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Russian democratic forces

Amendment[1] No. 1
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In the draft resolution, replace paragraph 3 with the following paragraph:

"The Assembly reiterates its strong condemnation of the systematic repression of Russians opposing the regime and attempts to silence them, inside and outside the Russian Federation. It honours the commitment of those Russian human rights defenders, democratic forces, free media and independent civil society who oppose the totalitarian and neo-imperialistic Russian regime, fight for democracy, human rights and the rule of law and support Ukraine, sometimes at the risk of their lives and freedom, and emphasises that this fight must continue. The Assembly notes that unlike Belarusian democratic forces, Russian democratic forces do not have a single, unified political structure. The Assembly encourages Russian groups and initiatives in exile to join forces with the aim of countering disinformation by the totalitarian and neo-imperialistic Russian regime, advocating for a democratic change in the Russian Federation, exposing all international crimes committed by Russian actors in the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine, and supporting Ukrainians in their struggle against the aggressor State, in a variety of ways."

Explanatory note

This amendment re-stresses the imperialistic nature of the Russian regime, and that since there are several Russian groups fighting for democracy it would be unfair to name just two of them making the text less clear. This amendment also states that the fight must continue.

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