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Supporting the initiative of the creation of a transnational Eurasian information superhighway

Motion for a recommendation

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

The digital revolution brought a fundamental transformation to the knowledge-based society.

The technological enablers driving this revolution are information superhighways: national infrastructures, information and media technologies. These information superhighways constitute an interrelated combination of information, creativity and technology.

Key stakeholders of this digital revolution can be corporations, organisations or governments which will drive the generation of data, information and knowledge.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe reaffirms the need to build global information infrastructures to establish sustainable services such as high quality healthcare, social development, economic progress and strong democracies, and supports the initiative adopted at the Baku regional ministerial meeting of 11 November 2008 on the creation of a transnational Eurasian information super highway.

The Assembly hereby agrees on the following principles and priorities:

- an information super highway may become one of the best opportunities to ensure human rights, e-democracy, economic growth and positive social change, enabling participation in today's information society and providing tangible benefits to the citizens;
- applications are an integral component of information superhighways; information infrastructures can reach and connect homes, workplaces, hospitals, schools, libraries, government institutions and data centres; such infrastructures deliver innovative applications which will transform the nature of our society;
- countries will intensify their efforts in future to establish transnational information superhighways and may solve arising problems on the basis of mutual respect and co-operation.

The Assembly invites the Committee of Ministers and the relevant bodies of the Council of Europe to support the initiative of building a transnational Eurasian information superhighway which will create a new information communication space for Europe and Asia.

Signed (see overleaf)



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