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Pan-European solidarity in times of fight against the COVID-19 pandemic

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

The Council of Europe member States are undergoing probably the most difficult period since the coming into existence of our Organisation. At present, people are dying and they are in need of a concrete and immediate expression of solidarity from European institutions.

The Council of Europe and its Parliamentary Assembly were not created to provide humanitarian assistance. However, during these exceptional times, exceptional measures are necessary. European solidarity needs to be expressed not only in words, but in real deeds.

The April 2020 part-session of the Assembly and other meetings have been or will be cancelled. It results in savings in the Assembly budget. We propose to determine as quickly as possible the scale of these savings and send money urgently to the most affected European countries to help them fight the epidemic. This assistance will unfortunately represent only a fraction of what is needed, but it will certainly help save invaluable human lives.

As savings from cancelled or not implemented activities will also be available at the scale of the whole Organisation, we call on the Committee of Ministers to take similar humanitarian action.

Signed (see overleaf)



*Signed*¹:

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EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left
NR: Representatives not belonging to a Political Group

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