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Need for condemnation of crimes of communist regimes

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The Parliamentary Assembly has strongly condemned the extensive and wide-ranging human rights abuses committed by the Franco regime in Spain from 1939 to 1975. The recommendation was adopted unanimously on March 17 and calls on the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers to adopt a similar declaration at international level.

My question is whether the Committee of Ministers would address also the need for condemnation of crimes of the communist regimes as the Assembly did in its Resolution 1481 (2006).

The totalitarian communist regimes which ruled in Central and Eastern Europe in the last century, and which still are in power in several countries in the world, have been, without exception, characterised by the massive violation of human rights. The public awareness of crimes committed by totalitarian communist regimes is, however, poor. A political assessment of the crimes of communism is presented in my report to the Assembly (Doc. 10765).

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EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EDG: European Democratic Group
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left
NR: not registered in a group