



Recommendation 2073 (2015)¹
Provisional version

Improving the protection of whistle-blowers

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly recalls its [Resolution 2060 \(2015\)](#) on improving the protection of whistle-blowers, as well as its [Recommendation 1916 \(2010\)](#) on the protection of “whistle-blowers”.
2. The Assembly welcomes the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)7 on the protection of whistleblowers, as an important step in the right direction.
3. The Assembly invites the Committee of Ministers to:
 - 3.1. promote further improvements for the protection of whistle-blowers by launching the process of negotiating a binding legal instrument in the form of a framework convention that would be open to non-member States and cover disclosures of wrongdoings by persons employed in the field of national security and intelligence;
 - 3.2. meanwhile, consider ways and means to provide Council of Europe technical assistance to member States for the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)7;
 - 3.3. encourage the Secretary General to further improve the whistle-blowing rules applicable in the Council of Europe, with a view to bringing them fully into line with the principles upheld by the Assembly and the Committee of Ministers.

1. *Assembly debate* on 23 June 2015 (21st Sitting) (see [Doc. 13791](#), report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 23 June 2015 (21st Sitting).