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## **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

### **FOR THIRD GENERAL COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS**

***“TRANSPARENCY IN THE OSCE”***

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Draft Resolution – Third General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and  
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1. Bearing in mind the dramatic transformation that took place during the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and particularly the profound psychological effects of these changes,
2. Stressing in this regard the importance of working for a reconciliation with each nation's own past in an open and public process,
3. Recognising the psychological and societal parallels to the end of the Second World War, and noting the relatively successful process of coming to terms with history - 'Vergangenheitsbewältigung' - undertaken in some OSCE countries following the Second World War,
4. Recognizing the importance of fully opening all archives to improve the transparency and accuracy of historical studies,

**The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly,**

5. Calls upon all participating States to work for greater transparency in:
  - a. the organization of and access to political and historical archives,
  - b. the legislative process,
  - c. the election process,
  - d. the administrative process,
  - e. work in Parliament,
  - f. the rule of law;
6. Trusts that this increased transparency would contribute to:
  - a. improved education, especially in history,
  - b. greater freedom of speech, media and expression,
  - c. greater freedom to establish political parties, NGOs and civil society bodies,
  - d. a more effective fight against corruption,
  - e. greater international peace and security;
7. Affirms the right of individuals to appeal to an effective remedy, i.e. high-level courts, constitutional courts or other constitutional bodies against laws that endanger these fundamental freedoms;
8. Calls upon all OSCE state bodies working with historical and political archives to grant full access to all archives to researchers and interested individuals and to repatriate all relevant documents to the country most directly affected by their content, enabling full study by those most interested;
9. Reminds that the *raison d'être* of all state administration is to safeguard the fundamental rights of the individual;

10. Affirms the importance of legislation that protects the rights of individuals within state bodies and private enterprises to openly call public attention to severe malpractice and illegal activities;
11. Encourages the active involvement of political parties in election administration processes to guarantee the transparency of electoral processes;
12. Stresses the right of parliamentarians to vote according to their conscience;
13. Emphasizes that all government actions should be based on laws enacted through an open and transparent process;
14. Recognizing that equal access to work by all individuals contributes to transparency, calls upon the OSCE and participating States to fully implement the 2004 OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality;
15. Reaffirms the right of journalists to investigate and write about all actions, including any malpractice, undertaken by state bodies;
16. Calls upon all participating States to ensure that journalists are able to conduct their work without fear of repression or retribution;
17. Underlines the right of civil society, e.g. political parties and NGOs, to organize itself without the imposition of unnecessary and excessive requirements by state bodies.

