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Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy

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In the draft resolution, paragraph 7, first sentence, replace the word "homophobic" with the following word:

"LGBTI-phobic".

Explanatory note

While homophobia is a widespread feature of hate speech and violence targeting political representatives, not only lesbian and gay politicians are affected, but rather all those belonging to the LGBTI community. The term homophobia only refers to a part of this group and may be interpreted as neglecting or downplaying the challenges faced for instance by transgender politicians.

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