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Combatting radicalisation at grassroots level: the role of local and regional authorities

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1. The Congress refers to its Resolution 381 (2015) on combatting radicalisation at grassroots level: the role of local and regional authorities in which it underlines the importance of concerted action, at all levels of governance, for the prevention of radicalisation which might lead to terrorism and the specific role of territorial bodies in this respect.

2. The Congress considers inclusive communities grounded in pluralistic democracy, intercultural and inter-faith dialogue at local level, the fight against racism and education for democratic citizenship in Europe's cities and regions as particularly relevant. At the same time, it attaches great importance to crime prevention and inclusive urban development. While protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, the overall aim is to foster solidarity, diversity and security in Europe's cities and regions and identify the causes of extremism and radicalisation which might lead to terrorism.

3. The Congress therefore invites the Committee of Ministers to:

a. foster co-operation and concerted action between all levels of government for the conception, preparation and implementation of anti-radicalisation policies and the fight against terrorism, taking specific note of Congress Resolution 381 (2015);

b. allocate complementary appropriate means and resources for the implementation, at local and regional level, of the Council of Europe Action Plan 2015-2017 on countering terrorism;

c. take into account, in the framework of national action against extremism and radicalisation which might lead to terrorism, the specific role and added value of local and regional authorities for security at grassroots' level.

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