

Amendment 1**Petras Auštrevičius**

on behalf of the ALDE Group

Report**Petras Auštrevičius**Implementation of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement
(2017/2281(INI))**A8-0322/2018****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 15***Motion for a resolution*

15. *Expresses concern about last minute changes to the Audiovisual Media Services Code adopted in July 2018 that were not subjected to* consultations with civil society; urges the Moldovan authorities to fully implement the Code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and independent media in this process and of adopting a new law on advertising; stresses the need to avoid all attempts to undermine media pluralism, notably those that would further encourage the cartelisation of the media market and related advertising market; urges the Moldovan authorities to adopt the new law on advertising following a genuine consultation with civil society; notes with concern that, currently, the media is highly monopolised and subordinate to the country's political and business groups; calls for transparency of media ownership and the provision of dedicated assistance to independent media, especially local outlets, *to* in order comply with the Code's requirements regarding obligatory local content; stresses the importance of ensuring genuine independence of the media regulatory agency;

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