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In the draft resolution, paragraph 4.1, first sentence, delete the following words: "followed by elections".

Explanatory note

Taking into consideration the causes of the politial crisis in Albania, encouraging political dialogue for electoral reform has a positive impact for democracy, meanwhile the call for elections after the electoral reform as stated in sub paragraph 4.1 of the paragraph 4 of the Draft Resolution has a negative impact in well-functioning of democracy, not only in Albania, but in all the other democratic countries, as the same give to the political parties leverages (boycott, rescinding parliamentary mandates), which fall in contradiction with democracy' principles and values that Council of Europe upholds.

This would create a very negative precedent for elections as any opposition party may boycott, or worse rescind from parliamentary mandates, hence early elections could be requested, at any time.

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