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# **SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**ON**

**“FREE MOVEMENT OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE”**

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## DRAFT RESOLUTION

### Free Movement of Information and Knowledge

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1. Considering the need for free exchange of knowledge and information to foster international peace and stability,
2. Noting the principle stressing freedom of thought, entangled in the Helsinki Final Act and other OSCE documents,
3. Emphasizing the fundamental importance of freedom of expression – including the principles of diversity and pluralism, both inherently and as an essential tool for the defence of all other rights and as core element of democracy,
4. Aware of the enormous potential of the Internet as a tool for realising the right to freedom of expression and to information and of the effort of some governments to restrict the access to the Internet,
5. Cognizant of the limits posed by high usage costs of traditional telecommunication media and of the fact that capital concentration of media and telecommunication ownership can restrict the free movement of thoughts, knowledge and ideas, emphasized by the lack of many governments to adopt and implement laws guaranteeing the right to plural information and the need for anti-trust measures for what concerns media and telecommunication capital ownership,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

6. Strongly supports the need for the establishment of free movement of information and knowledge in and between OSCE countries;
7. Stresses the need for free access to information, especially through an Internet network easily accessible to all population groups;
8. Encourages public agencies to make as much information available pro-actively, to stress free access to it and to facilitate the sharing and interchange of information;
9. Recognizes that new technologies strengthen democracy by ensuring easy access to information and allowing the public actively to obtain and impart information;
10. Welcomes the policy of lowering telecommunication prices between countries of the OSCE and invites all OSCE countries to shape a common strategy in this field;
11. Supports media independence and calls OSCE countries to act more decisively on guaranteeing fertile ground for the development of critical, free and pluralised media;
12. Calls upon governments to ensure and promote easy access to new technologies by easing the liberalisation of media and telecommunication markets;

13. Invites the OSCE to enable the Representative on Freedom of the Media and the ODIHR to be more active in the field of promoting free movement of information and knowledge and its free access, as this is one of the pillars for guaranteeing effective participative democracy and the strengthening of human rights.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**on**

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