



**Recommendation 2063 (2015)<sup>1</sup>**  
Provisional version

## **Witness protection as an indispensable tool in the fight against organised crime and terrorism in Europe**

Parliamentary Assembly

1. Referring to its [Resolution 2038 \(2015\)](#) on witness protection as an indispensable tool in the fight against organised crime and terrorism in Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers:

- 1.1. take stock of the implementation of its Recommendation Rec(2005)9 on the protection of witnesses and collaborators of justice;
- 1.2. undertake a comprehensive study on the design and operation of witness protection programmes in all Council of Europe member States, in particular with respect to incentives for co-operation of collaborators of justice, in order to harmonise – where necessary – rules for the transnational implementation of such measures;
- 1.3. encourage member States to collect and share statistics on the results of co-operation of witnesses/collaborators of justice with the investigative and judicial authorities, and in particular on the number of convictions based on their testimonies.

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1. *Assembly debate* on 30 January 2015 (9th Sitting) (see [Doc. 13647](#), report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, rapporteur: Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 30 January 2015 (9th Sitting).