

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

**Request for an opinion
from the Committee of Ministers¹
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Accession of the Principality of Monaco to the Council of Europe

Resolution (98) 30 on the Principality of Monaco
(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 10 November 1998
at the 648th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

Recalling its decision, expressed at its 8th Session in May 1951, to consult the Parliamentary Assembly before inviting a state to become a member

or associate member of the Council of Europe in conformity with the provisions of the Statute;

Considering that the Government of the Principality of Monaco, in its letter of 15 October 1998 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, expressed the wish to be invited to become a member of the Council of Europe and declared its readiness to respect the principles stated in Article 3 of the Statute, as well as the intention to sign the European Convention on Human Rights, as amended by its Protocol No. 11;

Having noted with satisfaction the interest shown by the Principality of Monaco in acceding to the Organisation;

Recalling that such accession presupposes that the applicant country has brought its institutions and legal system into line with the basic principles of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights,

Invites the Parliamentary Assembly to express its opinion on the matter.

1. Referred to the Political Affairs Committee and, for opinion, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Reference No. 2347 (see 1st Sitting, 25 January 1999).