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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Cristian Dan Preda
(PE589.242v02-00)

The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union in 2015
(2016/2009(INI))

Amendment 1
Morten Messerschmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls that ‘human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities’ are the values on which the EU is founded, as stated in Article 2 TEU; underlines the utmost importance of ensuring full respect for these values both at Union and Member State level;

Amendment

1. Recalls that ‘human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities’ are the values on which the EU is founded, as stated in Article 2 TEU; ***recalls that the principles of representative democracy and of the rule of law laid down in the Treaties and confirmed by the Copenhagen Criteria require the following constitutional conditions to be genuinely and fully met: separation of powers, hierarchy of legislation, institutional stability, equal representation of all citizens, political accountability, power to be intelligible to citizens and constitutional neutrality; regrets that the institutional system of the European Union itself reveals serious shortcomings with regard to each of these criteria, as is consistently highlighted in the case-law of the German Constitutional Court, which serves as a European reference;*** underlines the utmost importance of ensuring full respect for these values both at Union and Member State level;

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Kostas Chrysogonos

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law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities' are the values on which the EU is founded ***and they are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men must prevail***, as stated in Article 2 TEU; ***notes that these values must be shared by all the Member States and*** underlines the utmost importance of ensuring full respect for these values ***by the EU, and by each individual Member State, in all their policies***, both at Union and Member State level; ***also recalls that under Article 17 TEU, the Commission must ensure application of the Treaties;***

Or. en

Amendment 3 **Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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Or. pl

Amendment 4 **Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens**

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. el

Amendment 6
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Points out that it is necessary to continue promoting and strengthening the protection and full development of fundamental rights in compliance with the Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and, more specifically, to ensure that the values of the European Union set out in Article 2 and all relevant articles of the EU Treaty are respected and promoted by the EU, its institutions and all Member States; stresses that the European institutions should be at the forefront of this endeavour and underlines that the Member States should be exemplary in the effective implementation of these obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Believes that the conclusions and opinions of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights as well as the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union constitute a good basis for the interpretation of Article 2 TFEU and the scope of the rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Notes the obligation laid down in the Treaties to accede to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR); underlines the fact that the Treaties recognise that fundamental rights, as guaranteed by the ECHR and as they result from the constitutional traditions common to the Member States, constitute general principles of the Union's law;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. ***Stresses*** that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched to provide remedies; considers it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

2. ***Recalls that violations of fundamental rights and failure to observe the rule of law continue to affect Europe and underlines*** that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched to provide remedies; considers it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights; ***urges the EU institutions and the Member States to establish a further mechanism for the effective monitoring of respect for fundamental rights and the rule of law in the Member States;***

Or. es

Amendment 10

Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Stresses that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched to provide remedies; considers it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

Amendment

2. Stresses that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched to provide remedies; considers it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights ***in order to ensure respect among European citizens and prevent any undermining of these values; any questioning of the rule of law is a red line which a democratic country cannot and must not cross;***

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. ***Stresses that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched to provide remedies; considers*** it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

Amendment

2. ***Considers*** it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

Or. el

Amendment 12
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Amendment

2. Stresses that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched to provide remedies;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Morten Messerschmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Stresses that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched to provide remedies; considers it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, ***sovereignty, constitutional identity***, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Draft opinion
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between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

partnership dialogue, a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

Or. pl

Amendment 15
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
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Amendment

2. Stresses that in case of systemic threats to the rule of law, Article 7 and Rule of Law Framework procedures should be launched *as soon as possible* to provide remedies; considers it important to establish a new consensus between the EU and its Member States regarding respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Recalls that article 23 of regulation 1303/2013 (measures linking effectiveness of ESI Funds to sound economic governance) provides for the suspension of ESI Funds if a Member State fails to take action concerning the violation of the Stability and Growth Pact (Excessive Deficit Procedure); believes a fortiori that the EU should link the payment of all EU funds with the respect of European values, as laid out in the Treaties;

Amendment 17
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Deplores that the situation with regard to media pluralism and diversity is assessed as unsatisfactory in several member states ^{1a} ; Notes that without genuine freedom of expression and free media, there can be no safeguards against the abuse of power.*

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Notes, however, that Article 7 is a last resort mechanism that has not been used effectively because of the difficulty to reach a decision with such high thresholds for voting and in a body where political considerations play a prominent role;*

Or. en

Amendment 19

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Highlights the importance of ensuring full respect for the Charter of Fundamental Rights throughout the whole legislative process; welcomes in this regard the Better Regulation Agreement, and draws attention to the significant role of comprehensive impact assessments, as well as of close cooperation between the EU institutions;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Morten Messerschmidt

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Amendment

3. Highlights the importance of ensuring full respect for the Charter of Fundamental Rights ***and the national constitutional identity of the Member States*** throughout the whole legislative process; welcomes in this regard the Better Regulation Agreement, and draws attention to the significant role of comprehensive impact assessments, as well as of close cooperation between the EU institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Highlights the importance of ensuring full respect for the Charter of Fundamental Rights throughout the whole legislative process; **draws attention to the importance to include an analysis on the impact on fundamental rights in** impact assessments, as well as **a** close cooperation between the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Underlines the fact that all legislative proposals, including international agreements and in general all EU policies, should be scrutinised to ensure that they comply with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU; calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that all EU legislation, in particular the economic and financial adjustment programmes which have adversely affected the living conditions and the situation of fundamental rights of many people, is continuously implemented in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the European Social Charter (Article 151 of the TFEU), in particular with regard to the protection of economic and social rights;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Points out that the purpose of security and justice policies is to protect freedom and fundamental rights; stresses therefore that legislation and policy making in this field must be in line with the Charter of Fundamental Rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. *Considers that breaches of rights, abuses or inequalities in the Member States undermine democracy and the rule of law, as well as citizens' trust in the European Union institutions; emphasises the role of Parliament as the only directly elected institution in scrutinising the correct implementation of EU legislation to ensure that it complies with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU; calls on the EU legislator to promote the EU's values as required by Article 3 of the TEU and, specifically, inclusion and equality, as required by Article 8, 9 and 10 of the TFEU;*

Or. en

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Jérôme Lavrilleux

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter, including through awareness-raising measures among practitioners and the general public;

Amendment

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter, including through awareness-raising measures among practitioners and the general public, ***always with a view to guaranteeing that the rule of law and the fundamental rights of European citizens are respected, in spite of the disparities in development between Member States;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 26
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter, including through awareness-raising measures among practitioners and the general public;

Amendment

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter, including through awareness-raising measures among practitioners and the general public ***and stresses that European institutions must be at the forefront of this effort;***

Or. es

**Amendment 27
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter, including *through awareness-raising measures among practitioners and the general public*;

Amendment

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter, including *the establishment of a common EU binding mechanism to respond to breaches of the rule of law and fundamental rights at Member State level*;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Morten Messerschmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter, including through awareness-raising measures among practitioners and the general public;

Amendment

4. Considers that further efforts should be made towards a consistent and uniform implementation of the Charter *in accordance with national constitutions*, including through awareness-raising measures among practitioners and the general public;

Or. fr

Amendment 29
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. *Notes the need to strengthen institutional transparency, democratic accountability and openness in the EU; calls therefore on the competent EU institutions and all Member States to:*

– take appropriate measures, also with a view to revising without delay Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council

and Commission documents in order to ensure maximum transparency and simplified procedures for public access to information and documents;

– bring forward a revision of the European Citizens' Initiative Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 211/2011) within this parliamentary term in order to improve its functioning, incorporating amendments so as to remove any administrative, organisational and financial obstacles as a result of which not all European citizens can properly exercise their democratic influence through the ECI as provided for in the Treaties; urges the Commission also to include in its proposal the necessary provisions to stop certain groups of citizens, such as those who are blind or living abroad, from being prevented from exercising their right to support citizens' initiatives, as such exclusion limits equality and engagement among citizens;

– calls on Member States to enable all their citizens to vote in the European elections, including those living outside the EU, particularly by means of an information campaign carried out in good time;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Notes that Across the continent, too many national judiciaries suffer from undue political interference, for example. Almost half of member states are failing to guarantee the safety of journalists. Too frequently the freedoms of expression, assembly and association are coming under attack ^{1a}

The Commission should ensure the effective follow-up of the Council of Europe's Action Plan on the Independence and Impartiality of the Judiciary;

1a

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Or. en

Amendment 31
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. *The Commission should establish a level playing field to protect judiciary independence in all Member States. The concerns expressed by the Council of Europe on the politization of Spain's judiciary system should in this regard be taken fully into account.*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Takes note of the activation by the Commission for the first time ever of the new Framework to strengthen the Rule of Law; recommends a thorough evaluation of its functioning and results with a view to improving its effectiveness *if necessary*;

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Amendment 33
Morten Messerschmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Takes note of the activation by the Commission for the first time ever of the new Framework to strengthen the Rule of Law; recommends a thorough evaluation of its functioning and results with a view to improving its effectiveness if necessary;

Amendment

5. Takes note of the activation by the Commission for the first time ever of the new Framework to strengthen the Rule of Law; ***regrets that this activation cannot take place in a spirit of constructive dialogue which respects in principle and in practice the sovereignty of national parliaments;*** recommends a thorough evaluation of its functioning and results with a view to improving its effectiveness if necessary;

Amendment 34
Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Takes note of*** the activation by the Commission for the first time ever of the new Framework to strengthen the Rule of Law; recommends a thorough evaluation of its functioning and results with a view to improving its effectiveness ***if necessary;***

Amendment

5. ***Endorses*** the activation by the Commission for the first time ever of the new Framework to strengthen the Rule of Law; recommends a thorough evaluation of its functioning and results with a view to improving its effectiveness;

Amendment 35
Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Notes that rule of law monitoring must strictly comply with the Treaty rules, as highlighted in the Council Legal Service's opinion no 10296/14 of 27.5.2014;*

Or. pl

Amendment 36
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Notes the first two Rule of Law dialogues, held by the Council; looks forward to the expected evaluation of this mechanism, which should aim at improving its relevance as well as its complementarity with the other EU rule of law instruments;

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Or. en

Amendment 37
Morten Messerschmidt

Draft opinion
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Draft opinion

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Amendment

6. Notes the first two Rule of Law dialogues, held by the Council; looks forward to the expected evaluation of this mechanism, which should aim at improving its relevance ***while respecting the constitutional identity and sovereignty of the Member States***, as well as its complementarity with the other EU rule of law instruments;

Or. fr

Amendment 38
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Urges therefore the EU institutions and the Member States to introduce an additional mechanism for the effective monitoring of respect for fundamental rights and the rule of law in Member States; believes that, without prejudice to existing mechanisms already applicable in the event of serious and persistent infringements, the proposed alternative should:

(a) widen the mandate of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency to include the monitoring of fundamental rights and the rule of law in all Member States, both within and beyond the application of European Union law, and so as to allow it to disclose publicly information on a breach of fundamental rights by a Member State;

(b) enable the Commission, on the basis of the findings of the reports generated by the Fundamental Rights Agency, to initiate infringement procedures for violations of Article 2 of the TEU in order to effectively ensure a high level of

*protection of fundamental rights in the
Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 39

Josep-Maria Terricabras

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*6 a. Notes its ongoing report on the
Establishment of an EU mechanism on
democracy, the rule of law and
fundamental rights and urges the
Commission, once adopted, to take into
account its conclusions and to propose a
EU binding mechanism to respond to
breaches of the rule of law and
fundamental rights at Member State level;*

Or. en

Amendment 40

Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*6 a. Calls on the European Union
Agency for Fundamental Rights to be
mandated to produce a biennial report on
the extent to which Europe's most
deprived citizens have access to all
fundamental rights, as laid out in the
Charter of Fundamental Rights of the
European Union;*

Or. en

Amendment 41
Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Sylvie Goulard, Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. *Believes that collaboration and support between Member States and EU agencies needs to be enhanced and the exchange of information has to be more consistent and effective; believes the mandate of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency should be empowered;*

Or. en

Amendment 42
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. *Emphasises the key role that an independent and expert body should play in measuring the progress of, and monitoring the compliance with, the shared values of the Union, as enshrined in Article 2 TEU;*

Or. en

Amendment 43
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 c. *Proposes to widen the mandate of the Fundamental Rights Agency to*

include the monitoring of fundamental rights and the rule of law in all Member States, both within and beyond the application of EU law;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 d. Calls on the establishment of an independent Copenhagen Commission that, in light of the assessment of the Fundamental Rights Agency, puts forward recommendations to enforce fundamental rights and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Josep-Maria Terricabras
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 e. Proposes to enable the Commission, on the basis of the findings of the reports drafted by the Fundamental Rights Agency and the recommendations of the Copenhagen Commission, to initiate infringement procedures under Article 2 TEU, and, if necessary, the procedure under Article 7 TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. *Reiterates* its call on the Commission, following Opinion 2/13 of the European Court of Justice, to identify the necessary steps forward for the accession of the European Union to the ***European Convention on Human Rights***, in line with Article 6(2) TEU.

Amendment

7. ***Stresses that the EU's accession to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR) contributes to the protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of EU citizens and Member States; reiterates*** its call on the Commission, following Opinion 2/13 of the European Court of Justice, to identify the necessary steps forward for the accession of the European Union to the ***ECHR***, in line with Article 6(2) TEU.

Or. es

Amendment 47
Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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7. Reiterates its call on the Commission, following Opinion 2/13 of the European Court of Justice, to identify the necessary steps forward for the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, in line with Article 6(2) TEU.

Amendment

7. Reiterates its call on the Commission, following Opinion 2/13 of the European Court of Justice, to identify the necessary steps forward for the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, in line with ***the obligation stated in*** Article 6(2) TEU.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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7. Reiterates its call on the Commission, following Opinion 2/13 of the European Court of Justice, to identify the necessary steps forward for the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, in line with Article 6(2) TEU.

Amendment

7. Reiterates ***emphatically*** its call on the Commission, following Opinion 2/13 of the European Court of Justice, to identify the necessary steps forward for the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, in line with Article 6(2) TEU.

Or. el

Amendment 49
Kostas Chrysogonos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Urges the competent authorities to unblock the Anti-Discrimination Directive, which seeks to implement the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation; underlines the fact that specific needs of the most vulnerable citizens, such as people in poverty or social discriminated people, should be addressed in an appropriate way; calls on the Council and the Commission to act effectively and responsibly to uphold the values of the Union in relation to Member States which fail to fully respect their Treaty obligations on such issues;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Enrique Guerrero Salom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. Stresses the importance of extending the mandate of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights to include powers to monitor respect for fundamental rights and the rule of law in all Member States; calls for improved cooperation between the EU institutions and national parliaments and between the Council of Europe and other organisations;

Or. es