



Recommendation 1916 (2010)¹

Final version

Protection of “whistle-blowers”

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly, referring to its [Resolution 1729 \(2010\)](#) on the protection of “whistle-blowers”, stresses the importance of whistle-blowing as a tool to increase accountability and strengthen the fight against corruption and mismanagement.
2. It recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 2.1. draw up a set of guidelines for the protection of whistle-blowers, taking into account the guiding principles stipulated by the Assembly in its [Resolution 1729 \(2010\)](#);
 - 2.2. invite member and observer states of the Council of Europe to examine their existing legislation and its implementation with a view to assessing whether it is in conformity with these guidelines;
 - 2.3. consider drafting a framework convention on the protection of whistle-blowers.
3. It further invites the Committee of Ministers to instruct the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to:
 - 3.1. organise a European conference on the protection of whistle-blowers;
 - 3.2. draw up a proposal for a strong internal whistle-blowing mechanism covering the Council of Europe and all its partial agreements.

1. *Assembly debate* on 29 April 2010 (17th Sitting) (see [Doc. 12006](#), report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Omtzigt). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 29 April 2010 (17th Sitting).

