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**Amendment 11**

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**Citation 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– *having regard to its resolution of  
25 October 2018 on the rise of neo-fascist  
violence in Europe<sup>1</sup>,*

Or. en

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2018)0428.

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**Amendment 12**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas Ukraine faces a serious problem with far-right extremism and violence; whereas the lack of serious action against neo-fascist and neo-Nazi groups and the open cooperation of state institutions with far-right groups such as the Azov-affiliated National Militia, C14, Right Sector and Karpatska Sich have enabled the occurrence of right-wing violence against left-wing, progressive and democratic political parties, trade unions and trade unionists, critical civil society, political activists, Roma people and women's rights and environmental activists, as well as at anti-fascist demonstrations, city council meetings, an event hosted by Amnesty International, art exhibitions and LGBTQI events; whereas the state institutions are failing to confront violent groups and end their impunity;***

Or. en

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### Amendment 13

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### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital D

#### *Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas Ukraine *deserves particular praise for* reforms in the areas of energy, health, pensions, education, public administration, decentralisation, public procurement, defence and security, and the banking sector, *and for* securing macro-economic stabilisation; whereas these reforms were accompanied by drastic price increases, cuts in social benefits and a deterioration in access to social welfare systems; whereas significant challenges remain, particularly in areas such as the fight against corruption, privatisation and judicial reform; whereas the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA), which is part of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (AA), and has been officially operational since 1 January 2016, provides a solid basis for Ukraine's economic development and modernisation; whereas for the past four years Ukraine's economy has not only stabilised but also shown some signs of improvement; whereas since the signature of the AA in 2014, Ukraine has made more pro-European reforms than during all previous years of Ukrainian independence;

#### *Amendment*

D. whereas Ukraine *has implemented* reforms in the areas of energy, health, pensions, education, public administration, decentralisation, public procurement, defence and security, and the banking sector, securing macro-economic stabilisation; whereas these reforms were accompanied by drastic price increases, cuts in social benefits and a deterioration in access to social welfare systems; whereas significant challenges remain, particularly in areas such as the fight against corruption, privatisation and judicial reform; whereas the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA), which is part of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (AA), and has been officially operational since 1 January 2016, provides a solid basis for Ukraine's economic development and modernisation; whereas for the past four years Ukraine's economy has not only stabilised but also shown some signs of improvement; whereas since the signature of the AA in 2014, Ukraine has made more pro-European reforms than during all previous years of Ukrainian independence;

Or. en

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**Amendment 14**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

F. whereas the European Union firmly upholds its unwavering support for and commitment to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders, ***and its support for the internationally coordinated sanctioning of governments and agents undermining the country's territorial integrity;***

F. whereas the European Union firmly upholds its unwavering support for and commitment to Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders;

Or. en

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**Amendment 15**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital H**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**H.** *whereas, while condemning the continued Russian aggression in the eastern part of Ukraine, the illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, and Russia's occupation of some regions of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, all of which breach international law and Russia's commitments and obligations as part of its membership in international organisations, and its participation in European agreements that both it and Ukraine has signed, notably the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act and the Budapest Memorandum and the 1997 Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Partnership between Ukraine and the Russian Federation, it is to be recognised that Ukraine is facing challenges of a transformational nature in an environment of warfare and destabilisation attempts;*

*deleted*

Or. en

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### Amendment 16

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### Motion for a resolution

#### Recital I

#### *Motion for a resolution*

I. whereas ***in the context of the Russia-led aggression against Ukraine***, EU restrictive measures against the Russian Federation ***were*** introduced and regularly prolonged; whereas ***broader engagement from the EU in resolution of the conflict is desirable, such as by appointing an EU special envoy for the conflict in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea; repeats its call for an international format of negotiations on de-occupation of the Crimean peninsula, with the participation of the EU; whereas the sanctions against Russia should be rolled over and broadened, in particular to individuals and enterprises that profit from illegal situations, until the Russian Federation enables Ukraine to fully restore sovereignty and territorial integrity;***

#### *Amendment*

I. whereas EU restrictive measures against the Russian Federation ***have been*** introduced and regularly prolonged, ***but have failed to achieve meaningful results;*** whereas the ***sanctions policy, isolation of Russia and lack of political dialogue have contributed to the further escalation of the conflicts in Ukraine and to the further destabilisation of the situation in the country, making efforts to restart a political process to find ways out of the confrontation much more difficult;*** ***whereas rising tensions between Russia and the West make the security situation in Europe extremely volatile;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 17**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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;***

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 Russian Federation must guarantee the right of passage through the Kerch Strait and access to the Sea of Azov for all vessels and provide unhindered access to Ukrainian ports as stipulated in the Cooperation Agreement between Ukraine and the Russian Federation on the Sea of Azov; urges Ukraine, Russia and all international actors concerned to act with utmost restraint to de-escalate the current tense situation immediately;***

Or. en

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A8-0369/18

**Amendment 18**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**17. Underlines the fact that the AA is not the ultimate goal of EU-Ukraine relations and welcomes Ukraine's European aspirations; supports the development of new forms of enhanced cooperation with the EU, such as Ukraine's gradual approximation with the Customs Union, Energy Union and Digital Single Market;** *deleted*

Or. en

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A8-0369/19

**Amendment 19**

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**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**18. Points out that Ukraine has a European perspective pursuant to Article 49 TEU, and may apply to become a member of the European Union provided that it adheres to the Copenhagen criteria and the principles of democracy, respects fundamental freedoms and human and minority rights, and upholds the rule of law;**

**deleted**

Or. en

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**Amendment 20**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27a. Expresses deep concern at the imposition of martial law just four months before the presidential elections scheduled for 31 March 2019; underlines that the imposition of a 30-day period of martial law in a pre-election period represents a major challenge to democracy in Ukraine, to public and political life and to the ability of civil society to act; underlines the need to ensure that the Ukrainian people will not be deprived of their right to vote and to ensure that presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled for 2019 are free and fair;**

Or. en