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- Resolution on the economic and social consequences of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Greece in response to Recommendations 1447 (2000) and 1448 (2000) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

¹ with Italy abstaining

**THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE RECENT
EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND GREECE, (RECOMMENDATIONS
1447 (2000) AND 1448 (2000) OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE)**

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The Ministers,

Conscious of the tragic social and economic consequences of earthquakes on populations, demonstrated once again during the earthquakes in Turkey and in Greece in August, in September and in November 1999,

Instruct the Executive Secretariat of the Council of Europe's EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement:

On the basis of implementation of the permanent telecommunications system planned between the national authorities for risk management (EDRIM) with a view to assisting in decision-making and co-operation;

- to implement a plan for making this system available to the Greek and Turkish authorities responsible for risk management, based on:
 - making available to them a map of earthquake risk areas, regularly up-dated with the help of space images,
 - an early warning system,
 - a geographical information system providing data on earthquake-prone regions,
 - information regarding the evaluation of damage in regions affected by an earthquake, in order to provide assistance in crisis management and rehabilitation.

Instruct the Executive Secretariat to organise:

- a seminar in Moscow in June 2000 to summarise the state of technical knowledge in this area;
- a meeting in Toulouse in September 2000, during a meeting to be held in co-operation with the European Commission and the European Space Agency, in order to determine the arrangements for the implementation of such a plan;

Instruct the Executive Secretariat of the Agreement,

- to present the Committee of Permanent Correspondents with regular reports on the implementation of this initiative, so that the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe is kept informed.