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## Protection of media freedom in Europe

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*In the draft resolution, after paragraph 9, insert the following paragraph:*

"Referring to the opinion of the Venice Commission on Azerbaijan's legislation pertaining to the protection against defamation (14 October 2013) and the observations of the Commissioner for Human Rights in this regard (23 April 2014), the Assembly urges the Azerbaijani parliament to amend its legislation in order to bring it in line with Azerbaijan's obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights and in line with the legislative proposal made by the Plenum of the Supreme Court of Azerbaijan. The Assembly urges the authorities to in the meantime use the existing legislation with particular precaution, to take particular steps to guarantee rights to fair trial in this regard, and to avoid prison sentences for such offences as proposed by the Plenum of the Supreme Court."

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