ASSEMBLY D98-646



Resolution "All participating countries must be equal partners in mobility programmes"

Adopted by the General Assembly Salzburg, Austria, 1-4 October 1998

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CONSIDERING that the mobility programmes of the European Union, and in particular *Youth for Europe* (YfE) and the *European Voluntary Service (EVS)* programmes, are of vital importance to European and international youth co-operation;

CONSIDERING that the European Economic Area (EEA), associated countries and Cyprus contribute to the financing of these programmes on equal terms with EU member countries;

The General Assembly of the European Youth Forum, gathered in Salzburg, 1-4 October 1998;

STRESSES that, based on the principles of equal rights for equal contribution and on non-discrimination with the Common Market, organisations from all participating countries must be granted the same conditions for support;

DEMANDS that, as countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Cyprus become participating countries in YfE, they must be allowed to participate in Action D on an equal basis with EEA countries, provided that they contribute financially on equal terms with other participating countries;

DEMANDS that the current plans to utilise MEDA funds for YfE Action D projects with Mediterranean countries, are shelved or amended to include EEA countries on an equal basis. As currently envisioned, these funds cannot be used to cover expenses for participants from Mediterranean countries in projects taking place in an EEA country.