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Risk of resurgence of Nazi ideology in Estonia

Motion for a resolution
presented by Mr Kosachev and others

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

1. The President to Estonian Republic signed the War Graves Protection Bill adopted by the Estonian Parliament, which regulates the procedure of relocation of war graves.
2. We believe that adoption of such a law, allowing for dismantling of memorials to fighters against fascism including the monument of Soldier-Liberator in the city-centre of Tallinn along with the authorisation of gatherings of SS veterans and extreme nationalists sympathising with them, represent a flagrant violation of democratic standards upheld by the Council of Europe and certainly require an adequate response of the Assembly.
3. We remind that the Assembly in its Resolution 1495 (2006) on Combating the Resurgence of Nazi Ideology paid *special tribute to the glory of all those who fought in the ranks of "anti-Hitler coalition" and saved the humanity from the Nazi "new order"*. It also urged to *step up co-ordinated action in order to resist efforts aiming at revitalising Nazi ideology*.
4. Consequently, and taking into account Resolution 1495 (2006), p. 16, we deem it necessary to scrutinise the issue of neo-Nazi demonstrations in the Council of Europe member-states and in particular the issue of practical implementation of the Estonian War Graves Protection Bill as well as to express an appropriate opinion on this Bill.

Signed (see overleaf)

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