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Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?

Amendment¹ No. 5

tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

In the draft resolution, after paragraph 9.2.5, insert the following paragraph:

"recognise as elected the six mayoral candidates who received the highest number of votes during the local elections of 31 March 2019 but have been denied the mayoral mandate, and reinstate the three mayors who were suspended by the decision of the Supreme Election Council of 11 April 2019, or implement an alternative solution which respects the will of the voters, as recommended by the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) in its opinion on "Turkey – The replacement of elected candidate and mayors" adopted on 19 June 2020 and in line with Assembly Resolution 2347(2020) "New crackdown on political opposition and civil dissent in Turkey: urgent need to safeguard Council of Europe standards."

Explanatory note

This amendment introduces a paragraph which invites the Turkish authorities to redress the illegitimate measures taken in relation to mayors and mayoral candidates during and in the aftermath of the local election of 31 March 2019.

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