Amendment 4
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

46a. Condemns all forms of violence and discrimination within EU territory and is concerned about the increase in them;
calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt specific policy commitments to combat all forms of racism, including anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, Afrophobia and anti-Gypsyism;

Amendment

Or. fr
Amendment 5
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 116

116. Deplores the repeated and tragic loss of life in the Mediterranean, and the role played by smugglers and traffickers, who deny migrants their fundamental rights; points out that the EU and the Member States should do more to prevent further tragedies at sea; calls on the EU and its Member States to put solidarity and respect for the fundamental rights of migrants and asylum seekers at the core of EU migration policies, and in particular:

- stresses the need to mainstream fundamental rights in every aspect of EU migration policies, and to carry out an in-depth assessment of the impact on migrants’ fundamental rights of all measures and mechanisms concerning migration, asylum and border control; in particular, calls on the Member States to respect the rights of vulnerable migrants;

- underlines the need for a holistic EU approach that will strengthen the coherence of the EU’s internal and external policies; encourages the EU and the Member States to put respect for the rights of migrants at the centre of any bilateral or multilateral

116. Condemns the fact that many asylum-seekers and migrants seeking to reach the European Union are continuing to die in the Mediterranean, and the role played by smugglers and traffickers, who deny migrants their fundamental rights; points out that the EU and the Member States should take energetic and compulsory measures to prevent further tragedies at sea; calls on the EU and its Member States to put solidarity and respect for the fundamental rights of migrants and asylum seekers at the core of EU migration policies, and in particular:

- stresses the need to mainstream fundamental rights in every aspect of EU migration policies, and to carry out an in-depth assessment of the impact on migrants’ fundamental rights of all measures and mechanisms concerning migration, asylum and border control; in particular, calls on the Member States to respect the rights of vulnerable migrants;

- underlines the need for a holistic EU approach that will strengthen the coherence of the EU’s internal and external policies; encourages the EU and the Member States to put respect for the rights of migrants at the centre of any bilateral or multilateral
cooperation agreement with non-EU countries, including readmission agreements, mobility partnerships and technical cooperation agreements;

– reminds Member States of their international obligation to help people in distress at sea;

– calls on the Member States to amend or review any legislation penalising people assisting migrants in distress at sea;

– underlines the fundamental right to seek asylum; encourages the EU and the Member States to open up and devote sufficient resources to create new safe and legal possibilities and channels for asylum seekers to enter the European Union, so as to reduce the risks inherent in attempting to enter illegally and to combat human trafficking and smuggling networks that profit from endangering the lives of migrants and from their sexual and labour exploitation;

– calls on all the Member States to participate in EU resettlement programmes, and encourages the use of humanitarian visas;

– urges the Member States to guarantee decent reception conditions in compliance with existing fundamental rights and asylum legislation, with special attention paid to vulnerable people and to reducing the risk of social exclusion of asylum seekers; calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), and in particular of Directive 2013/32/EU, with specific attention to asylum seekers in need of special procedural guarantees;

– calls for the establishment of an effective and harmonised EU asylum system for the fair distribution of asylum seekers among Member States;

– deplores the reported incidents of violent cooperation agreement with non-EU countries, including readmission agreements, mobility partnerships and technical cooperation agreements;

– reminds Member States of their international obligation to help people in distress at sea;

– calls on the Member States to amend or review any legislation penalising people assisting migrants in distress at sea;

– underlines the fundamental right to seek asylum; encourages the EU and the Member States to open up and devote sufficient resources to create new safe and legal possibilities and channels for asylum seekers to enter the European Union, so as to reduce the risks inherent in attempting to enter illegally and to combat human trafficking and smuggling networks that profit from endangering the lives of migrants and from their sexual and labour exploitation;

– calls on all the Member States to participate in EU resettlement programmes, and encourages the use of humanitarian visas;

– urges the Member States to guarantee decent reception conditions in compliance with existing fundamental rights and asylum legislation, with special attention paid to vulnerable people and to reducing the risk of social exclusion of asylum seekers; calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), and in particular of Directive 2013/32/EU, with specific attention to asylum seekers in need of special procedural guarantees;

– calls for the establishment of an effective and harmonised EU asylum system for the fair distribution of asylum seekers among Member States;

– deplores the reported incidents of violent
push-backs at the EU borders; reminds Member States of their obligation to respect the principle of non-refoulement as recognised by the Geneva Convention and by the ECtHR and of the prohibition of collective expulsions under Article 19 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights; calls on the Commission, its agencies and the Member States to ensure compliance with these and other international and EU obligations;
Amendment 6
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 116 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

116a. Strongly condemns the inability of the Union and its Member States to arrive at a political agreement and to respond in a manner worthy of the values and principles of the rule of law, democracy and respect for and promotion of human rights, to put an end to the tragic situation which has for years faced migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers, and similarly strongly condemns their political response, which prioritises an ever more security-oriented and repressive approach to the migration policies of the Union and the Member States, including conditions for reception and granting of asylum which are symbolised in particular by the construction of walls and barbed-wire fences and a refusal to offer legal ways of entering the European Union, with the consequence that many asylum-seekers and migrants are compelled to use increasingly dangerous routes, risking their lives, and are at the mercy of people smugglers and traffickers;

Or. fr
Amendment 7
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 116 b (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

116b. Calls for negotiations to be halted on all types of agreements with third countries which do not guarantee the protection of refugees and respect for fundamental rights, such as Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Egypt, from where refugees are fleeing, and to suspend the Khartoum and Rabat processes; calls furthermore for the suspension of all financial aid to the Egyptian and Eritrean regimes in the light of the reports by the UN and NGOs on human rights abuses in those countries;

Or. fr
Amendment 8
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 116 c (new)

Motion for a resolution
116c. Calls on the Union and Member States to adopt the necessary legislation to put into practice the principle of solidarity as referred to in Article 80 TFEU;

Amendment
Or. fr
Amendment 9
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 117 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

117a. Calls for the current readmission agreements to be suspended and for the negotiations on new readmission agreements also to be suspended until the assessment of those agreements has been concluded; calls on the Commission to provide a tangible follow-up to its 2011 report criticising the EU’s readmission measures and agreements with non-EU countries; condemns the fact that the conclusion of visa liberalisation or partnership agreements with non-EU countries is increasingly often tied to the conclusion of a readmission agreement;

Or. fr
Amendment 10
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135

135. Deplores the way in which the financial, economic and sovereign debt crisis, together with the budgetary restrictions imposed, has negatively affected economic, civil, social and cultural rights, often resulting in increasing unemployment, poverty, and precarious working and living conditions, as well as exclusion and isolation, particularly in the Member States in which economic adjustment programmes have been adopted, and underlines that a recent Eurostat note points out that one European in four is now at risk of poverty and exclusion;

Amendment
135. Condemns the fact, which it emphasises, that the austerity policies adopted and applied in response to the economic and financial crises have resulted in abuses and a downgrading of fundamental economic, social and cultural rights, particularly rights to employment, health, social protection, education, housing, social legislation, and particularly labour legislation, etc., as well as cuts in wages and pensions, which have increased inequalities, poverty, insecurity, forms of atypical work, exclusion and isolation, which are assuming substantial and unacceptable proportions in the countries subject to the Troika, Union memoranda or economic adjustment programmes; underlines that one European in four is now at risk of poverty and exclusion, according to a recent Eurostat note: points out that extremely insecure living conditions affect women, children, and the elderly in particular and translate into a great deal of hardship and numerous violations of fundamental rights and freedoms;
Amendment 11
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 135 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

135a. Strongly condemns the unprecedented dismantling of economic and social rights, particularly in countries on the periphery of the Union, and the authoritarian adoption and application of austerity measures which call into question universal access to rights and exclude certain groups of people, particularly migrants and asylum-seekers, from access to a certain number of fundamental rights, de facto or de jure; stresses that this situation is increasingly undermining the foundations of our societies and democracy; condemns the utterances of politicians seeking to make scapegoats of vulnerable groups, particularly immigrants;
Amendment 12  
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Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 137

137. Stresses that the EU institutions, as well as Member States which implement structural reforms in their social and economic systems, are always under an obligation to observe the Charter and their international obligations, and are therefore accountable for the decisions taken; reiterates its call to align economic adjustment programmes with the EU objectives set out in Article 151 TFEU, including the promotion of employment and improvement of living and working conditions; reiterates the need to ensure that there is full democratic oversight through the effective involvement of parliaments over the measures taken by the EU institutions and Member States in reaction to the crisis;

137. Stresses that the EU institutions, as well as Member States which implement structural reforms in their social and economic systems, are always under an obligation to observe the Charter and their international obligations, and are therefore accountable for the decisions taken and for their social and economic consequences; reiterates its call to adopt programmes and measures which will make it possible to attain the EU objectives set out in Article 151 TFEU, including the promotion of employment and improvement of living and working conditions; reiterates the need to ensure that there is full democratic oversight through the effective involvement of parliaments over the measures taken by the EU institutions and Member States in reaction to the crisis;

Or. fr