RESOLUTION (99) 32

ON OBSERVER STATUS FOR MEXICO WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 1 December 1999

at the 690th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

In view of the interest officially expressed by Mexico in obtaining observer status with the Council of Europe in the context of Statutory Resolution (93) 26;

Considering that Mexico shares the ideals and values of the Council of Europe;

Considering the state of, and the prospects for, dialogue and co-operation between the Council of Europe and Mexico in numerous fields, and particularly in that of democratic security with a view to reinforcing democratic institutions, establishing the rule of law and reinforcing human rights;

Having regard to opinion No. 214 adopted by the Standing Committee on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly on 4 November 1999,

Decides to invite Mexico to become an observer with the Council of Europe. This status will give Mexico the possibility of:

i. naming a permanent observer to the Council of Europe;

ii. sending observers to those Committees of Experts of the Council of Europe instituted in application of Article 17 of the Statute to which all member states may designate participants;

iii. sending their permanent observer to the subsidiary meetings of the Deputies, including those devoted to the planning and programming of the activities of the Council of Europe aiming at the strengthening of democratic institutions, the establishment of the Rule of Law and the reinforcement of Human Rights;

iv. sending, following an invitation from the host country, observers to conferences of specialised ministers;

v. participating in the activities of the partial and enlarged agreements following invitation and in conformity with the rules applicable to such agreements.