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The urgent need to ensure the survival of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS and other members of the Assembly

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

For decades, Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) has been a beacon of truth, providing accurate, uncensored news and fostering open debate in countries where press freedom is under threat. With a reach of over 47 million people every week across 23 countries and in 27 languages, RFE/RL has been instrumental in combating disinformation created by dictatorial regimes and promoting democratic values, human rights, and the rule of law across Europe and beyond. It has been a voice of freedom in media environments which are otherwise under heavy censorship and exposed to militaristic propaganda. The abrupt cessation of its funding leaves a dangerous void in countries where authoritarian regimes and anti-democratic forces are eager to silence independent voices.

The Parliamentary Assembly cannot stand by as this vital source of independent information is threatened. This is not just about preserving a media outlet; it is about safeguarding the very foundations of democratic discourse in many regions of the world.

The Assembly should highlight the deep and lasting impact that RFE/RL and other free media continue to have on promoting the Council of Europe's values – and call on member States and other international actors to ensure that this work can be financially supported and continue.

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