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## **Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions**

### **Motion for a resolution**

tabled by Lord Donald ANDERSON 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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In its [Resolution 1966 \(2014\)](#) on “Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky”, adopted by an overwhelming majority, the Parliamentary Assembly reiterated its strong support for the fight against impunity and against corruption as a threat to the rule of law, in line with its earlier resolutions and recommendation.

The Assembly also resolved to follow closely the implementation of the concrete proposals it had addressed to the Russian authorities in order to ensure that the perpetrators and beneficiaries of the crime against Sergei Magnitsky be held to account.

It further resolved that if, within a reasonable period of time, the competent authorities have failed to make any or any adequate response to this resolution, the Assembly should recommend to member States of the Council of Europe to follow as a last resort the example of the United States in adopting targeted sanctions against individuals (including visa bans and freezing of accounts), having first given those named individuals the opportunity to make appropriate representations in their defence.

Meanwhile, it would appear that the competent authorities’ response is indeed inadequate. In several member and observer States of the Council of Europe (including Canada, Lithuania and the United Kingdom), legislative initiatives to enable targeted sanctions against perpetrators or beneficiaries of serious human rights violations such as the killing of Sergei Magnitsky have already been launched.

It is therefore now time to re-visit and update Resolution 1966 (2014) with a view to encourage parliaments of member States to consider and possibly follow the examples of legislative action cited.

The Assembly resolves to accompany these initiatives and to encourage other member and observer States to follow suit.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



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