



## Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

### Statement on Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

1. The Committee refers to Assembly [Resolution 2293 \(2019\)](#) on Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges, and in particular its paragraph 9, in which the Assembly resolved to continue following developments in Malta.
2. The Committee takes note of the 'report on follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly [Resolution 2293 \(2019\)](#)' presented by the rapporteur for follow-up, Mr Pieter Omtzigt (the Netherlands, EPP/ CD).<sup>1</sup> It endorses the position of the rapporteur expressed therein and calls on the Maltese authorities to take the measures necessary for full implementation of [Resolution 2293](#) that are identified in the report on follow-up, as a matter of urgency.
3. The Committee reiterates its strong support for the independent public inquiry. It calls on the Maltese government to respect the inquiry's independence fully, including by refraining from any attempt to impose an arbitrary time-limit on its work. It encourages the inquiry to exercise its discretion so as to ensure proper fulfilment of its terms of reference.

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<sup>1</sup> [AS/JUR (2020) 42 declassified]