



Recommendation 1783 (2007)¹

Threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly recalls its [Resolution 1535 \(2007\)](#) on threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists and its determination to set up a specific monitoring mechanism for identifying and analysing attacks on the lives and freedom of expression of journalists in Europe.
2. It recommends that the Committee of Ministers:
 - 2.1. express its unequivocal condemnation of the attacks on journalists in Europe, following the declarations made by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe after the murder of Anna Politkovskaya and the most recent declarations after the murder of Hrant Dink;
 - 2.2. call on police and law enforcement authorities in member states to react swiftly to threats against journalists linked to their work and develop specific strategies for the protection of journalists who have been the targets of serious threats, without hindering their work;
 - 2.3. instruct its competent steering committee to draw up policy guidelines on possible action by police and law enforcement authorities to protect journalists who are the targets of serious threats;
 - 2.4. establish a mechanism for identifying and analysing attacks against journalists and other serious violations of media freedom in Europe, with a view to developing policy recommendations to member states on how to better protect journalists and the freedom of the media, and report back regularly on this matter to the Assembly;
 - 2.5. promote work on this issue at United Nations level while maintaining the standards of the European approach towards this issue in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights (ETS No. 5) and other relevant legal texts of the Council of Europe.

1. *Assembly debate* on 25 January 2007 (7th Sitting) (see [Doc. 11143](#), report of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, rapporteur: Mr McIntosh). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 25 January 2007 (7th Sitting).

