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In the draft resolution, after paragraph 31, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly acknowledges that significant changes are also being made in the judiciary field with these constitutional changes. A strong emphasis is made on the impartiality of the judiciary by adding the expression "impartiality" to the judiciary "independence" principle. In particular, the Assembly stresses that the changes made in the structure and electoral procedure of the High Council of Judges and Prosecutors and the complete abolition of military courts are important steps for Turkish democracy to ensure independence and impartiality of the judiciary. The Assembly further stresses that the situations requiring the martial law are taken into the scope of reasons requiring the declaration of a state of emergency. Thus, the Assembly welcomes that the martial law procedure, in which the military initiative is strong, is completely abolished."

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