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Abuse of pretrial detention in States Parties to the European Convention on Human Rights

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In the draft resolution, paragraph 7.5, delete the following words:

"the case in Turkey of a 16-year-old placed in pretrial detention for allegedly insulting the President via social media,"

Explanatory note

"Insulting the President" is a crime under Turkish law. The 16-year-old student in question was arrested accordingly and released within 2 days. Courts decide on a case-by-case basis and by evaluating all the factors. Therefore, independent judicial procedures cannot be considered as a tool to "silence critical voices".

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