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## Identity documents and databases

### Motion for a resolution

tabled by Lord Tim BOSWELL and other members of the Assembly

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

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Noting the right of member states to require their citizens and nationals to carry identity documents and recognising the importance of effective and co-ordinated measures to combat the growing threat of extremism and terrorism; noting that not all member states currently require citizens to carry identity cards and that some are planning to;

We urge the Assembly to prepare a code of conduct for introducing identity documents based on the following criteria:

- all obligations imposed on citizens must be appropriate and proportionate;
- all obligations imposed on citizens must be in line with the European Convention on Human Rights and the values of the Council of Europe;
- all obligations should be imposed equally on all citizens;
- all obligations should involve citizens in the minimum amount of personal expense;
- data should not be communicated to a third party;
- data should be destroyed when its requirement lapses;
- all national systems should maintain strict security over stored data;
- communications between databases should only take place in strictly controlled circumstances;
- implementation should be cost-effective;
- all member states should consult with its citizens fully and base its decision on popular opinion;
- all citizens should be given the right to know what information about them is being held on a national database.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



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