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Allegations of systemic torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in places of detention in Council of Europe member States

Motion for a resolution

tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

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

Serious allegations concerning a number of Council of Europe member States have recently been made that torture and other forms of inhuman or degrading treatment, including sexual violence and other forms of humiliation, have been used in a systemic fashion in places of detention.

Given also the increasing number of cases before the European Court of Human Rights and challenges faced by the Committee of Ministers in ensuring the execution of judgments of the Court in these cases, including as noted in the 14th Annual Report of the Committee of Ministers (2020) on the supervision of the execution of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, it is necessary that the Parliamentary Assembly prepares a report on this matter, to address the systemic problems and propose appropriate action.

