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Protecting the human rights and improving the lives of sex workers and victims of sexual exploitation

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In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 10 with the following paragraph:

"The Assembly notes that numerous human rights organisations, experts and officials have recommended full decriminalisation of persons in prostitution as the best way to protect them from suffering further forms violence and support them in the access to health and social services and enable them to refer to police forces without fear of being convicted, deported or arrested if they intend to report their pimps, traffickers, or violent clients. This stance was taken among others by the former Assembly rapporteur Resolution 1983 (2014) "Prostitution, trafficking and modern slavery in Europe", the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Council in her recent report "Prostitution and violence against women and girls", UNODC and EUROSTAT findings, alongside with many ONGs and women organisations. The positions and arguments of this wide range of actors should always be carefully considered by legislators and policy makers when approaching the topic of prostitution and other sensitive related issues."

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