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Lithuanian authorities political persecution and undemocratic actions against Mr Algirdas Paleckis and his party

Reply to Written question¹: Written question No. 594 (Doc. 12520)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers points out that Lithuania, like all the other member states of the Council of Europe, has ratified the European Convention on Human Rights and has undertaken to guarantee that all Convention rights are honoured, including the right to freedom of expression under Article 10 of the Convention, for everyone within its jurisdiction.
2. The Lithuanian authorities have informed the Committee of Ministers that the case referred to by the Honorable Parliamentarian is currently pending before the domestic courts, which are competent to assess observance of constitutional rights in the light of European standards, including the European Convention on Human Rights, which is an integral part of the Lithuanian legal system. The Committee of Ministers recalls that, in addition, if Mr A. Paleckis considers it appropriate, he will also have the possibility of launching an application before the European Court of Human Rights.

1. adopted at the 1112th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (19 April 2011).

