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Adopting new tools in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Georgii LOGVYNSKYI and other members of the Assembly

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

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The murderous attacks against Jews in different places in Europe shocked the conscience of leaders and people in the continent. Jews have been targeted just for being Jews, something unacceptable in our day and age. The rise of antisemitism has been recognised by the highest authorities at the United Nations, the European Union and many national governments. Governments have pledged a renewed fight against antisemitism, at the national, regional and international levels.

Nevertheless, antisemitism and ignorance about the Holocaust have been on the rise. These attitudes are coupled with emotions of unsafety and hostility, faced by many Jews and their communities. According to a December 2018 report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), nearly 90% of European Jews feel that antisemitism has increased in their home countries, and almost 30% say they have been harassed at least once in the past year. A November 2018 CNN poll showed that one European in 20 has never heard of the Holocaust. In 2018, antisemitic attacks increased in France by 74% and violent attacks in Germany by 60% in just one year.

The Parliamentary Assembly should initiate a report and inquire into the present situation regarding the fight with the scourge of antisemitism in Europe. Such report would adopt the working definition of antisemitism of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), a practical tool to standardise the identification of antisemitic manifestations across the continent and help propose better tools to combat the scourge. It also would encourage the Council of Europe to develop programs on Holocaust memory, combating antisemitism and promoting the Jewish heritage in Europe, through the regular budget or voluntary contributions, and encourage member States to contribute financially to that effect.

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