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## Countering SLAPPS: an imperative for a democratic society

### Amendment<sup>1</sup> No. 12

tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

*In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 12.7 with the following paragraph:*

"legal and financial assistance for the defendant, including where the defendant is a legal entity, and psychological support where the defendant is a natural person;"

#### *Explanatory note*

The current text applies only to "victims of SLAPPS", without taking into account the fact that the various forms of assistance (financial, legal and psychological) should apply as soon as the prosecution is initiated, and therefore before it is qualified as a SLAPP or before the person prosecuted suffers the consequences or becomes formally a "victim". The amendment aims to correct this shortcoming.

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