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Implementation of the decisions of the Third Summit of the Council of Europe

Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Kosachev and others

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only the members who have signed it

Recommendation 1712 (2005) has fairly noted that the ultimate success of the Third Summit of the Council of Europe will depend on the follow-up given to the decisions taken in Warsaw. The implementation of these decisions was declared to be a matter of an absolute priority note only for the Committee of Ministers but for all other structures of the Organisation.

Against a background of the problems that some other European organizations are facing in their development, the success of the Warsaw Summit is indicative of the vitality of the Council of Europe as well as its capability to hear 800 million Europeans and give political effect to their expectations and aspirations. It is crucial to the Council of Europe's survival that it never lose direct connections which it has with civil society, national parliaments, communities and regions in Europe which are the driving forces of European society in its geographical, cultural and political diversity.

The success of the Warsaw Summit was very largely due to the fact that all the member states, without exception, were satisfied with its decisions – the Warsaw Declaration and the Plan of Action, that were the outcome of striking balance between the interests of 46 member states. Maintaining the balance and translating it into tangible advances is the key to successful implementation of the Summit decisions.

The work of doing so must be the concern of all. Everyone should make contribution to it. Everyone has a share of responsibility for it. That means that all the Council of Europe component bodies should have the right to keep the implementation of the Warsaw Summit decisions under control.

That is the reason why we propose to organize debates during the June part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly, one year from Warsaw, on the implementation of the Summit decisions, open to representatives of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and of NGOs accredited to it. These "States General" will be an opportunity to review progress on the implementation of the Action Plan adopted in Warsaw, and, on a broader scale, to exchange views on this Organisation's future and its position in relation to its partner organizations in Europe.

The major input to the debates will be a report which the Warsaw Summit entrusted to Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg.

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