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The role of diasporas and migrants in developing social cohesion and democratic engagement

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In the draft resolution, after paragraph 6, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly notes that not all diasporas are the product of voluntary migration. The Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine has produced the largest forced displacement in Europe since the Second World War: more than five million Ukrainians now live in Council of Europe member States, most of them under temporary protection. Other examples of diasporas shaped by forced displacement include those of Bosnians and Herzegovinians, Syrians and Kosovars, whose communities have been shaped by conflict, persecution or mass displacement. Diasporas formed by forced displacement have specific needs, notably the preservation of their cultural, educational and social ties with their homeland and the possibility of returning to it, and they have shown how a diaspora can sustain solidarity between its host societies and its country of origin."

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