

RESOLUTION (67) 10

(Adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 26th May 1967)

EUROPEAN WATER CHARTER

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to Recommendations 436 (1965) and 493 (1967) of the Consultative Assembly on Fresh Water Pollution Control in Europe ;

Persuaded that the advance of modern civilisation leads in certain cases to an increasing deterioration in our natural heritage ;

Conscious that water holds a place of prime importance in that natural heritage ;

Considering that the demand for water is increasing, largely because of the rapid development of industrialisation in the main urban centres of Europe, and that steps must be taken for the qualitative and quantitative conservation of water resources ;

Considering, furthermore, that collective action on a European scale on water problems is necessary and that a Water Charter constitutes an effective instrument for creating a better understanding of these problems ;

Convinced that the European Water Charter should mark the opening of a carefully prepared campaign to promote water conservation in Europe ;

Having consulted water specialists, competent international organisations and the European Committee for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources,

1. Adopts the European Water Charter ;
2. Decides to publish the Charter at a ceremony which shall mark the first step and main event in the campaign for the qualitative and quantitative conservation of water in Europe leading up to European Nature Conservation Year - 1970, on the occasion of the meetings of the Committee of Ministers and of the Consultative Assembly in May 1968.