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The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Motion for a resolution
tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

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

Relations between the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) were officially established in 1962 and the first Parliamentary Assembly debate on the activities of the OECD took place in 1963 on the basis of the report transmitted by the OECD to the Council of Europe.

The enlarged Parliamentary Assembly debates were introduced in 1993, on the basis of special rules, to allow delegations of national parliaments of OECD member States which are not members of the Council of Europe and of the European Parliament to participate. Since then, the enlarged Assembly operates as a unique platform for parliamentary scrutiny of the OECD activities.

A new methodology for enlarged debates was agreed upon in January 2019 with the aim to achieve a stronger and more efficient institutional relationship between the Assembly and the OECD. It foresees the holding of such debates every two years on the basis of a report presented by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy focusing on specific themes.

The last report from the enlarged Assembly debate dates from April 2021 and focused on "Fighting fiscal injustice: the work of the OECD on taxation of digital economy" (Resolution 2370 (2021)). A new report should be prepared for the next enlarged Assembly to be held in 2023, and should focus on the most topical issues of common interest, to be agreed upon between our Assembly and the OECD.