

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RESOLUTION (76) 48

ON THE CELEBRATION OF EUROPE DAY¹

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 November 1976
at the 262nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Having regard to its Resolution (64) 16 of 31 October 1964 instituting "Europe Day" ;

Recalling its decision of 8 December 1955 to introduce a European Flag and that of 18 January 1972 taking the Prelude to the Ode to Joy of the fourth movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony as the European Anthem ;

Recalling Resolution (64) 16 which recommends that governments of member states of the Council of Europe :

— arrange for Europe Day to be celebrated, if possible on 5 May, the anniversary of the foundation of the Council of Europe ;

— decorate public buildings on that day with the colours of the European Flag ;

Having regard to the progress made by the municipalities of member states with the celebration of Europe Day on 5 May, thanks to the efforts over the years of the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, the European Committee, the National Committees for Europe Day and many non-governmental organisations,

Recommends that the governments of Council of Europe member states :

1. arrange for Europe Day to be celebrated, if possible on 5 May, the anniversary of the foundation of the Council of Europe, or on the Saturday following 5 May ;

2. invite the competent authorities to include in their public education syllabuses a course on the themes of European unification and Europe Day ;

3. mark the solemnity of Europe Day by an address by the head of state or a member of the government, to be given if possible over the radio and/or television network ;

4. arrange for the key events in European campaigns on specific themes, such as "European Years", to coincide with Europe Day ;

5. arrange for the issue day of "Europa" stamps to coincide with Europe Day ;

6. ensure that the recommendation in Resolution (64) 16 regarding the decoration of public buildings on Europe Day is acted upon ;

7. have the European Anthem performed on the occasion of official Europe Day events.

1. When this resolution was adopted, the Representative of *Denmark*, in conformity with Article 10.2.c of the Rules of Procedure for the meetings of the Ministers' Deputies, stated that he reserved the right of his government to comply with it or not.