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## Azerbaijan's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe: what follow-up on respect for human rights?

### Amendment<sup>1</sup> No. 1

In the draft resolution, at the beginning of paragraph 3, replace the words "The Assembly takes note that in the course of 2014 several" with the following words:

"The Assembly regrets that the 2014 Azerbaijani Chairmanship coincided with an unprecedented crackdown on human rights in Azerbaijan where dozens of"

#### *Explanatory note*

During 2014, the authorities rounded up the country's best-known civil society leaders and journalists, imprisoning them on politically motivated charges. Charges against those wrongfully imprisoned are not related to their work but the government uses a range of politically motivated charges to incarcerate its critics.

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