

A8-008

Motion

Proposer: JEF Netherlands (decided on: 04/16/2026)

Title: **A8-008: Regarding the Protection of the Rule of Law**

Motion text

From line 8 to 11:

~~? Defining rule of law as a principle of governance where all entities are held accountable to laws that ensure the separation of powers, prevent systematic violations through universal legal consequences, and uphold the core values of democracy, human dignity, and fundamental rights;~~

? Defining rule of law as a principle encompassing legality, legal certainty, prevention of abuse of powers, equality, non-discrimination, and access to justice;1a highlighting the mutual indispensability of rule of law, democracy, and fundamental rights;

Insert from line 53 to 55:

law and solid democratic structures.

1a) Based on the Rule of Law Checklist of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe;

Reason

The definition used in the original resolution does not seem to be based on any legal or academic authority. Additionally, it is the standpoint of the Venice Commission or the Court of Justice President Koen Lenaerts that rule of law is closely intertwined with democracy and the rule of law but does not include them per se.