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The functioning of democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova

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In the draft resolution, after paragraph 15, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly welcomes the establishment of the Working Group which laid the ground for political dialogue between the Moldovan parliament and the People's Assembly of Gagauzia. The Assembly supports the resumption of this dialogue and expects the dialogue to result in fully affirming the special status outlined in the 1994 law. In addition, the Assembly invites the Moldovan authorities to adopt the draft laws on the functioning of the autonomy of Gagauzia which have been pending since July 2017. The Assembly stresses the importance of the Gagauz leadership being able to discuss their issues openly and directly with the Moldovan authorities and calls on the Moldovan authorities to reach out to the Gagauz leadership as well, regardless of their political orientations and linguistic differences."

Explanatory note

The Gagauzian community is the third largest ethnic group in Moldova. The needs of such a large minority should be addressed in accordance with the principles and values of the Council of Europe. The existence of a working dialogue mechanism is important to promote peaceful co-existence and good relations.

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