

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION No. R (79) 18

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE EMBLEM OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE¹

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 18 September 1979
at the 308th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

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

Having regard to its Resolution (55) 32 adopting the emblem of the Council of Europe ;

Having noted the increasing use being made of the emblem in member states ;

Welcoming the fact that the emblem has become a striking symbol of the ideal of European unity ;

Considering, however, that on occasion the emblem is used in an abusive manner ;

Concerned that adequate legal protection should exist against misuse of the emblem,

I. Recommends the governments of member states to take the necessary legislative measures to accord to the emblem of the Council of Europe at least the same legal protection as that granted to their national flags ;

II. Invites the governments of member states to inform the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, within a period of five years, of the measures taken to implement this recommendation.

1. When the recommendation was adopted, the Representative of *Italy*, referring to Article 10.2.c of the Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the Ministers' Deputies, reserved the right of his Government to comply with it or not.