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The definition of political prisoner

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In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 2 with the following paragraph:

"The Parliamentary Assembly notes that the criteria put forward by the above-mentioned experts were based on the specific circumstances of the civil war in Namibia in 1989. Whereas they were applied to individual cases with regard to two countries during their accession to the Council of Europe, they have never been subject to comprehensive debate or approval by the Parliamentary Assembly."

Explanatory note

Paragraph 2 of the draft resolution is factually inaccurate. The general criteria and the related document referred to were never approved by the Parliamentary Assembly. Neither a debate nor a vote on this document has been held since 2001.

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