resources and institutional framework of the training on the long term of teachers of minority languages. The right for education on one's mother tongue is in accordance with Recommendation 1201 and with the European Charter of Regional and Minority Languages. We regret to learn that contrary to this requirement preparations are under way in Slovakia to limit radically the possibilities of education in Hungarian language and those of the training of minority language teachers;
- the government of Slovakia should dissociate itself in a political declaration from the laws adopted between 1945-48 and the so called Benes Decree, declaring the collective guilt of the Hungarian national minority with discriminating effects until this day.

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We would be in favour of the consideration of the admission of Slovakia to the Council of Europe after having had given enough time to the Slovak authorities to accomplish the legal measures promised and to provide credible guarantees in appropriate form to fulfill the conditions for membership, as specified in Article 4 of the Statute through implementing all measures recommended and required by the rapporteur during the admission procedure.

Short of that, the Hungarian government is left with no alternative, but to base its decision on the considerations expressed on the situation prevailing at present."



Committee of Ministers
Comité des Ministres

Strasbourg, 2 July 1993

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(held in Strasbourg on 30 June 1993)

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The 496bis meeting of the Ministers' Deputies opened at A level on Wednesday, 30 June 1993 at 11 am under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Winkler, Deputy for the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria.

PRESENT

AUSTRIA	Mr	H.	Winkler, <u>Chairman</u>
	Mr	A.	Längle
	Miss	K.	Proidl
BELGIUM	Mr	H.	Fonder, <u>Vice-Chairman</u>
	Mr	P.	Dubuisson
BULGARIA	Mr	S.	Raev
CYPRUS	Mr	A.	Shambos
	Mr	C.	Papademas
DENMARK	Mrs	M-L.	Overvad
	Mr	J.	Faerkel
ESTONIA	-		
FINLAND	Mr	H.	Rotkirch
FRANCE	Mr	M.	Lennuyeux-Comnene
	Mrs	D.	de Boisjolly-Hoyet
	Mrs	J.	Caballero-Kolbenstetter
GERMANY	Mr	K-H.	Neukirchen
	Mr	E.	Starnitzky
	Mr	F.	Neumann
GREECE	Mr	E.	Karayannis
	Mr	G.	Coptsidis
	Miss	N.N.E.	Vraïla
HUNGARY	Mr	J.	Perenyi
	Mr	C.	Györffy
	Mrs	J.	Jozsef
	Mr	F.	Oberfrank

ICELAND	Mr	S.	Bjornsson
IRELAND	Mr	L.	Rigney
ITALY	Mr Mr	D. G.	Vecchioni Raimondi
LIECHTENSTEIN	Mr Mr	J. H.	Wolf Schädler
LITHUANIA	-		
LUXEMBOURG	Mrs	A.	Conzemius-Paccoud
MALTA	Mr	Ch.	Cremona
NETHERLANDS	Mr Mr	J.S.L. A.	Gualtherie Van Weezel Bijlsma
NORWAY	Mr	S.	Knudsen
POLAND	Mr Mr	J. J.	Regulski Wereszczynski
PORTUGAL	Mr Mr Miss	G.A. L.F. M.J.	de Santa Clara Gomes de Castro Mendes Morais Pires
SAN MARINO	Mr Mr Miss	G.N. G. M.	Filippi Balestra Ceccoli Faetanini
SLOVENIA	Mr	A.	Novak
SPAIN	Mr Mr	E. M.	Artacho Castellano Hernandez Ruigomez
SWEDEN	Mrs Mr Mrs	I. B. A.K.	Larsson Hedberg Eneström
SWITZERLAND	Mr Mr	Y. J.-P.	Moret Villard

TURKEY	Mr	I.	Birsel
	Mr	C.	Altan
	Mr	A.	Meriç
UNITED KINGDOM	Mr	N.H.	Marshall
	Mr	J.	Jamieson
	Mr	A.	Staunton

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Item 1

1.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Decision

The Deputies adopted the agenda for their 496bis meeting (30 June 1993 - A level), as it appears at Appendix 1 to the present volume of Decisions (1), subject to the postponement of item 3 - Exchange of views of experts on the international tribunal for the prosecution of persons responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, to their 497th meeting (September 1993).

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Item 2

2.

CONSIDERATION OF THE OPINIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

a.

CZECH REPUBLIC
Accession to the Council of Europe
Opinion No. 174 (1993) of the Assembly
(Resolution (93)3, Opinion No. 174 (1993) of the Assembly,
CM(93)107 and 123)

Chairman's Summing-Up

The Chairman observed that there was a consensus within the Committee in favour of inviting the Czech Republic to become a member of the Council of Europe, and took note of the abstention of the delegation of Liechtenstein regarding this item.

Decisions

The Deputies

1. adopted Resolution (93) 32 - Invitation to the Czech Republic to become a member of the Council of Europe - as it appears at Appendix 2 to the present volume of Decisions;

2. having regard to their decision to invite the Czech Republic to become a Member of the Council of Europe and to the declaration by that State of its intention to succeed the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and, in particular, to consider itself bound, as from 1 January 1993, by the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, its Protocols and the declarations provided for under Articles 25 and 46 of the Convention,

- decided that the Czech Republic is to be regarded as a Party to the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols with effect from 1 January 1993 and that that State is bound as from that date by the declarations made by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in respect of Articles 25 and 46 of the Convention;

- decided that the Czech Republic is to be regarded as a Party to the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism with effect from 1 January 1993;

- decided that the Czech Republic is to be regarded as a State signatory to the European Social Charter and its two Protocols and to the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment;

3. fixed the amount of the contributions of the Czech Republic to the budgets of the Council of Europe for the financial year 1993 as follows:

- Ordinary budget	3,716,492 F
- Pensions budget	260,972 F
- Extraordinary budget for the financing of the Human Rights Building	154,303 F

b.

SLOVAKIA
Accession to the Council of Europe
Opinion No. 175 (1993) of the Assembly
(Resolution (93)4, Opinion No. 175 (1993) of the Assembly,
CM(93)106 and 123)

Chairman's Summing-Up

The Chairman observed that there was a consensus within the Committee in favour of inviting Slovakia to become a member of the Council of Europe, and took note of the abstention of the Hungarian delegation¹ regarding this item.

Decisions

The Deputies

1. adopted Resolution (93) 33 - Invitation to Slovakia to become a member of the Council of Europe - as it appears at Appendix 3 to the present volume of Decisions;
2. having regard to their decision to invite the Republic of Slovakia to become a Member of the Council of Europe and to the declaration by that State of its intention to succeed the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic and, in particular, to consider itself bound, as from 1 January 1993, by the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, its Protocols and the declarations provided for under Articles 25 and 46 of the Convention,

- decided that the Republic of Slovakia is to be regarded as a Party to the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols with effect from 1 January 1993 and that that State is bound as from that date by the declarations made by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in respect of Articles 25 and 46 of the Convention;

¹ The Hungarian delegation announced that it would distribute later an interpretative declaration under this item (see attached Records - Appendix 1).

- decided that the Republic of Slovakia is to be regarded as a Party to the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism with effect from 1 January 1993;

- decided that the Republic of Slovakia is to be regarded as a State signatory to the European Social Charter and its two Protocols and to the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment;

3. fixed the amount of the contributions of the Republic of Slovakia to the budgets of the Council of Europe for the financial year 1993 as follows:

- Ordinary budget	2,922,678 F
- Pensions budget	205,230 F
- Extraordinary budget for the financing of the Human Rights Building	121,120 F

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3.

**EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OF EXPERTS ON THE
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE
PROSECUTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR
SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMITTED IN THE
TERRITORY OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
(CM/Del/Dec/Act(93)496/3)**

Decision

The Deputies agreed to resume consideration of this item at their 497th meeting (September 1993).

4.

PREPARATION OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Decisions

The Deputies

1. decided to hold their 499th meeting (DH) (foreseen for Monday 11 October 1993 (11 am)) on Friday morning 15 October 1993 (10 am);
2. agreed to maintain their 500th meeting (B level) on Friday 15 October 1993 in the afternoon (after their 499th meeting (DH)) and to continue this meeting, if necessary, on Monday morning 18 October 1993 at 10 am, it being understood that the 500th meeting (A level) will begin on Monday 18 October 1993 at 3 pm;
3. agreed that the celebration of the 500th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies would take place on Monday 18 October 1993 in the afternoon.

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496bis MEETING OF THE MINISTERS' DEPUTIES
(Strasbourg, 30 June (11 am) 1993)

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Consideration of the Opinions of the Assembly on applications for membership of the Council of Europe
 - a. Czech Republic
Accession to the Council of Europe
Opinion No. 174 (1993) of the Assembly
 - b. Slovakia
Accession to the Council of Europe
Opinion No. 175 (1993) of the Assembly

(CM(93)106 of 29.6.93, 107 of 29.6.93 and 123 of 29.6.93)
(Notes No 93/15 of 29.6.93 and 93/16 of 29.6.93)

Any Other business

3. Exchange of views of experts on the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violation of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia
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(Notes No. 93/17 of 29.6.93)
4. Preparation of forthcoming meetings

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RESOLUTION (93)32

**INVITATION TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 30 June 1993
at the 496bis meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

Considering the wish expressed by the Czech Republic to become a member of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to the declaration of succession of the Czech Republic in respect of the "closed" Conventions to which the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic had been a Party or Signatory, and to the decision by the Committee of Ministers according to which the Czech Republic is, with retroactive effect from 1st January 1993, a Contracting Party to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and Protocols thereto.

Having, in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Resolution (51)30A, consulted the Parliamentary Assembly, which has expressed a favourable opinion (Opinion No 174);

Observing with satisfaction that the Czech Republic complies with the conditions laid down in Article 4 of the Statute;

Having regard to Article 16 of the Financial Regulations,

Resolves:

- i. to invite the Czech Republic to become a member of the Council of Europe and accede to the Statute;
- ii. to fix at 7 the number of the Czech Republic's Representatives in the Parliamentary Assembly;

- iii. to determine the Czech Republic's various proportionate financial contributions to the Council of Europe according to the Appendix to this Resolution of which it forms an integral part;

Instructs the Secretary General to notify the Government of the Czech Republic of these decisions and to make all necessary arrangements for their implementation.

Appendix to Resolution (93)32

1. The Committee of Ministers, in accordance with Resolution (74)25, as further amended and taking account of the decision of the Committee of Ministers concerning the calculation of scales of contribution at the 449th meeting of Ministers' Deputies, fixes the proportion of the Czech Republic's contribution to the ordinary and pensions budget at 1.03 %.
2. The Committee of Ministers, in accordance with Resolution (86)30, fixes the proportion of the Czech Republic's contribution for the financing of the Human Rights Building at 0.93 %.
3. The amount which the Czech Republic is to contribute to the Working Capital Fund, calculated in accordance with the same percentage as for the ordinary budget, is 195,700 F.

APPENDIX 3
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RESOLUTION (93)33

**INVITATION TO SLOVAKIA TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

(adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 30 June 1993
at the 496bis meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

Considering the wish expressed by Slovakia to become a member of the Council of Europe;

Having regard to the declaration of succession of the Slovak Republic in respect of the "closed" Conventions to which the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic had been a Party or Signatory, and to the decision by the Committee of Ministers according to which the Slovak Republic is, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1993, a Contracting Party to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and Protocols thereto;

Having, in accordance with the provisions of Statutory Resolution (51)30A, consulted the Parliamentary Assembly, which has expressed a favourable opinion (Opinion No 175);

Observing with satisfaction that Slovakia complies with the conditions laid down in Article 4 of the Statute;

Having regard to Article 16 of the Financial Regulations,

Resolves:

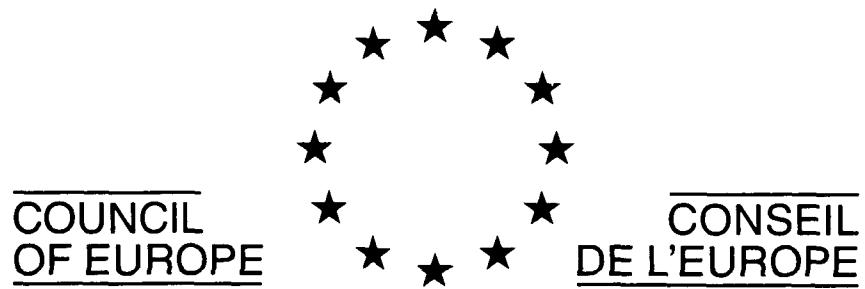
- i. to invite Slovakia to become a member of the Council of Europe and accede to the Statute;
- ii. to fix at 5 the number of Slovakia's Representatives in the Parliamentary Assembly;

- iii. to determine Slovakia's various proportionate financial contributions to the Council of Europe according to the Appendix to this Resolution of which it forms an integral part;

Instructs the Secretary General to notify the Government of the Slovak Republic of these decisions and to make all necessary arrangements for their implementation.

Appendix to Resolution (93)33

1. The Committee of Ministers, in accordance with Resolution (74)25, as further amended and taking account of the decision of the Committee of Ministers concerning the calculation of scales of contribution at the 449th meeting of Ministers' Deputies, fixes the proportion of the Republic of Slovakia's contribution to the ordinary and pensions budgets at 0.81%.
2. The Committee of Ministers, in accordance with Resolution (86)30, fixes the proportion of the Republic of Slovakia's contribution for the financing of the Human Rights Building at 0.73%.
3. The amount which the Republic of Slovakia is to contribute to the Working Capital Fund, calculated in accordance with the same percentage as for the ordinary budget, is 153,900 F.



Committee of Ministers
Comité des Ministres

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**EXAMINATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OPINIONS ON
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b.

SLOVAKIA
Accession to the Council of Europe
Assembly Opinion No 175 (1993)
(Resolution (93)4, Assembly Opinion No 175 (1993),
CM(93)106)

The Representative of Hungary made the following statement:

"Mr. Chairman,

I would like to make the following statement into the records:

The Council of Europe and its member States expressed in clear terms during previous discussions their intention to insist upon the fulfilment of all conditions formulated in the recommendations of the Council of Europe and the reports of the rapporteurs following the accession of the Slovak Republic to the Council of Europe.

We are of the view that the realisation of the aims expressed also by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe could have been better promoted if the admission of Slovakia had taken place only after the necessary steps had been taken by Slovakia in conformity with the general requirements.

Thus the Council of Europe and its member States have taken upon themselves the responsibility of the decision. Hungary is placing the fate of the Hungarian minority living in Slovakia under the protection of the Council of Europe.

We are requesting that the Council of Europe elaborate an effective control mechanism ensuring the implementation of human rights and rights of national minorities based on the motion adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly at its 29 June session, 1993.

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From now on the Hungarian Government considers it necessary to follow with due attention the legislative process taking place in Slovakia and commend it to the attention of the member States of the Council of Europe, whenever it seems necessary. Hungary will do its utmost to guarantee the effective functioning of the human rights protection mechanism of the Council of Europe.

We refer further with satisfaction to the promise made by Mr Kovac, President of the Republic of Slovakia in a telephone conversation with Mr Antall, Prime Minister of Hungary on 28 June 1993 that the President and the Government of Slovakia will make every effort in order to ensure any majority required for the adoption of the all necessary laws in full compliance with the recommendation and expectations formulated by the Council of Europe.

The amendments to the opinion on the application by the Slovak Republic to the Council of Europe adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly in its session yesterday make possible the permanent control and monitoring of the processes in Slovakia possible and it should contribute to a better implementation of the principles of the rule of law and democracy and to the assurance of the rights of national minorities.

Hungary has expressed in an outspoken manner its concerns, doubts and misgivings. Notwithstanding in view of the most welcome developments in the Parliamentary Assembly and considering the desire of the majority of the member States of the Council of Europe the Government of Hungary has decided not to stand in the way of a consensus in the hope that this will prove to be the right way to go. We have listened with hope to opinions to the effect that the cause of democracy, rule of law and the protection of national minorities would better be served with Slovakia in the Council of Europe than outside of it. So be it..

In view of the considerations expressed the Republic of Hungary will abstain during the vote on the accession of Slovakia to the Council of Europe."

(This statement is supplemented by an interpretative statement explaining the position of Hungary on the issue, indicated in the course of the meeting. The interpretative statement is set out under Appendix 1 to the present Records).

The Representative of Liechtenstein made the following statement:

"As regards the Slovak Republic, we can start from the principle that this Republic is prepared to engage in negotiations without reservations. In any event, it is necessary for the Slovak Republic to make the requisite arrangements for these negotiations now, without delay."

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**EXAMINATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OPINIONS ON
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a.

CZECH REPUBLIC
Accession to the Council of Europe
Assembly Opinion No 174 (1993)
(Resolution (93)3, Assembly Opinion No 174 (1993),
CM(93)107)

The Representative of Liechtenstein made the following statement:

"This delegation wishes to refer to the aide-mémoire which it submitted to the Committee on the 8 January 1993 and to the declaration which it made on 7 May 1993 at an exchange of views with the Czech Minister for Foreign Affairs at the 493rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.

In the aide-mémoire, the Liechtenstein delegation drew attention to the difficult relations between the former Czechoslovakia and the Principality of Liechtenstein. The main issue raised was the fact that the Government of the Czech Republic continued to stand by decisions taken by the Czech Government in 1945. These decisions were in conflict with public international law and called into question the Principality of Liechtenstein's sovereignty.

The aide-mémoire concluded by drawing attention to the need for negotiations on all the outstanding questions between the two States before the Czech Republic was admitted to the Council of Europe. In the amendment to the report on the Czech Republic's application for membership, presented by our parliamentary delegation on 29 June and approved by an overwhelming majority, we again stressed the need for negotiation.

At the 493rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, the Liechtenstein delegation went on to stress that the questions arising related firstly to the Principality of Liechtenstein as a subject of public international law and secondly to the property of Liechtenstein citizens. The Czech Minister for Foreign Affairs was asked to ensure that formal negotiations were opened as soon as possible.

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The amendment states: "It [the Parliamentary Assembly] attaches great importance to the political implications of the obligations arising from membership of the Council of Europe with regard to the solving of problems by means of political dialogue. Membership also implies readiness to settle by dialogue and negotiation any question arising in the relationship between member States."

In view of the fact that mutual relations have not improved, despite informal meetings in our capital at the end of April 1993, this delegation is not in a position to vote in favour of the Czech Republic's admission to the Council of Europe and will abstain. As long as the Czech Republic maintains its position with regard to Liechtenstein, which is contrary to public international law, and implicitly refuses it recognition, the Principality will be unable to alter its opinion. The Council of Europe is the European international organisation which places particular stress on the rule of law. My country's request that standards of public international law should also be applied in this case will therefore be all the more understandable. We have no wish to stand in the way of other members' desire to admit the Czech Republic but we nevertheless ask the other members to understand our attitude to standards and to co-operate with us in finding a solution.

Finally, I would like to express this delegation's strong support for the motion for an order on the honouring of commitments entered into by new member states, presented to the Assembly yesterday by Mrs Halonen. It is desirable that the Parliamentary Assembly should not confine itself to examining the situation at the time of accession but should monitor closely new member States' respect for the commitments they have entered into and report at regular intervals until all these commitments have been respected. I am well aware that this proposal would require additional resources and I hope that member states will be ready to make the necessary efforts. In the medium term, this proposal will help to strengthen the Council of Europe's role."

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After the adoption of the decisions, the Representative of Denmark made the following statement:

"Following the decisions we have just taken, I would like to make the following statement on behalf of the European Community and its member States. The Twelve welcome the decision just taken to invite the Czech Republic and Slovakia to become members of the Council of Europe. We find it very important that we invite the two States who were previously members to rejoin the Council of Europe at the same time.

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We take note of the initiative taken by the Parliamentary Assembly to decide to monitor closely the honouring of commitments entered into by the authorities of new member States and to report to the Bureau at regular six months intervals until all undertakings have been honoured. Of course this does not affect the normal requirement for the Council's standards to be fully met by new States before their accession.

We look forward to a close cooperation in a good and open spirit between the now 31 member States of the Council of Europe.

We further want to stress the need that we very soon adopt new internal procedures for our dealing with applications for membership of the Council of Europe."

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT BY THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION

It has been the position of Hungary that Slovakia should become a member of the Council of Europe as soon as conditions make it possible, when the established free political institutional system and the legal security of all the citizens of Slovakia guarantee that the requirements for membership in the Council of Europe can be fulfilled completely or at least to a reasonable extent. This continues to be in our interest also.

Today no one can state that Slovakia completely fulfilled the conditions for membership. The Government of Slovakia, which has hardly begun its State life, so far made only promises to be met after having become a member of the Council of Europe.

The judgment of my government is based on the following facts and observations.

- During the past six months the approximately 600,000 strong Hungarian community, which has been living on the territory of Slovakia for nearly 1,100 years, through their elected representatives addressed several memoranda to Slovak and international fora calling attention to the fact that its legal status and rights have deteriorated and become uncertain compared to the period of the existence of the Czechoslovak state. They point out that official preparations are being made for reorganizing the present administrative structure and their educational system to their detriment. The schools where the language of instruction is Hungarian are going to be transformed in a way the previous communist governments already attempted, but which they were forced to abandon because of internal and external protests.

- The mass media and certain high ranking persons systematically intimidate and threaten the minorities on account of their justifiable claims and attitudes defending their rights. For redressing the violation of their legitimate rights the Hungarian minority calls for actions, but instead they have their bills rejected or even prevented to have them discussed by Parliament.

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- There were great expectations concerning the conversation between the Foreign Ministers of the two countries on Saturday, June 26. A willingness was showed to discuss how the legitimate demands laid down in the statements prepared by the national minorities could be realised by the provisions in preparation.

- However it turned out during the discussion of the two ministers that the use of the Hungarian personal names would continue to have limitations, and that for the many hundred year old Hungarian names of villages and towns in Southern Slovakia only the translation of the subsequently given Slovak names would be permitted.

- In matters relating to education and schools only vague promises were made, without any specific commitment, and in the case of the so-called administrative territorial reform we heard about plans whose single aim appeared to be to create territorial administrative units in which the proportion of the Hungarian population would not reach 50 per cent (in the actual plans it would not reach even 25 per cent except one district). During the negotiation the former reasonable Slovak proposal, which envisaged the co-operation of the representatives of the two governments, the legal representatives of the minorities and the representatives of the Council of Europe for the settlement of the demands and complaints included in the memoranda, was not maintained. There was no Slovak willingness to address the issue of cultural, educational or other type of autonomy for the Hungarian communities.

In the light of these facts the Hungarian Government can only draw one possible conclusion: the Slovak Government has made a step back even from its earlier promises to ensure human rights, particularly the rights of the Hungarian national minority in Slovakia. There is either no political will or lack of political power to satisfy them.

Hungary as a member State of the Council of Europe and as a neighbour of Slovakia considers justified that Slovak Parliament - as a token of good will and guarantee - should pass the bills mentioned in the report of the Rapporteur of the Council of Europe concerning the use of personal names and place-names, and Slovakia should carry out the planned administrative territorial reorganisation in such a way that the Hungarians living in a compact bloc on a certain area should belong to one unit. It can be expected that Slovakia should make provisions for long-term material and institutional guarantees for maintaining the training of teachers for the Hungarian schools. The accession of Slovakia to the Charter of Regional or Minority Languages is eminently desirable. It is also indispensable that the Slovak Government should renounce, by a political declaration, those laws and decrees which, passed between 1945 and 1948, discriminated on the basis of ethnic origin and form even today the spiritual and legal basis for intolerance in Slovakia towards the Hungarian community.

