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Political prisoners in Azerbaijan

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

In 2013, the Parliamentary Assembly rejected a report on political prisoners in Azerbaijan, prepared by Christoph Strässer (SOC, Germany). The Independent Investigation Body *inter alia* found that Mr Volontè played an important role in undermining the Strässer report. Furthermore, the Investigation Body found, on the basis of the evidence before it, that substantial grounds exist to believe that Mr Volontè, Mr Suleymanov and Mr Mammadov engaged in activities of a corruptive nature.

Recent cases at the European Court of Human Rights make clear that the problem of political prisoners in Azerbaijan is real, see for instance the case of Mr Mammadov.

It is therefore appropriate that a new report is written on the issue of political prisoners in Azerbaijan, which is free from any suspicion of corruptive influences.

Signed (see overleaf)



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