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Popular protest and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech

Amendment¹ No. 5

In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 3 with the following paragraph:

"Examples of peaceful demonstrations which developed into violent clashes with the police in the last few months in Europe include:

3.1 several demonstrations against same sex marriage staged in Paris between 24 March and 27 May 2013 ("Manif pour tous"), involving more than 2 million people, triggering the intervention of law enforcement forces including the use of tear gas on peaceful demonstrators. 4 persons were injured and several hundred were arrested;

3.2 riots which took place in the suburbs of Stockholm from 20 to 24 May 2013 where people demonstrated against the killing of an immigrant by the police and against immigration and integration policies in general. No injuries were reported and the police arrested 29 persons;

3.3 a peaceful demonstration on 31 May 2013 organised by environmentalists to an urban renovation project in Istanbul was in part taken over by unrelated extremist groups, whose intervention increasingly intensified the situation which then led to a heavy police intervention and triggered an unprecedented popular protest movement in Turkey. In many places these demonstrations resulted in violent clashes with the security forces, involving the systematic use of tear gas (pepper spray), water cannons and, in some cases, the firing or rubber bullets. The Assembly deplores the death of four people, including a police officer, and the injuries of roughly 4 000 people."

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