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**Recommendation 2130 (2018)**[1]

# Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations

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1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its Resolution 2217 (2018) on legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations.

2. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

2.1. conduct a study on hybrid war threats, with a special focus on non-military means, in order to identify key vulnerabilities and specific hybrid-related indicators, potentially affecting national and European structures and networks, and to identify legal gaps and develop appropriate legal standards, including considering a new Council of Europe convention on this subject;

2.2. draft principles for regulatory reform of social media platforms to ensure transparency in the conduct of free and fair elections;

2.3. examine States' practice in countering hybrid war threats, with a view to identifying legal standards and good practice and ensuring compliance of this practice with the safeguards provided for by the European Convention on Human Rights (ETS No. 5);

2.4. step up co-operation with other international organisations working in this field, in particular the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

2.5. promote the ratification by member and non-member States of the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185);

2.6. examine ways in which the Convention on Cybercrime is implemented by its States parties and initiate a reflection on whether it could be improved.

1. *Assembly debate* on 26 April 2018 (17th Sitting) (see Doc. 14523, report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs; and Doc. 14536, opinion of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, rapporteur: Mr Volodymyr Ariev). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 26 April 2018 (17th Sitting).