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Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly

Reply to Recommendation[1]: Recommendation 2095 (2016)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers has carefully considered Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2095 (2016) "Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly", which it communicated to the governments of member States as well as to the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), for information and comments.

2. It fully supports the principle of parliamentary immunity and independence of members of the Assembly. They are fundamental democratic principles which are rooted in the statutory texts of the Council of Europe. In this connection, the Committee of Ministers recalls the terms of its reply to Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2083 (2016) on "Introduction of sanctions against parliamentarians" regarding the legal situation of members of the Assembly travelling in an official capacity to and in Council of Europe member States and their rights, in particular in relation to the freedom of movement. Consequently, the Committee of Ministers reiterates its appeal to governments of member States to honour their commitments.

1. Adopted at the 1277th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (8-9 February 2017).