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## Supporting the establishment of a United Nations Special Rapporteur on Democracy

### Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr Fabian MOLINA 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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Democracy is a fundamental pillar of the Council of Europe and a precondition for the effective protection of human rights and the rule of law. However, recent years have witnessed increasing democratic backsliding, shrinking civic space, and growing challenges to democratic institutions worldwide. Despite the centrality of democracy within the international system, no dedicated mechanism exists within the United Nations to systematically monitor, analyse, and promote democratic governance.

The establishment of a United Nations Special Rapporteur on Democracy would fill this gap by strengthening international oversight, identifying risks to democratic systems, and promoting best practices for inclusive and resilient governance. It would also complement existing human rights mechanisms and enhance the capacity of the international community to respond to democratic erosion.

The Parliamentary Assembly should therefore call on Council of Europe member States to actively support this initiative within the United Nations Human Rights Council and to contribute to building broad international backing for the establishment of such a mandate, including by:

- co-sponsoring and advocating for a resolution establishing a Special Rapporteur on Democracy;
- engaging their diplomatic representations in Geneva to promote cross-regional support;
- encouraging national parliaments to endorse and advance this initiative.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



*Signed*<sup>1</sup>:

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