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Czech Parliament breaching Parliamentary Assembly rules

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This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

As we have learned from the Czech media, the Parliament of the Czech Republic has expelled our colleague Kristyna Zelenkova from the delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly in the middle of her mandate, which is in breach of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure. She was not on the list of delegates to the 2017 summer part-session and therefore she had to pay all her expenses herself.

However, she is still a member of Parliamentary Assembly according to the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, which guarantee to representatives that their term of office shall expire only at the opening of the next ordinary session. With regard to the current situation of Kristyna Zelenkova, it is not a good sign that the country holding the chairmanship of this Organisation is breaking the rules.

We therefore hope that the Czech Republic will resolve this situation in accordance with the rule of law

Signed (see overleaf)



*Signed*¹:

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Total = 25

1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
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SOC: Socialist Group