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The situation regarding human rights activists in Estonia

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Alexey PUSHKOV 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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The Parliamentary Assembly believes that the situation around the detention on 4 January 2014 by Estonia's central criminal police of Mr. A. Zarenkov, leader of the *Estonia without Nazism* human rights group and one of the publishers of the *Baltic World* magazine for Russian compatriots in the Baltic States, requires a thorough investigation by the international community.

Taking into account the fact that Mr. A. Zarenko, an Estonian citizen, is a human rights defender and activist of the Estonian Russian-speaking community as well as the leader of the *Estonia without Nazism* human rights group, we believe that his anti-Nazi background and participation in the activities of Russian compatriots living abroad affects the investigation of the case.

Mr. A. Zarenkov is a human rights activist who comes out against xenophobia and neo-Nazism and defends the values of a tolerant society. Therefore, the Assembly believes it necessary to carefully look into the circumstances of the case and the general situation regarding human rights activists in Estonia.

Signed (see overleaf)

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