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Persecution of political parties in Europe

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In February 2023, five United Nations Special Rapporteurs released a report describing the political party *Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya* (Republican Left of Catalonia) as a repressed political organisation and asking Spain for explanations.

This is an example of political persecution in a fully-fledged democracy, but political parties may suffer the same fate in other Council of Europe member States (Turkey, Azerbaijan, Poland, etc.).

Ms Castel

To ask the Committee of Ministers:

What concrete measures does it intend to take to protect the rights of citizens against political persecution and by what mechanism?