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The definition of political prisoners

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT 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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The Assembly considers that a rapporteur should be appointed to report on a clear definition for properly indentifying political prisoners. This should be done as soon as possible.

At the present time, there are real concerns that there are no clear criteria for defining political prisoners.

The above-mentioned report should contain:

– clear criteria;

– a benchmark for who should be regarded as a genuine political prisoner.

We also request that this be done and a report adopted by the Assembly before any report on political prisoners is prepared in respect of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Moldova or any other country.

The current situation is that there are many views and interpretations of who should be regarded as political prisoner.

Consequently, as a matter of urgency, the process of appointing a rapporteur to draft recognised and respected criteria for defining political prisoners is in the interest of all member states of the Council of Europe.

Signed (see overleaf)

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