

**Council of Europe  
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**Resolution No. 1**  
**concerning the creation in member States**  
**of a "Permanent Hazard Management Unit"**

**The Ministers.**

**Wishing to ensure a concrete follow up to the Moscow Charter adopted on 1 and 2 October 1993 recognising the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement as a platform for co-operation between eastern Europe, the south of the Mediterranean and western Europe in the field of major natural and technological disasters and in particular to the appended action plan.**

**Aware of the importance for the competent Authorities of all the member States of the Agreement, in both crisis and non-crisis situations, of reliable and standardised information, particularly from the countries of eastern Europe and the southern part of the Mediterranean basin, on prevention, protection, warnings, the organisation of relief, humanitarian assistance and reconstruction relating to major natural and technological hazards.**

**Recognising that machinery to provide technical assistance to decision making cannot fulfil a rapid and effective function in times of emergency unless such machinery is established in non-crisis periods.**

**Recommend that the member States of the Agreement create within their national crisis co-ordination structure, a "Permanent Hazard Management Unit", in so far as it doesn't exist. The unit will mainly have a function in times of crisis and non-crisis acting as an official information channel between the crisis co-ordination structure and correspondents within and outside the country and a focal point for the receipt of information from other countries and international governmental and non-governmental institutions.**

**Instruct the Permanent Correspondents to organise an exchange of view and an information seminar on the questions put forward concerning the setting up and functioning of this unit.**