

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION No. R (92) 7

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES

**CONCERNING COMMUNICATION AND CO-OPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH RESEARCH IN EUROPE**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 18 May 1992
at the 476th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

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

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members;

Having regard to the relevant conclusions of the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth (held in Strasbourg from 17 to 19 December 1985, in Oslo on 11 and 12 April 1988 and in Lisbon on 20 and 21 September 1990) and to Article I.d of the Statute of the European Youth Centre;

Considering that building Europe is a huge task that cannot be achieved without an active participation of young people;

Considering that youth policy planning, aiming at the active involvement of young people in state and society at local, regional, national and European levels, needs reliable data on the situation of young people based on appropriate research;

Considering that the situation of youth and children in Europe with regard to education, work, housing, life-styles and social and political involvement is only scarcely researched at the European level and concerned that youth research, where it exists, remains restricted to the national situation,

Recommends that the governments of the member states:

- promote research into youth matters as a prominent field of social research;
- establish or, where this already exists, further develop research libraries on youth questions, covering the national production of youth research publications and bibliographical services, and with the ability to link with other libraries internationally;
- nominate a national correspondent for youth research and documentation, helping to make an international network on youth research to become more efficient with regard to ongoing research at a national level;

Instructs the Secretary General to transmit the text of this recommendation to the governments of the non-member states, which are parties to the European Cultural Convention.