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ON

“THE GENERAL APPROACH TO DISSENT IN BELARUS”

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1. Having regard for the active participation of the Belarusian delgation in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,
2. Recalling with appreciation the successful Annual Session hosted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus in 2017,
3. Regretting the current situation as of mid-June 2021 of suppression of dissent in Belarus,
4. Concerned about the undermining of the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of the media in the country,
5. Deeply concerned about the human rights situation of many persons who have been arrested, beaten, jailed, or who have fled the country,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

6. Urges parliamentarians and authorities in Belarus to reconsider the restrictions on peaceful mass events and freedom of the media;
7. Calls on the Belarusian authorities to ensure that the country's legislation is in full compliance with international human rights commitments;
8. Furthermore calls on the Belarusian authorities to rethink their general approach to dissent in their country, end their respressive tactics, release all political prisoners, engage with the opposition, and allow the holding of free and fair elections with observers from the OSCE.