



Recommendation 2113 (2017)¹

Provisional version

Call for a Council of Europe Summit to reaffirm European unity and to defend and promote democratic security in Europe

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 2186 \(2017\)](#) on the call for a Council of Europe Summit to reaffirm European unity and to defend and promote democratic security in Europe, in which it expresses its concern about the numerous challenges currently threatening the European continent and its unity. Against this background, and for the reasons given in its resolution, the Assembly believes that the Council of Europe, and the values it upholds, is today more necessary than ever.

2. In order to preserve and further strengthen the pan-European project in a Europe which has profoundly changed since the last Summit held in Warsaw 12 years ago, the Assembly calls on the Committee of Ministers to convene a Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of Council of Europe member States. This will offer a unique opportunity for member States to reaffirm, in the strongest possible terms and at the highest political level, their commitment to the ideal of European unity and the common values and principles of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law upheld by the Organisation.

3. The Assembly recommends that the Fourth Summit be well-focused and provide political impetus for a number of specific actions suggested in a non-exhaustive manner in its resolution. It should also offer a fresh and timely opportunity to define, at the highest political level, the role to be played by the Council of Europe in the overall European political architecture and address outstanding challenges in its relations with the European Union, in the light, *inter alia*, of the 2006 report "A sole ambition for Europe", in the interest of European citizens.

4. Although the primary responsibility for the organisation of a Summit lies with the Committee of Ministers, the Assembly underlines that an efficient preparation of the Summit requires the development of synergies between all sectors of the Organisation, co-ordinated by its Secretary General, and more significantly between its two statutory organs. The Assembly therefore asks the Committee of Ministers to:

4.1. closely associate the Assembly in the preparation of the draft agenda and draft declaration of the Fourth Summit;

4.2. consider its proposal, as part of the preparatory work for the Summit and for the reasons and according to the modalities described in its resolution, to engage in a procedure aimed at harmonising jointly the rules governing participation, representation and responsibilities of member States in both statutory organs, while fully respecting the latter's autonomy.

1. *Assembly debate* on 11 October 2017 (33rd Sitting) (see [Doc. 14396](#), report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 11 October 2017 (33rd Sitting).

