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Request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary

Amendment¹ No. 15

In the draft resolution, after paragraph 10, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly welcomes the fact that as a result of the dialogue with the Venice Commission and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Hungarian Parliament amended the media law twice, changed the acts on judiciary, the law on freedom of information, the transitional provisions of the Fundamental Law and put forward the proposal for the Fifth Amendment of the Fundamental Law. The Assembly notes that, by the adoption of the act on the election of the members of Parliament, the Hungarian government responded to the previous recommendation of the Venice Commission and terminated the disproportionality of the constituencies. The Assembly notes that the decision of the Parliament meets the request of the Constitutional Court according to which the electoral boundaries have to be regulated by law."

Explanatory note

At the request of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, on 14 June 2013 the Hungarian government submitted the draft of the Fifth Amendment of the Fundamental Law. Accordingly, the institution of transfer of cases and the possibility of levying a special tax will be eliminated.

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