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Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr Pieter OMTZIGT and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

On 16 October 2017, Daphne Caruana Galizia was assassinated by a car bomb metres from her home, raising concerns internationally about corruption and the rule of law in Malta. Three Maltese men have been charged for their role in executing the crime while the instigators remain at large. Prominent subjects of Caruana Galizia's investigations, who may bear responsibility for her death, have not yet been prosecuted. The Maltese Government also appears unwilling to hold a public inquiry on whether Caruana Galizia's assassination could have been avoided.

Daphne Caruana Galizia was "the leading light of Maltese journalism" (The Guardian); "Malta's most prominent investigative reporter" (The Washington Post); and "a one-woman Wikileaks, crusading against untransparency and corruption in Malta, an island nation famous for both" (Politico). Caruana Galizia was investigating Maltese members of government for their use of secret Panamanian companies, a private bank with links to Maltese and international political figures, and the sale of Maltese passports and strategic State assets to opaque buyers.

The Parliamentary Assembly believes that the international community has a responsibility to monitor the ongoing investigation to ensure that all aspects surrounding the assassination are thoroughly and impartially investigated by the competent authorities, without political interference suspected by numerous Maltese demonstrators. This must include an examination of the full context of the assassination, including institutional failures and the systematic targeting of Caruana Galizia for her work. The Assembly should help shed some light on the background of the crime, in co-operation with the relevant Maltese authorities. The effective investigation of this assassination is crucial to all who seek justice and an end to impunity for those who instigate and commit the assassination of whistleblowers and journalists.

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