

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION No. R (82) 17

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES CONCERNING CUSTODY AND TREATMENT OF DANGEROUS PRISONERS

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 24 September 1982
at the 350th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering the fact that there are a certain number of dangerous prisoners in the prison population ;

Aware of the necessity to safeguard the public security and to ensure order in prison and good functioning ;

Considering that appropriate treatment should also be provided for dangerous prisoners ;

Taking into consideration the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Resolution (73) 5 on the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners in general and Resolution (76) 2 on the Treatment of Long-term Prisoners in particular,

Recommends the governments of member states :

1. to apply, as far as possible, ordinary prison regulations to dangerous prisoners ;
2. to apply security measures only to the extent to which they are necessarily required ;
3. to apply security measures in a way respectful of human dignity and rights ;
4. to ensure that security measures take into account the varying requirements of different kinds of dangerousness ;
5. to counteract, to the extent feasible, the possible adverse effects of reinforced security conditions ;
6. to devote all necessary attention to the health problems which might result from reinforced security ;
7. to provide education, vocational training, work and leisure-time occupations and other activities to the extent that security permits ;
8. to have a system for regular review to ensure that time spent in reinforced security custody and level of security applied do not exceed what is required ;
9. to ensure, when they exist, that reinforced security units have the appropriate number of places, staff and all necessary facilities ;
10. to provide suitable training and information for all staff concerned with the custody and treatment of dangerous prisoners.