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Strengthening the Parliamentary Assembly's mechanisms for preventing and addressing breaches of confidentiality

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Christophe BRICO 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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The Parliamentary Assembly has recently witnessed a number of cases involving the unauthorised disclosure of restricted documents and other confidential information to the media in certain Council of Europe member States.

Respect for confidentiality is not a mere formality, it is fundamental to the Assembly's proper functioning and reputation.

Any breach of confidentiality constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct for the members of the Parliamentary Assembly, particularly paragraph 13, and may result in an investigation and sanctions.

Unfortunately, the existence of these disciplinary measures has not prevented recent breaches. The Assembly should therefore consider more thoroughly how to effectively prevent, investigate and sanction such violations in future. In particular, the Assembly could consider whether the current disciplinary mechanisms should be reinforced, or whether additional mechanisms for investigating breaches of confidentiality should be established.

Signed (see overleaf)

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