

Question: What happens to the reports received by Committee of Ministers of Council of Europe with its registered office in Strasbourg?

Answer.

The Council of Europe housed in Strasbourg maintains contacts with external International Organizations and serves as a liaison for other multinational organizations. It has representation of every European nation.

The use of reports drafted and received in the Strasbourg office

According to **Chapter V of the Statute of the Council of Europe**, the Committee of Ministers serves as an organ which takes active part by collaborating with external organizations such as European Youth Centres in various European countries for the purpose of training youth in democracy and human rights.

The use of reports depends on the context in which a document has been penned down, the broad categories include

- Social Sector
- Economic Sector
- Human rights situation
- Cultural Situation
- Legal matters
- Administrative matters

The organization has membership of 47 European nations. When a report is chalked out, it is debated among the members and then consensus is creation through deliberation and contemplation. Once it has been achieved, a copy of the report is shared with the member countries along with the recommendations to create uniformity in the municipal laws of the member countries.

Illustration

Since, the organization was created in the aftermath of World War II, the council deemed it necessary to banish the death penalty. A report on the usefulness of outlawing the death penalty was created. It was debated at great length among the member countries and was subsequently communicated with the member countries. This resulted in creation of ban on death penalty as the necessary requirement for membership in Council of Europe.

The same pattern is followed when it comes to cultural and human rights issues among others. The reports aim at creation of harmonization of interest in the realm of legislation among the member states.

References

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