Amendment 2
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Report
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Evaluation of activities of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED) 2014/2231(INI)

Motion for a resolution (Rule 170(4) of the Rules of Procedure) replacing non-legislative motion for a resolution A8-0177/2015

European Parliament resolution on the EU’s new approach to human rights and democracy – evaluating the activities of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED) since its establishment

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Articles 2, 6, 8 and 21 of the Treaty on European Union,

– having regard to its recommendation of 29 March 2012 to the Council on the modalities for the possible establishment of a European Endowment for Democracy (hereinafter ‘EED’),

– having regard to its resolution of 7 July 2011 on EU external policies in favour of democratisation,

– having regard to the Charter of the United Nations, especially Article 2(4) thereof,

A. whereas the right of peoples to decide their future and their political, economic and social development is a fundamental and inalienable right;

B. whereas respect for international law, the promotion of and support for democracy, the rule of law and respect for the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms should be among the core objectives of the EU; whereas ‘democratisation’ must not be a pretext for interference, regime changes and the serving of geostrategic and imperialist interests in third countries;

C. whereas the establishment and operation of the EED, according to the dubious approach proposed, its undemocratic application and the absence of democratic, transparent and independent control is problematic in the extreme and should therefore be ended;

2 OJ C 33 E, 5.2.2013, p. 165.
1. Stresses that the EED represents a breach of international laws and treaties and of the principle of non-interference, as laid down in the Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Calls for the abolition of the EED and any kind of neighbourhood policy instrument which seeks to finance ‘EU’ allies in different countries, including political parties and so called ‘emerging leaders’, as this represents a clear interference in the internal policies of third countries and an attempt to implement a political, economic and antisocial system based on the neoliberal logic;

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to immediately end the funding of the EED;

4. Highlights the fact that the EED and neighbourhood policy have never contributed to building democracy for the benefit of peoples but to a general regression of social and economic rights, damaging the economy of these countries by imposing free trade agreements, and have helped to consolidate and strengthen the power of authoritarian regimes and oligarchies;

5. Defends the right of peoples to decide their future and their political, economic and social development;

6. Calls for the construction of a new cooperation policy, based on equality, solidarity and mutual development, instead of the EU policies based on interference and warmongering principles and promoting regime changes;

7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and the European Endowment for Democracy.

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