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The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Aleksander POCIEJ and other members of the Assembly

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

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We note that the constitutional amendments adopted by the national referendum on 5 June 2022:

– meet Council of Europe standards;

– mean a real breakthrough in terms of Constitutional amendments;

– improve the social structure;

– promote market-oriented reforms.

We support the transition from the super-presidential model to a presidential republic, the redistribution of several powers, the strengthening of the role and the enhancement of the status of Parliament, the participation of the population in the governance of the country and the strengthening of the mechanisms for the protection of the citizens' rights. We express the strong hope that all these necessary measures will strengthen the mechanism of checks and balances in the Kazakh political system.

We take note of the 56 amendments to the constitution, including the restoration of the Constitutional Court, which was abolished in 1995, the banning of the president of the Republic from being a member of a political party and of his/her relatives from holding public office.

We call on Kazakhstan to continue its political reform programme, which is aimed at strengthening the principles of democracy, freedom and the rule of law. The Parliamentary Assembly should examine its ongoing and future relationship with Kazakhstan.

Signed (see overleaf)

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