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The need for the creation of a better measure of national well-being than Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Motion for a resolution

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

In Council of Europe member states, there is a growing disparity between the pursuit of wealth and the attainment of well-being. It is now clear that on its own GDP no longer reflects the balance between national wealth, welfare and well-being.

Considering [Resolution 1721 \(2010\)](#) already adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly on “Wealth, welfare and well-being: how to reconcile them in a changing Europe?” concrete action is now called for to develop a more accurate measure of national well-being, which is not solely confined to GDP. Given its proven record, the Council of Europe is the appropriate body within which to advance this inquiry.

Signed (see overleaf)



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