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Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy

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In the draft resolution, after paragraph 16, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly was profoundly shocked by the assassination of Andriy Parubiy, former Speaker and an incumbent member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, on 30 August 2025 in Lviv. The investigation established that the assassin had been recruited by Russian intelligence services more than a year prior to the attack and acted under their co-ordination. This incident marks a dangerous escalation in the nature of political violence in Europe, representing a shift from domestic threats to systematic, State-sponsored 'proxy' operations aimed at the physical elimination of political leadership. The Assembly emphasises that Ukrainian politicians, particularly those pivotal to national security and State resilience, remain high-priority targets for hostile intelligence entities. This case underscores that the threat persists regardless of an individual's current official status or geographic location, necessitating a fundamental reassessment of cross-border security co-operation and protection protocols for those targeted by aggressor States."

Explanatory note

Self-explanatory

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