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Protection of media freedom in Europe

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Mats JOHANSSON 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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Freedom of expression through the media and the safety of journalists continue to be threatened by improper legislation and administrative practices in several member States of the Council of Europe, thus challenging democracy and human rights. The Parliamentary Assembly must remain vigilant on this issue and spur proper responses by the national authorities.

The Assembly deplores in particular that impunity for attacks on journalists exists de facto, that journalists are imprisoned because of their work, and that public service broadcasters lack independence from government.

The Assembly should seek to co-operate more closely with member States and with professional associations of journalists and media associations, in order to highlight problems and encourage constructive discussions and the adoption of concrete measures to promote media freedom in Europe effectively.

Signed (see overleaf)

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