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Promoting alternatives to imprisonment

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1. Referring to its Resolution 1938 (2013) on promoting alternatives to imprisonment, the Parliamentary Assembly commends the Committee of Ministers for its earlier, groundbreaking work on promoting alternatives to imprisonment, in particular Resolution (65) 1 on suspended sentence, probation and other alternatives to imprisonment; Resolution (76) 10 on certain alternative penal measures to imprisonment; Recommendation No. R (92) 16 on the European Rules on community sanctions and measures; Recommendation No. R (99) 19 concerning mediation in penal matters; Recommendation No. R (99) 22 concerning prison overcrowding and prison population inflation; Recommendation Rec(2003)22 on conditional release (parole); Recommendation Rec(2006)2 on the European Prison Rules; Recommendation Rec(2006)13 on the use of remand in custody, the conditions in which it takes place and the provision of safeguards against abuse; and Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)1 on the Council of Europe Probation Rules.

2. In light of recent advances in technology allowing for new uses of electronic supervision and making them more cost-effective, the Assembly invites the Committee of Ministers to consider addressing a new recommendation to all member States aimed at promoting alternatives to imprisonment with a view to reducing the prison population in Europe, paying special attention to the increased potential of electronic supervision measures, but also to new threats to human rights potentially inherent in such measures.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee*, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 31 May 2013 (see Doc. 13174, report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Ms Vučković).