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Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Mart van de VEN 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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Organised criminals and criminal organisations have illegally accumulated huge assets – sometimes larger than the GDP of many countries – threatening democracy and the rule of law. New measures are urgently needed to facilitate confiscation of illegal assets. Several countries have already passed relevant laws and a number of international instruments have been adopted in order to fight organised crime, corruption and money laundering more effectively.

One of the measures some countries are using with success is the application of civil law evidence standards or even the reversal of the burden of proof when targeting proceeds of crime.

The Parliamentary Assembly should develop concrete proposals for legislative action both at the national and the international level, which also take into account legitimate human rights concerns and the need for increased transparency in order to identify illegal assets more effectively for the effective confiscation of these assets.

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