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**Amendment 4**

**Cristian Dan Preda**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Report**

**Michael Gahler**

EU-Ukraine Association Agreement  
(2017/2283(INI))

**A8-0369/2018**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the European Commission and European External Action Service (EEAS) joint staff working document of 7 November 2018 on the Association Implementation Report on Ukraine (SWD(2018)0462),*

Or. en

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**Amendment 5**

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on behalf of the PPE Group

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**Michael Gahler**

EU-Ukraine Association Agreement  
(2017/2283(INI))

**A8-0369/2018**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas of *very serious concern is the highly volatile security situation in the Sea of Azov, which could easily escalate to an open conflict*; whereas the construction of the bridge over the Kerch Strait linking the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula with mainland Russia, which has been undertaken without Ukraine's consent and in clear violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, is to be condemned; whereas the excessive actions of the Russian Federation in the Sea of Azov, insofar as they breach international maritime law and Russia's own international commitments, are deplorable; whereas the excessive stopping and inspection of commercial vessels, including both Ukrainian ships and those with flags of third-party states, including ships under the flags of various EU Member States, is to be condemned;

*Amendment*

J. whereas *on 25 November 2018 three Ukrainian Navy vessels conducting a routine transfer from Odessa to Mariupol were blocked, shot at and seized in international waters by the Russian Coast Guard; whereas a number of Ukrainian sailors were injured and 24 imprisoned and, as a result of this act by Russia, on 26 November a limited state of martial law was introduced in 10 regions of Ukraine for 30 days*; whereas the construction of the bridge over the Kerch Strait linking the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula with mainland Russia, which has been undertaken without Ukraine's consent and in clear violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity, is to be condemned; whereas the excessive actions of the Russian Federation in the Sea of Azov, insofar as they breach international maritime law and Russia's own international commitments, are deplorable; whereas the excessive stopping and inspection of commercial vessels, including both Ukrainian ships and those with flags of third-party states, including ships under the flags of various EU Member States, is to be condemned;

Or. en

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**Amendment 6**  
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**Report**  
**Michael Gahler**  
EU-Ukraine Association Agreement  
(2017/2283(INI))

**A8-0369/2018**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ja. Whereas the Verkhovna Rada deserves credit for its wisdom in establishing a fine balance between better defence and guaranteeing democratic standards and the rule of law, as well as the separation of constitutional powers, when adopting the law on the imposition of martial law; whereas martial law has only been imposed in those regions of Ukraine that border Russia, the Sea of Azov, the Black Sea and the Moldovan region of Transnistria in which Russian troops are stationed; whereas limitations on fundamental freedoms and civil rights in those regions will only enter into effect if and when there is an attack by Russian land forces on Ukraine; whereas martial law will end on 26 December 2018;***

Or. en

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A8-0369/7

**Amendment 7**

**Cristian Dan Preda**

on behalf of the PPE Group

**Report**

**Michael Gahler**

EU-Ukraine Association Agreement  
(2017/2283(INI))

**A8-0369/2018**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 82 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**82a. Strongly condemns the deliberate act of aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine on 25 November in the Kerch Strait; demands the immediate and unconditional release of all Ukrainian vessels and sailors, who in the meantime should be treated as prisoners of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to introduce targeted sanctions if the Ukrainian servicemen are not released and if there is any further military escalation; underlines that there is no justification for such use of military might by Russia; expresses serious concern that this may constitute a creeping attempt to annex Ukraine's sovereign rights in the Sea of Azov with the aim of transforming it into a Russian 'internal lake' and exclusive military zone, and to put a stranglehold on the economy of south-east Ukraine; demands that Russia guarantee freedom of navigation through the Kerch Strait and in the Sea of Azov, which is ensured by international law; urges the OSCE and its Members to extend the mandate of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to the Sea of Azov; calls on the EU and its Member States to close access to EU ports for Russian ships coming from the Sea of Azov should Russia not re-establish**

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*freedom of navigation through the Kerch Strait and in the Sea of Azov; calls for all diplomatic means to be used to de-escalate the situation and welcomes the offer to mediate between Kiev and Moscow;*

Or. en