

B. Non-discrimination and equal treatment

1) Fight against racism and xenophobia

a. Resolution of the Council and the representatives of Member States' Governments meeting within the Council of 23 October 1995 on the response of educational systems to the problems of racism and xenophobia

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I. General considerations

Education and training have a role of great importance involving efforts at local, national and European levels for combating racism and xenophobia.

A fundamental task of educational systems is to promote respect for all people, whatever their cultural origin or religious beliefs. Moreover, they can make a unique contribution to improving knowledge of European cultural diversity.

(...)

II. The role of the educational systems in contributing to the struggle against racist and xenophobic attitudes

(...)

Educational systems are able to make a valuable contribution to the promotion of respect, tolerance and solidarity towards individuals or collectivities of different ethnic or cultural origin or religious beliefs by measures such as the following: (...)

In conclusion, THE COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES' GOVERNMENTS:

INVITE the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States:

(...)

3. to assist in the exchange of experience by collecting and disseminating information about the contribution of European educational systems in combating racism and xenophobia and the integration of people of different ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds;

b. Resolution of the Council and the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 5 October 1995 on the fight against racism and xenophobia in the fields of employment and social affairs

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[Whereas]

Whereas, in its resolution of 19 January 1995 on the White Paper (5) on European Social Policy, the European Parliament urged the Commission 'to put forward proposals to safeguard people's equal employment opportunities, irrespective of their age, race, sex, disability or beliefs';

(...)

Whereas this resolution affects neither Community law, particularly with respect to the free movement of persons, nor the relevant national provisions, particularly with respect to social security, right of residence and access to employment, applicable to persons not covered by Community law,

1. CONDEMN in the strongest terms racism, xenophobia and anti-semitism in all their forms, flagrant breaches of individual rights, and religious intolerance, particularly in the fields of employment and social affairs;

(...)

4. NOTE with interest that the Council is studying measures aimed at:

(a) making any incitement to racial or religious discrimination, violence or hatred a criminal offence under the Member States' national laws;

(...)

7. CALL UPON the Member States, account being taken of the recommendations made by the Consultative Commission on Racism and Xenophobia, to make progress towards achieving the following common objectives:

(a) guaranteeing protection for persons against all forms of discrimination on grounds of race, colour, religion or national or ethnic origin;

(...)

(e) promoting adherence to democratic principles and human rights, and the principle of cultural and religious diversity among young people and the general public in Europe;

c. Resolution of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 29 May 1990 on the fight against racism and xenophobia

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[Whereas]

Whereas, on 11 June 1986, the European Parliament, the Council, the Representatives of the Member States, meeting within the Council, and the Commission, recognizing "the existence and growth of xenophobic attitudes, movements and acts of violence in the Community which are often directed against immigrants", adopted a declaration against racism and xenophobia (6) "vigorously condemning all forms of intolerance, hostility and use of force against persons or groups of persons on the grounds of racial, religious, cultural, social or national differences ; and looking upon it as indispensable that all necessary steps be taken to guarantee that their joint resolve to protect the individuality and dignity of every member of society and to reject any form of segregation of foreigners be carried through";

d. Declaration against racism and xenophobia

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL, AND THE COMMISSION,

(...)

1. vigorously condemn all forms of intolerance, hostility and use of force against persons or groups of persons on the grounds of racial, religious, cultural, social or national differences.

(...)