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Human rights of members of the armed forces

Recommendation 1742 (2006)

Reply from the Committee of Ministers

adopted at the 991st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (28 March 2007)

1. The Committee of Ministers recalls that in its initial reply to Recommendation 1742 (2006) of the Parliamentary Assembly on the human rights of members of the armed forces, it informed the Parliamentary Assembly that it would assign terms of reference to the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) to express an opinion concerning the feasibility of preparing a text along the lines of that proposed by the Assembly in paragraph 10 of the recommendation.
2. The CDDH examined the recommendation at its meeting in October 2006 and expressed the opinion that it was feasible to prepare a recommendation along the lines proposed by the Assembly in the light of the whole recommendation, as well as the work under way within other bodies. The CDDH was of the opinion that this issue was important and, while being conscious of the complexity of the task, it indicated its availability to fulfil it.
3. The Committee of Ministers would like to inform the Parliamentary Assembly that, at its 984th meeting (17 January 2007), it took note of the CDDH's opinion on Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1742 (2006) and gave the CDDH ad hoc terms of reference to prepare a recommendation along the lines proposed in paragraph 10 of the recommendation while also taking into account the recommendation as a whole. In so doing, the CDDH will take due account of the work carried out on this topic in other international fora, and notably the United Nations and the OSCE.