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### Draft report

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**Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco**

The functioning of the human rights dialogues and consultations on human rights with third countries

(2007/2001(INI))

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 1

Citation -1 (new)

- *having regard to all agreements between the EU and third countries and the human rights and democracy clauses contained in those agreements, known as "Article 2",*

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 2

Citation 2

- *having regard to the European Union Guidelines, and in particular the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Dialogues, adopted on 13 December 2001,*

Or. en

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Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 3

Citation 2

- having regard to the European Union Guidelines on Human Rights Dialogues, adopted on 13 December 2001, ***and the evaluation of the implementation of those Guidelines, adopted on 9 December 2004,***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 4

Citation 3 a (new)

- ***having regard to the Council's document on mainstreaming human rights across CFSP and other EU policies, adopted on 7 June 2006,***

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 5

Citation 6

- having regard to its previous ***annual reports on the situation of*** human rights in the world,

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 6

Citation 6 a (new)

- ***having regard to its previous debates and urgency resolutions on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law,***

Or. en

Amendment by Evgeni Kirilov

Amendment 7

Citation 9

- having regard to its resolutions of 10 May 2007 on the EU-Russia Summit to be held in Samara on 18 May 2007, of 26 April 2007 on the recent repression of demonstrations in Russia, ***of 18 January 2007 on the conviction and imprisonment by Libya of five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor<sup>1</sup>*** and of 16 November 2006 on Uzbekistan and of 7 September 2006 on EU-China relations,

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco and Katrin Saks

Amendment 8

Citation 9 a (new)

- ***having regard to the conclusions on Central Asia reached at the 2796th External Relations Council meeting held in Luxembourg in 23 April 2007; to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements with Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, which have already entered into force; to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements with Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, which have been signed but not yet ratified; and to the Commission's Strategy Paper on Central Asia 2002 – 2006,***

Or. en

Amendment by Jas Gawronski

Amendment 9

Citation 15 a (new)

- ***having regard to its resolution of 14 February 2007 on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transportation and illegal detention of prisoners<sup>2</sup>,***

Or. en

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<sup>1</sup> *Texts Adopted, P6\_TA(2007)0007.*

<sup>2</sup> *Texts Adopted, P6\_TA(2007)0032.*

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 10  
Recital A (new)

**-A. *whereas human rights dialogues are one of a range of instruments which the EU may use to implement its policy on human rights, and constitutes an essential part of the European Union's overall strategy aimed at promoting sustainable development, peace and stability,***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 11  
Recital A a (new)

**-Aa. *whereas any decision to initiate a human rights dialogue is taken on the basis of certain criteria adopted by the Council which take into consideration the major concerns on the part of the EU about the human rights situation on the ground in the country concerned, a genuine commitment on the part of the authorities of the country concerned, with regard to such dialogue, to improve the human rights situation on the ground, and the positive impact which a human rights dialogue may have on the human rights situation,***

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 12  
Recital -A (new)

**-A. *whereas the universality, individuality and indivisibility of human rights, meaning not only civil and political rights but also social, environmental, economic and cultural rights, must be upheld and promoted, and whereas the European Union continues to establish meaningful instruments to that end,***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 13

Recital A

- A. whereas the EU human rights guidelines call for human rights issues to be addressed ***adequately and systematically*** within the framework of the overall political dialogue conducted with third countries at all levels,

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 14

Recital B

- B. whereas the Council decided in 2004 to examine twice each year the overall status of the dialogues on the basis of an overview and an updated timetable, ***and whereas, at the same time, the Council underlined that dialogues should not be engaged in for an indefinite period but rather for a certain time-frame, with an exit strategy also being borne in mind,***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart inez-Orozco

Amendment 15

Recital C

- C. ***whereas*** human rights dialogues and consultations are conducted using a wide variety of structures, formats, and procedures, ***without sufficient regard for the necessary consistency, which may undermine*** the credibility of EU human rights policy on the international stage, and ***whereas greater transparency (deletion)*** and democratic control over the application of the European Union Guidelines on Human Rights Dialogues ***would be desirable,***

Or. es

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 16

Recital E

- E. whereas ***the ACP-EU partnership agreement is directed towards sustainable development and centred on the individual as the main protagonist and beneficiary of development policy; whereas this entails respect for and promotion of all human rights and fundamental freedoms,***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart inez-Orozco

Amendment 17

Recital E

- E. whereas human rights and democracy are ‘essential elements’ of, and good governance constitutes a ‘fundamental element’ of, the ACP-EU partnership, and whereas ***revision of the Agreement in 2005 resulted in more intensive political dialogue under Article 8, particularly with regard to human rights,***

Or. es

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 18

Recital F

- F. whereas ***failure by one of the parties to fulfil an obligation stemming from respect for human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law as referred to Article 9 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement results in the initiation of a consultation procedure Article 96 to redress the situation,***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 19  
Recital F

F. whereas consultations under Article 96 of the Cotonou Agreement, which is an effective human rights instrument, have to date been conducted with **at least** eleven ACP countries (Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Haiti, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea-Conakry, Liberia, Mauritania, Sudan, Togo, Zimbabwe),

Or. es

Amendment by Hélène Flautre et Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 20  
Recital F a (new)

***Fa. whereas, although Article 8 of the Cotonou Agreement, which provides for political dialogue between ACP countries and the EU, and also for a regular assessment concerning respect for human rights, democratic principles, the rule of law and good governance, is to be welcomed, concern remains that this provision is used to circumvent the consultation procedure under Article 96 in cases of human rights violations,***

Or. en

Amendment by Hélène Flautre et Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 21  
Recital F b (new)

***Fb. whereas the professionalism of the EU Election Observation Missions is such that they have gained credibility in promoting democracy, building confidence amongst voters, exposing irregularities, deterring fraud and providing recommendation to improve the electoral process, and whereas the credibility of the EU is nevertheless damaged by the absence of a coherent post-electoral policy when it comes to addressing a failed election,***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 22

Recital G

G. whereas the implementation of ENP Action Plans is monitored through several subcommittees, and whereas, under the bilateral Association Agreements, the EU has launched a process of extending subcommittees for human rights, democratisation and governance to all ENP countries; whereas, to date, ***(deletion)*** Morocco, Jordan and ***Lebanon have approved the creation of such subcommittees, which have held meetings, Egypt has approved the creation of a subcommittee although it has not yet met, and Tunisia is in the process of approving a subcommittee,***

Or. es

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 23

Recital G

G. whereas the implementation of ENP Action Plans is monitored through several subcommittees, and whereas, under the bilateral Association Agreements, the EU has launched a process of extending subcommittees for human rights, democratisation and governance to all ENP countries; whereas, to date, such subcommittees, have been approved for Morocco, Jordan and ***Lebanon, while*** in the case of Tunisia ***and Egypt the modalities of the setting-up of the subcommittee are still under discussion,***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart nez-Orozco et Katrin Saks

Amendment 24

Recital I a (new)

***Ia. whereas the German Presidency of the EU has made the formulation of a new Central Asia strategy one of its priorities, and whereas most of the Central Asian countries suffer from human rights violations,***

Or. en



Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 25

Text as a whole in Parts A, B and C

"human rights dialogues *and consultations*"

Or. en

Amendment by Jas Gawronski

Amendment 26

Paragraph 1

1. Urges the Council and the Commission to systematically include human rights issues in the agenda of the EU's political dialogue with third countries, and increasingly to mainstream human rights into all external EU policies, including the external aspects of the internal EU policies, *such as the fight against terrorism*, and insists on the use of all available instruments with a view to attaining those objectives;

Or. en

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Korhola

Amendment 27

Paragraph 1

1. *Stresses that the promotion of human rights is a fundamental part of the EU's external policy making*, urges the Council and the Commission to systematically include human rights issues in the agenda of the EU's political dialogue with third countries, and increasingly to mainstream human rights into all external EU policies, including the external aspects of the internal EU policies, and insists on the use of all available instruments with a view to attaining those objectives;

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Agnoletto

Amendment 28  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

***1a. Expresses its disquiet at the fact that, especially in the last few years, the promotion and defence of human rights in the world have increasingly taken second place to intergovernmental approaches whereby the enforcement of human rights agreements depends on regional and international geopolitical and geostrategic alliances;***

Or. it

Amendment by Vittorio Agnoletto

Amendment 29  
Paragraph 1 b (new)

***1b. Maintains that the international instruments to promote and protect human rights are universal, indivisible, and non-ideological, as is the commitment entered into by the EU and all the signatory states of the relevant international conventions to promoting the individual and collective freedoms provided for therein;***

Or. it

Amendment by Vittorio Agnoletto

Amendment 30  
Paragraph 1 c (new)

***1c. Shares the view that political, economic, and trade-related dialogue with third countries and mutual respect are necessary in order to promote human rights in the world, but also maintains that where there are no human rights, there can be no close strategic relations with the EU;***

Or. it

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 31  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

**1a. Takes the view that human rights issues should not only be discussed by experts but should also be raised at the highest political level to ensure coherence between the different levels and give greater political weight to human rights concerns;**

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 32  
Paragraph 1 b (new)

**1b. Endorses the conclusions of the first review of the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders, which point out that the situation of human rights defenders and the environment in which they work should be systematically integrated into the EU's political dialogues with third countries, including bilateral dialogues conducted by EU Member States;**

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 33  
Paragraph 2 a (new)

**2a. Considers that, in their overall approach to raising human rights issues in the context of political dialogue, the Council and the Commission should systematically refer to the pledges made upon election by the Member States of the UN Human Rights Council;**

Or. en

Amendment by Jas Gawronski

Amendment 34  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

- 3a. *Calls on the Council and the Commission to bear in mind that full application of the "democracy clause" is fundamental in the EU's relations with third countries, especially those with which it has concluded agreements;***

Or. en

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 35  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

- 3a. *Calls on the Council, the Commission and the Member States, in the course of bilateral, multilateral and regional trade negotiations, to ensure that due account is taken of fundamental human rights and, in particular, political rights when the corresponding trade agreements are concluded, as these must be seen as an important part of promoting respect for fundamental human rights;***

Or. en

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 36  
Paragraph 3 b (new)

- 3b. *Refers to recent reports of UNICEF stating that, throughout the world, one sixth of children do not attend school, 218 million children go to work, (5.7 million of them under abominable conditions reminiscent of slavery), approximately 1.2 million children are the victims of human trafficking and around 300 000 child soldiers are constantly involved in over thirty armed conflicts throughout the world; welcomes, therefore, the communication from the Commission entitled 'Towards an EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child' (COM(2006)0367) and hopes that the Commission is thereby providing a solid basis for more effective and comprehensive policies designed to protect the most fundamental rights of the child; remains concerned, however, at the increasing lack of respect for the rights of the child being shown at international level;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 37  
Paragraph 4

4. Points out that the main purpose of dialogue is to encourage ***consolidation of democracy and the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms*** in third countries; ***to this end, the general principles established by the International Declaration of Human Rights, and all other universal human rights instruments adopted within the United Nations framework, including the Millennium Development Goals, shall be observed;***

Or. es

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 38  
Paragraph 4

4. Points out that the main purpose of dialogue is to encourage improvements in the human rights situation and democratisation ***and good governance*** in third countries, and points to the need to send a coherent message aimed at producing results in that area;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 39  
Paragraph 5

5. Maintains that the fact of conducting a human rights dialogue or consultations with a third country has to lead to systematic mainstreaming of human rights in every sphere of EU cooperation with the country concerned, ***including the Community's development policy and economic, financial and technical cooperation with third countries***, so that ***the existence of a human rights dialogue or consultations does not constitute*** an end in ***itself***;

Or. es

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 40  
Paragraph 6

6. ***Welcomes*** the Council's efforts to bring coherence to the human rights dialogue with the aid of the guidelines drawn up in 2001 and the review carried out in 2004; maintains that the flexibility and pragmatism required to make dialogue effective must not undermine the coherence needed to prevent the dialogues being reduced to a matter of free choice;

Or. en

Amendment by Johan Van Hecke

Amendment 41  
Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. ***Stresses that impunity for serious human rights violations is totally unacceptable and that universal jurisdiction is a viable tool with which to ensure accountability; regrets that gaps in the national legislation of some Member States and a lack of practical commitment prevent the prosecution of perpetrators of genocide; calls therefore on the Council and the Commission to increase their commitment, including in human rights dialogues, to the fight against impunity and to further cooperation among Member States in order to ensure accountability for perpetrators of genocide;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 42  
Paragraph 6 a (new)

- 6a. ***Calls on the Council and the Commission to ensure that bilateral human rights dialogues do not exclude other action in the field of human rights such as raising human rights concerns through public declarations or in multilateral fora;***

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Agnoletto

Amendment 43  
Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. Reaffirms the need to place the human rights dialogue between the EU and third countries on a footing of reciprocity, thus ensuring that the EU, instead of setting itself up as an organisation that merely hands down unilateral judgments, will be receptive to debate and willing to accept constructive criticism of its actions;**

Or. it

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 44  
Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. Calls on the Council and the Commission to further develop dialogues based on reciprocity which should be bi-directional and which should enable the parties to hold discussions and act together to promote human rights and democracy;**

Or. en

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 45  
Paragraph 8

8. Considers it essential to **improve** coordination among the different European institutions (the Council, the Commission, and Parliament) (**deletion**) on the political dialogue and the human rights dialogues and consultations; also calls for avenues to be explored immediately with a view to improving internal communication within those institutions;

Or. pl

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 46  
Paragraph 9

9. **Welcomes** the COHOM initiative whereby all of the EU's human rights dialogues are to be periodically reviewed in order to maintain a global perspective in the light of twice-yearly debates based on an updated general framework and a timetable for human rights dialogues and consultations in progress; calls for the review to be duly carried out and for information to be passed on as a matter of course to the other Council working parties, to the Commission and its delegations, and to Parliament, as part of the above-mentioned interinstitutional dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 47  
Paragraph 11

11. Renews its call for the Council to consider making COHOM a working party with representatives based in Brussels, **and to cooperate closely with NGOs and the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights**; believes that this would allow more time for meetings and make for better coordination and hence, possibly, closer supervision of EU human rights policies in the broad sense and human rights dialogues and consultations in particular, as well as for mainstreaming of human rights to give coherence to the EU's policies;

Or. en

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 48  
Paragraph 13 a (new, to be inserted after the subheading "Recommendations to the Commission")

- 13a. **Reminds the Commission that it should include in each Country Strategy Paper and other strategy documents a strategy on human rights and democratisation which can be used as the basis for the political dialogue;**

Or. en



Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 49

Paragraph 13 a (new, to be inserted after the subheading "Recommendations to the Commission")

**13a. Calls on the Commission to include in each Country Strategy Paper and other strategy documents a specific strategy on human rights and democratisation which can be used as a framework for the political dialogue;**

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 50

Paragraph 14

14. Renews its call for the Commission to ***ensure that***, within the staff ***serving at any given time in*** each ***EU*** delegation ***in*** a third country, ***an EU official is in charge of the human rights dialogue***, and asks it to ensure that ***the persons responsible for such matters*** are present whenever any form of political dialogue is being conducted;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart inez-Orozco

Amendment 51

Paragraph 14

14. Renews its call for the Commission to provide within the staff of each delegation dealing with a third country for a post of human rights officer, and asks it to ensure that the holders of such posts are present whenever any form of political dialogue is being conducted; ***to this end calls for adoption of the necessary measures to enable the Commission to fulfil this task, including increasing its financial and human resources;***

Or. es

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 52  
Paragraph 14 a (new)

**14a. Calls on the Commission to include in the country strategy documents and other strategy documents a section devoted to human rights and democratisation that can serve as a framework for the political dialogue;**

Or. es

Amendment by Hélène Flautre et Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 53  
Paragraph 15

**15. Calls on the Commission to ensure coherence between election observation missions (especially as regards the post-electoral strategy) and the process of human rights dialogues and consultations, *and reiterates its position concerning the further involvement of civil society at all stages of such election observation missions, including in the follow-up of the implementation of the post-electoral recommendations;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 54  
Paragraph 16

**16. Calls on the Commission to apply and use the results of human rights dialogues *and consultations in drawing up yearly strategies providing a basis for implementation of* projects under the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) and systematically to link those two tools;**

Or. es

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 55

Paragraph 17

17. Calls on the Commission and the Council to mainstream the ***human rights*** dialogue ***and consultations*** results into projects and programmes ***for development aid and technical, trade and financial cooperation***;

Or. es

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 56

Paragraph 18

18. ***Welcomes the Council's stipulation that the existence of bilateral human rights dialogues and consultations should not have*** the effect of reducing the international pressure exerted by the EU when human rights violations occur in a given country, and points out that it is essential for dialogue to be backed up by appropriate diplomatic and political pressure at every level, extending to United Nations bodies and the Human Rights Council in particular;

Or. es

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 57

Paragraph 22

22. Understands the need to respect a certain level of confidentiality in the dialogues, ***but calls for Parliament to be given comprehensive information on the talks held, where doing so will not affect security and the success of the initiative***;

Or. pl

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 58  
Paragraph 24

24. Believes that specific objectives need to be laid down for each dialogue, *using all the documents drawn up by the Council, the Member States and the Commission and reports from international and local human rights organisations to identify the objectives of a human rights dialogue or consultation with a third country and analyse the best courses of action to obtain concrete results;*

Or. es

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 59  
Paragraph 24

24. Believes that specific objectives need to be laid down for each dialogue, *which should be conducted in such a way as to ensure that those objectives are effectively met;*

Or. pl

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 60  
Paragraph 25

25. Maintains that dialogue objectives should be based on the principle that human rights are *universal*, indivisible *and interdependent* and recommends that the criteria to be established should encompass not only civil and political rights, but also economic, social, and cultural rights;

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 61  
Paragraph 25

25. Maintains that dialogue objectives should be based on the principle that human rights

are indivisible and recommends that the criteria to be established should encompass not only civil and political rights, but also economic, social, *environmental* and cultural rights;

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 62  
Paragraph 27

27. Calls on the Council *to define the limits of the human rights dialogue so as* to set clear criteria for the suspension or termination of a dialogue, to conduct an impact assessment before giving the reasons for the suspension (dealing with its expected period and the steps to be taken in order to restart the dialogue) and to make sure that the delegation of the country in question does not perceive the EU as viewing the dialogue as an end in itself that must be maintained at all costs;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 63  
Paragraph 27 a (new)

- 27a. *Calls on the Council, in cases where a third country rejects the initiation or continuation of a human rights dialogue or consultations, to consider specific action with regard to human rights and democratisation, in particular through support to civil society;***

Or. es

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 64  
Paragraph 29

29. Believes that in the interests of effectiveness, the selection of *(deletion)* topics *for the agenda of a dialogue* should be more clear cut and *based on the substance of previously defined reference objectives and criteria*, involving both sides in agenda formulation;

Or. es

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 65

Paragraph 30

30. Urges the Council and Commission to press third country authorities to allow the participation of representatives of the ministries affected by the ***topics selected for the agenda of the human rights dialogue or consultations***;

Or. es

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 66

Paragraph 30

30. Urges the Council and Commission to press third country authorities to allow the participation of representatives of the ministries ***concerned*** by the dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 67

Paragraph 30

30. Urges the Council and Commission to press third country authorities to allow the participation of representatives of the ministries ***and other public institutions*** affected by the dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 68

Paragraph 31

31. Calls on the Council and the Commission, with the involvement of Parliament and

NGOs, to draw up indicators for each given objective/benchmark; considers that such indicators must be realistic and aimed at achieving practical results that could be supported through other EU foreign policy tools; ***strongly believes that is important to recognise that results of dialogues should be evaluated in a long-term perspective;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 69  
Paragraph 31 a (new)

***31a. Takes note of the efforts made by the Council to harmonise key areas of concern regarding EU human rights dialogues so that those areas of concern may be used as a basis for setting up benchmarks to measure progress, with the aim of enhancing the coherence and consistency between human rights dialogues and all instruments of EU human rights policy;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 70  
Paragraph 37

**37. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure the active participation of civil society in the various phases involved in preparing, following up and assessing the human rights dialogues; *supports, in this respect, the decision of the Council to involve human rights defenders in the preparation of dialogue meetings and to consult local human rights defenders and NGOs when establishing human rights priorities in the context of political dialogues;* recommends that experts' seminars, an arrangement employed for structured dialogues, should likewise be organised for other forms and types of dialogue;**

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 71  
Paragraph 37 a (new)

**37a. Calls on the Council and Commission to promote cooperation by the human rights defenders of the country concerned by the human rights dialogue or consultations, to allow them a place and a voice in the procedure, in application of the Council guidelines and following the campaign to promote women who defend human rights;**

Or. es

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 72  
Paragraph 40

40. Calls on the Council to conduct and forward to Parliament **and its competent committee** bi-annual assessments of each dialogue, and to clarify the evaluation by explaining how the benchmarks are to be applied, setting time limits for attaining them and placing the emphasis on trends rather than on isolated results;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 73  
Paragraph 40

40. Calls on the Council to conduct and forward to Parliament annual assessments of each dialogue, and to clarify the evaluation by explaining how the benchmarks are to be applied, setting time limits for attaining them and placing the emphasis on trends rather than on isolated results, **and if the annual assessment includes results that are confidential, they should be forwarded to Parliament in accordance with the system described in Article 22 of this resolution;**

Or. es



Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 74  
Paragraph 41

41. Calls on the Commission to forward to Parliament **periodic assessments of** the human rights **situation** in respect of third countries and **regular information on** the situation regarding political dialogues **on human rights** with third countries or regions, including their timetable and the **(deletion)** points raised in the negotiations, **and if this information contains confidential material, it should be forwarded to Parliament in accordance with the system described in Article 22 of this resolution;**

Or. es

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 75  
Paragraph 41

41. Calls on the Commission to forward to Parliament the human rights **observance** fact sheets in respect of third countries and regularly updated overviews of the situation regarding political dialogues with third countries or regions, including their timetable and the human rights-related points raised in the negotiations;

Or. pl

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 76  
Paragraph 42

42. Calls on the Council and the Commission, as a matter of course whenever a round of dialogue has taken place, to hold a **(deletion)** consultation session **and a debriefing** with **Members of the European** Parliament, and repeats its call for the EP to be involved in decisions to continue or suspend a dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 77  
Paragraph 46

46. Considers it essential to increase the role of interparliamentary assemblies ***and parliamentary cooperation committees*** in the human rights dialogues;

Or. en

Amendment by Luisa Morgantini

Amendment 78  
Paragraph 48

48. Calls on Parliament's departments to intensify internal coordination among parliamentary bodies by supplying updated information on the human rights situation in third countries ***and to that end calls for Parliament's Human Rights Unit to be provided with more substantial financial and human resources to enable it to perform this task;***

Or. it

Amendment by Katrin Saks

Amendment 79  
Paragraph 48

48. Calls on Parliament's departments to intensify internal coordination among parliamentary bodies by supplying updated information on the human rights situation in third countries, ***and also calls on Members of the Parliament on missions to regard their work with seriousness and responsibility and to distance themselves from possible manipulation by local media or authorities, in order to avoid misinterpretations;***

Or. en

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 80  
Paragraph 50

50. Emphasises the need considerably to strengthen and improve the EU-China human rights dialogue; stresses that ***human rights observance in China remains at an exceptionally low level;***

Or. pl

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 81  
Paragraph 51

51. ***Considers that the matters discussed in the successive rounds of dialogue with China, such as ratification of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, reform of the criminal justice system, including the death penalty and the system of re-education through work, freedom of expression and press freedom, the situation of minorities in Tibet, Xinjiang and Mongolia, the release of detainees following the events in Tiananmen Square, and workers' and other rights, must continue to be raised in the context of the dialogue, in particular with regard to the application of the recommendations resulting from previous dialogues and seminars on legal affairs; to this end, calls on the Council to consider extending the dialogue and allowing more time for discussion of the issues raised;***

Or. es

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 82  
Paragraph 51

51. Calls on the Council and the Commission to involve their Chinese counterparts in the selection of the topics to appear on the agenda of the dialogue, and in this regard stresses the vital importance of evaluating and following up the subjects previously chosen, such as freedom of religion and thought (2005) and freedom of expression, particularly on the Internet (2006), abolition of the death penalty, employment rights, freedom of access to information ***including free access to the Internet in the public sphere; stresses also the need for full accountability for the events that occurred in Tiananmen Square on 4 June 1989***, etc.;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 83  
Paragraph 51 a (new)

**51a. *Emphasises the need to reframe the dialogue so as to make it more results-oriented and to focus on implementation of China's obligations under international law;***

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Agnoletto

Amendment 84  
Paragraph 52

**52. *Calls on China and the EU to increase the opportunities for two-way exchange of information and strategies on the protection and promotion of human rights; considers that China is today facing an ever growing demand for democracy and human rights from among its own people and that the EU-China political dialogue is the most appropriate means to employ to address that demand;***

Or. it

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Korhola

Amendment 85  
Paragraph 52

**52. *Notes that **minor** progress has been made in China **in some fields**, but that it is difficult to gauge precisely what impact the EU-China human rights dialogue has had on the changes that have taken place;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 86  
Paragraph 52

52. Stresses that *some slight* progress has been made in China, but that it is difficult to gauge precisely what impact the EU-China human rights dialogue has had on the changes that have taken place;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 87  
Paragraph 53

53. Stresses the *need for the Council to identify and use specific indicators for each of the eight broader benchmarks in order to measure and assess progress*;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 88  
Paragraph 54

54. Recommends that the human rights dialogue should not be treated separately from the rest of Sino-European relations; to that end, urges the Commission to ensure that its trading relationship with China is *linked to* human rights reforms, and calls in this regard on the Council to carry out a comprehensive evaluation of the human rights situation before finalising any new partnership and cooperation framework agreement;

Or. es

Amendment by Vittorio Agnoletto

Amendment 89  
Paragraph 55

55. *Takes the view that the human rights dialogue between the EU and third countries, including the dialogue with China, should not boil down to the intergovernmental*

*dimension alone and that the presence of NGOs and other credible organisations representing international civil society should be considered an asset by all the parties concerned;*

Or. it

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 90  
Paragraph 55

55. Deplores the fact that the experts' seminar that was to have taken place in Berlin on 10 May 2007 was postponed because the Chinese authorities **refused to allow participation by two independent human rights organisations invited by the EU**; applauds the insistence of the German Council Presidency **and the Commission** that **these representatives** should be allowed to participate fully in the seminar;

Or. es

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Korhola

Amendment 91  
Paragraph 55

55. Deplores the fact that the experts' seminar that was to have taken place in Berlin on 10 May 2007 was postponed because the Chinese authorities did not wish Sharon Hom, director of the NGO 'Human Rights in China', to attend, **and finds the Chinese actions unacceptable in this matter**; applauds the insistence of the German Council Presidency that Ms Hom, a human rights advocate, should be allowed to participate fully in the seminar;

Or. en

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 92  
Paragraph 55

55. Deplores the fact that the experts' seminar that was to have taken place in Berlin on 10 May 2007 was postponed because the Chinese authorities did not wish Sharon Hom, director of the NGO 'Human Rights in China', to attend; applauds the insistence of the

German Council Presidency that Ms Hom, a human rights advocate, should be allowed to participate fully in the seminar ***and calls for an equally firm stance to be taken by the EU's representatives in the future;***

Or. pl

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda et Angelika Beer

Amendment 93  
Paragraph 56

56. Is very concerned that the human rights dialogue with Iran has been interrupted since 2004 due to a lack of cooperation from Iran; regrets that, according to the Council, no progress had been made ***and calls on the Council to report back to Parliament on the assessment of the human rights dialogue and the further steps that could be taken as regards the promotion of democracy and human rights in Iran;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda et Angelika Beer

Amendment 94  
Paragraph 56 a (new)

***56a. Regrets that, in the past, independent Iranian NGOs did not take part in the seminars organised within the framework of this dialogue, and takes the view that the reciprocity principle regarding the involvement of civil society actors in such a process should be respected;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda et Angelika Beer

Amendment 95  
Paragraph 57

***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment by Vittorio Agnoletto

Amendment 96  
Paragraph 57

57. Requests the Council, *as far as Iran is concerned, to produce analyses and proposals using its own resources, without reference to other international actors;*

Or. it

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda et Angelika Beer

Amendment 97  
Paragraph 58

58. *Encourages the Commission to continue financing projects aimed at supporting good governance, including the protection of human rights defenders, reform of the judiciary and educational programmes for children and women; in the same spirit, calls on the Commission to implement all actions required within the framework of the EIDHR, so as to promote contacts and cooperation with Iranian civil society and to further support democracy and human, focusing mainly on the protection and promotion of women's human rights and, where appropriate, on legal and judicial reform;*

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart inez-Orozco

Amendment 98  
Paragraph 58

58. *Welcomes the actions undertaken by the Commission (deletion) within the framework of the EIDHR, through projects to support democratisation and human rights, and calls on the Commission to increase the resources earmarked for these actions, so as to promote contacts and cooperation with Iranian civil society (deletion), focusing mainly on the protection and promotion of women's and children's human rights;*

Or. es



Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 99  
Paragraph 58

58. Calls on the Commission to implement all actions required within the framework of the EIDHR, so as to promote contacts and cooperation with Iranian civil society and to further support democracy and human rights, focusing mainly on the protection and promotion of women's human rights **and human rights defenders**;

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre, Ra ul Romeva i Rueda, and Milan Hor a ek

Amendment 100  
Paragraph 59

59. Notes the continuation of the EU human rights consultations with Russia; supports the Council in its aim of developing those consultations into a frank and genuine EU-Russia human rights dialogue, and calls for the involvement of the European Parliament and of European and Russian NGOs in such a process; ***calls, with that end in view, for the NGOs to be consulted beforehand, while the consultations are still in preparation, so as to enable them to assess the progress achieved and ascertain the practical results produced on the ground;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Korhola

Amendment 101  
Paragraph 60

60. Calls on the Council and the Commission to ***insist on*** the participation in the consultations of officials of Russian ministries whose fields are related to the topics on the agenda, to insist on the consultations being organised in Moscow also, and to request that participation of their Russian counterpart in a public meeting with NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment by Vytautas Landsbergis

Amendment 102

Paragraph 60

60. Calls on the Council and the Commission to request **and obtain** the participation in the consultations of officials of Russian ministries whose fields are related to the topics on the agenda, to insist on the consultations being organised in Moscow also, and to request that participation of their Russian counterpart in a public meeting with NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco et Katrin Saks

Amendment 103

Paragraph 60

60. Calls on the Council and the Commission to request the participation in the consultations of officials of Russian ministries whose fields are related to the topics on the agenda, to insist on the consultations being organised in Moscow **and the regions**, and to request that participation of their Russian counterpart in a public meeting with NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment by Vytautas Landsbergis

Amendment 104

Paragraph 61

61. Deplores that fact that the **Russian partner**, at the end of the consultations, **usually issues its own** separate **communiqué**, and renews **the** call for the communiqués to be drawn up jointly by both delegations;

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre, Ra il Romeva i Rueda, and Milan Hor a ek

Amendment 105

Paragraph 62

62. Calls on the Commission to improve communication with Russian civil society and to help boost its ability to act by involving the Russian regions as a whole and organising a rotation system for NGO participation; ***calls on the Commission to assist NGO involvement by providing contributions to finance the organisations' travel expenses, applying the new arrangement established under the EIDHR;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Vytautas Landsbergis

Amendment 106

Paragraph 62

62. Calls on the Commission to improve communication with Russian civil society and to help boost its ability to act ***within the extremely narrow framework afforded by Russian law*** by involving the Russian regions as a whole and organising a rotation system for NGO participation;

Or. en

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 107

Paragraph 62

62. Calls on the Commission to improve communication with ***independent*** Russian civil society and to help boost its ability to act by involving the Russian regions as a whole and organising a rotation system for NGO participation;

Or. en

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 108  
Paragraph 63

63. Reiterates the need to *integrate* the consultations *on human rights observance* with the rest of *the issues coming within the sphere of* Russo-European relations; calls for the consultations to be integrated with the other political dialogues, negotiations, and documents resulting from EU-Russia relations, especially in connection with the four ‘common spaces’ for cooperation or under a future partnership and cooperation agreement;

Or. pl

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Korhola

Amendment 109  
Paragraph 63

63. Reiterates the need to establish more substantial and systematic machinery for integrating the consultations with the rest of Russo-European relations; calls for the consultations to be integrated with the other political dialogues, negotiations, and documents resulting from EU-Russia relations *and stresses that the realisation of human rights in Russia has an essential effect*, especially in connection with the four ‘common spaces’ for cooperation or under a future partnership and cooperation agreement;

Or. en

Amendment by Vytautas Landsbergis

Amendment 110  
Paragraph 63

63. Reiterates the need to establish more substantial and systematic machinery for integrating the consultations with the rest of Russo-European relations; calls for the consultations to be integrated with the other political dialogues, negotiations, and documents resulting from EU-Russia relations, especially in connection with the four ‘common spaces’ for cooperation or under a future partnership and cooperation agreement, *and is convinced that a common space of freedom, security and justice cannot be built while human rights issues do not present an essential part of that work, including a consultation mechanism*;

Or. en

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 111

Paragraph 64

64. Urges the Commission to lay down **clear and detailed** obligations **for Russia** and establish **(deletion)** efficient **(deletion)** mechanisms **for monitoring and checking fulfilment of the obligations it has taken on**, in addition to the human rights clause, in order to achieve a real improvement in the human rights situation in Russia;

Or. pl

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 112

Paragraph 64

64. Urges the **Council and** Commission to **establish some specific** obligations and **(deletion)** more efficient monitoring mechanisms, in addition to the human rights clause, in order to achieve a real improvement in the human rights situation in Russia;

Or. es

Amendment by H el ene Flautre, Ra ul Romeva i Rueda, and Milan Hor a ek

Amendment 113

Paragraph 64

64. Urges the Commission to lay down clearer obligations and establish more efficient monitoring mechanisms, in addition to the human rights clause, in order to achieve a real improvement in the human rights situation in Russia, **and calls in particular on the Commission to follow, and invariably to base its judgements on, the recommendations and conclusions put forward by United Nations bodies regarding Russia's observance of the main international human rights agreements that it has signed**;

Or. fr

Amendment by Anders Samuelsen

Amendment 114  
Paragraph 64

64. Urges the Commission to lay down clearer obligations and establish more efficient monitoring mechanisms, in addition to the human rights clause, in order to achieve a real improvement in the human rights situation in Russia; ***such as the establishment of freedom of association, freedom of speech and freedom of the press and the media;***

Or. en

Amendment by Eija-Riitta Korhola

Amendment 115  
Paragraph 64

64. Urges the Commission to lay down clearer obligations and establish more efficient monitoring mechanisms, in addition to the human rights clause, in order to achieve a real improvement in the human rights situation in Russia; ***deplores the current situation in Russia, which gives rise to concern in terms of respect for human rights;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 116  
Paragraph 65

65. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ***respect the EU's commitment under Article 9 of the Cotonou Agreement, which enshrines respect for human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law as overarching principles of ACP-EU cooperation, centred on the human person;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 117  
Paragraph 65

65. Calls on the Council and the Commission to increase transparency and democratic control in relation to Article 8 (on political dialogue) and **Articles 96 and 97**(on consultations) of the Cotonou Agreement ***and, to this end, considers that civil society should be enabled to participate in Article 8 dialogues, as envisaged by the Cotonou Agreement, and that civil society should participate informally in preparing consultations under Articles 96 and 97;***

Or. es

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 118  
Paragraph 65 a (new)

- 65a. ***Welcomes the Council's current approach, under which, immediately before the commencement of the next round of dialogue with a given country, consultations are held with NGOs and human rights defenders in that country;***

Or. pl

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 119  
Paragraph 66

66. ***Expresses its deep concern that, in the absence of a clear and transparent mechanism as well as benchmarks for a political dialogue under Article 8 of the Cotonou Agreement, the risk of circumvention of Article 96, concerning the consultation procedure in cases of human rights violations, is real;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 120  
Paragraph 66

66. Stresses the need to ***consider issues of human rights and democracy systematically in the intensified political dialogue pursuant to Article 8 of the Cotonou Agreement, revised in 2005, and considers that, in the context of the mechanism established by Article 8, there should be an assessment of whether a dialogue should be initiated on human rights with those ACP countries with which the EU is not specifically engaged in this kind of dialogue;***

Or. es

Amendment by Hélène Flautre et Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 121  
Paragraph 67

67. ***Calls on the Commission to present to Parliament and to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly a report defining a clear and transparent mechanism in order to assess the positive results and shortcomings of the political dialogue with ACP countries;***

Or. en

Amendment by Hélène Flautre et Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 122  
Paragraph 68

68. ***Calls on the Commission to put in place, together with the European Parliament and third countries, a post-electoral protocol mechanism to monitor and support the democratisation process, aimed at reinforcing the rule of law, the construction of democratic institutions including a functioning parliament representing political pluralism, and strengthening the role of civil society;***

Or. en



Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 123

Paragraph 68

68. Notes the positive results of the process of *consultations* under *Article 96 of* the Cotonou Agreement, which are due in part to its *(deletion)* institutionalised and transparent nature, and also to its direct link with EU development aid, and are particularly evident when constructive steps, stemming from the dialogue, are taken to help the ACP countries comply with democratic standards and human rights; repeats its call for this example likewise to be applied to the other dialogues;

Or. es

Amendment by Hélène Flautre et Raül Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 124

Paragraph 68 a (new)

- 68a. *Considers that, although the EU's Election Observation Missions have gained credibility in the promotion of democracy and building confidence amongst voters, that credibility is undermined by the absence of a coherent post-electoral policy when it comes to addressing failed elections and undermines the freedom of choice of the population;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco et Katrin Saks

Amendment 125

Paragraph 68 a (new, after a new subheading)

**– *Dialogues with Central Asia***

- 68a. *Welcomes the strengthening of political dialogue with the Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and calls on the Commission to ensure that social and human Rights issues do not take second place to the economic and financial interests of the countries of Central Asia and the European Union in the fields of energy, construction and commerce;***

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco et Katrin Saks

Amendment 126  
Paragraph 68 b (new)

**68b. Welcomes the adoption of the draft EU-Central Asia strategy by the European Council in June 2007, which includes a strategy on human rights and democratisation that can be used as the framework for the political dialogue;**

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco et Katrin Saks

Amendment 127  
Paragraph 68 c (new)

**68c. Calls on the Council and the Commission to establish a comprehensive and coherent short- and medium-term approach for the Central Asian region as a whole, but also for individual countries separately, that includes a strategy on human rights and democratisation which can be used as the framework for the political dialogue;**

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 128  
Paragraph 68 d (new)

**68d. Welcomes the Council's request to the authorities of Uzbekistan to institute a regular dialogue on human rights, and notes that a first round was held in Tashkent on 8 and 9 May 2007, and that two meetings of experts were held on the Andijan massacre; considers that establishment of a regular dialogue should not in itself constitute sufficient justification for lifting the sanctions;**

Or. es

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 129  
Paragraph 68 e (new)

**68e.** *Calls for the European Parliament to be associated with the decision to initiate this dialogue, and for the other proposals contained in this report to be taken into account as this dialogue continues;*

Or. es

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 130  
Paragraph 68 f (new)

**68f.** *Calls on the Council to establish specific indicators directed towards attaining the objectives sought in the dialogue with Uzbekistan, paying particular attention to the situation of human rights defenders;*

Or. es

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 131  
Paragraph 68 a (new, after the subheading "Dialogues based on a partnership and cooperation agreement under the Neighbourhood Policy")

**68a.** *Calls upon the Council and the Commission to take advantage of the present context of expiry of Partnership and Cooperation Agreements with several neighbourhood countries, and the negotiation of new agreements, in order to mainstream human rights and effective dialogue on them into the future agreements, including a follow-up mechanism;*

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda et Milan Hor a ek

Amendment 132  
Paragraph 69

*deleted*

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart inez-Orozco

Amendment 133  
Paragraph 69

69. Points out that *the main purpose of the ENP is to establish a privileged relationship with the EU's eastern and southern neighbours on the basis of a mutual commitment to common values, principally in the fields of the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights, in the framework of which the EU dialogues could have a greater impact on reform in the ENP neighbours through incentives such as the Governance Facility, which rewards good performers; points out that in the case of non-democratic regimes or serious human rights violations, dialogue on human rights (deletion) should be combined with a stronger reaction such as public criticism and other measures, particularly the threat of withdrawing the benefits of the ENP;*

Or. en

Amendment by Luisa Morgantini

Amendment 134  
Paragraph 69 a (new)

- 69a. *Calls on the Council and the Commission to honour the commitments to human rights and democratic principles under the Article 2 clause of the partnership agreements, since these are key elements of the agreements, and calls for regular review procedures to be laid down for the purpose of ascertaining that the behaviour of the parties is in accordance with Article 2 and for coercive measures to be provided for in the event of non-compliance;*

Or. it

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 135  
Paragraph 70

70. Calls on the Commission to use clearer language and to introduce specific and measurable commitments by the ***neighbourhood*** partners in the Action Plans and in the mandate of the human rights subcommittees, and underlines the need for the Council and the Commission to seek greater active participation by civil society, both in Europe and in the ***neighbourhood*** partner countries, in the production and monitoring of ENP Action Plans;

Or. en

Amendment by Jas Gawronski

Amendment 136  
Paragraph 70

70. Calls on the Commission to use clearer language and to introduce specific and measurable commitments by the Mediterranean partners in the Action Plans and in the mandate of the human rights subcommittees, and underlines the need for the Council and the Commission to seek greater active participation by civil society, both in Europe and in the Mediterranean partner countries, in the production and monitoring of ENP Action Plans ***and as far as the application of the human rights clause and the democracy clause are concerned;***

Or. en

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 137  
Paragraph 71

71. Requests the Commission to make greater efforts towards the setting-up of human rights subcommittees for ***all ENP*** countries still lacking them, and to implement those that are not yet active ***in order to ensure an effective and expert-level monitoring procedure for the implementation of the human rights and democracy objectives set up in the Action Plans;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda et Milan Hor a ek

Amendment 138

Paragraph 71

71. Requests the Commission to make greater efforts towards the setting-up of human rights subcommittees for Mediterranean countries still lacking them *and for eastern countries*, and to implement those that are not yet active;

Or. en

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 139

Paragraph 71 b (new)

- 71b. Welcomes the possibility under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights of providing financial support to projects aimed at the monitoring of the ENP Action Plans; calls upon the Commission to further develop this initiative;**

Or. en

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 140

Paragraph 71 a (new)

- 71a. Calls upon the Commission to provide greater focus on the assistance granted under the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument to the promotion of human rights, the rule of law and democracy in ENP countries; believes that the decision on granting financial assistance under the Governance Facility of the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument should take into consideration the existence of a Human Rights Subcommittee and the outcome of the dialogue within that Subcommittee;**

Or. en

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 141  
Paragraph 71 c (new)

**71c. Takes note of the examination of human rights issues within the Justice, Freedom and Security Subcommittees set up with Moldova and Ukraine; reiterates, none the less, the final objective, consisting in the establishment of stand-alone Human Rights Subcommittees for all ENP countries, including those of the South Caucasus; draws attention to the continuous deterioration of the human rights situation in Azerbaijan and therefore underlines the particular need to establish a Human Rights Subcommittee as soon as possible with that country;**

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda et Milan Hor a ek

Amendment 142  
Paragraph 71 a (new)

**71a. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure genuine cooperation among subcommittees on human rights and those related to justice and home affairs, all these issues being closely connected; calls, in this respect, for Parliament to be kept fully informed about the preparation and the follow-up process in this matter;**

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart inez-Orozco

Amendment 143  
Paragraph 72

**72. Calls on the Council and Commission to consider the possibility of establishing human rights dialogue or consultation mechanisms with Libya (deletion);**

Or. es

Amendment by Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka

Amendment 144  
Paragraph 72

72. Calls on the Council to exert pressure for *(deletion)* dialogue *to be entered into* with Libya, on the model of the ad hoc human rights dialogues;

Or. pl

Amendment by Evgeni Kirilov

Amendment 145  
Paragraph 72

72. Calls on the Council to exert pressure for the creation, as a matter of the greatest urgency, of a political mechanism for dialogue with Libya, on the model of the ad hoc human rights dialogues, *taking into consideration the alarming human rights situation in Libya and in particular the drastic case of human rights violations with regard to the initial abduction, torture, investigation procedure and entire judicial process in respect of the five Bulgarian nurses and the Palestinian doctor*;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 146  
Paragraph 73

73. Calls on the Council, *pending the signing of an association agreement, to consider the possibility of establishing a human rights dialogue mechanism* with Syria;

Or. es

Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 147  
Paragraph 75

75. Calls on the Council to inform and involve the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly *and Parliament's Delegations to the Parliamentary Cooperation*



***Committees existing between the EU and the countries of the eastern neighbourhood;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 148

Paragraph 76

76. Calls on the Council and Commission to consider introducing some form of specific mechanism to monitor the human rights clause in the EU's agreements with Latin America and Central America, for instance by ***supplementing human rights clauses with operational action plans (similar to ENP action plans) and by setting up human rights subcommittees, and stresses in this respect the need to fully inform the relevant joint Committees and Joint Councils of the outcome of these dialogues, so as to enhance the integration of human rights into the EU's political dialogues with countries in those regions;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 149

Paragraph 76 a (new)

- 76a. ***Suggests, to that end, the appointment of one coordinator for human rights issues, including gender aspects, in the EU delegations in third countries, to be in charge of ensuring the visibility of human rights issues in the agenda of the EU and its Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 150

Paragraph 76 b (new)

- 76b. ***Calls therefore on the Commission to make an annual evaluation of the human rights situation in the Latin American countries on the basis of the action plans and the human rights subcommittees to be set up, while taking into account the input***

*from governments, human rights organisations and women's organisations and the recommendations and conclusions of the relevant UN bodies;*

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 151

Paragraph 77

77. Calls on the Council and Commission to involve civil society in the conduct of the human rights dialogues, ***with adequate participation by the non-profit sector, and*** considers that the dialogue with Mexico ***needs to be enhanced and restructured in order to serve as an example which*** could provide a reference point for the other Latin American countries;

Or. en

Amendment by Elena Valenciano Mart inez-Orozco

Amendment 152

Paragraph 77

77. Calls on the Council and Commission to involve civil society in the conduct of the human rights dialogues ***or consultations***; considers that the ***recent creation of the bureau for human rights*** dialogue with Mexico, ***with participation by civil society organisations***, could provide a reference point for the other Latin American countries;

Or. es

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 153

Paragraph 79 a (new, after new subheading)

***– Dialogues based on trade and cooperation agreements***

- 79a. ***Points out that EU trade and cooperation agreements with third countries provide that implementation should be regularly monitored by joint committees; notes that specific joint committee working groups on human rights, good governance, the rule of law and administrative reform were set up in 2003, on an experimental basis,***

*with Bangladesh, Vietnam and Laos;*

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 154  
Paragraph 79 b (new)

**79b.** *Considers that these dialogues should be initiated by the Council on the basis of the same criteria and that their outcome should be discussed within the political dialogue so as to enhance the coherence and consistency of the EU's human rights policy with third countries; in this regard, calls on the Council and the Commission to provide Parliament with a debriefing on the outcome of these dialogues;*

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 155  
Paragraph 79 c (new)

**79c.** *Calls once again for the human rights and democracy clause to be extended to all new agreements between the European Union and third countries, both industrialised and developing, and including sectoral agreements such as those on fisheries, agriculture, textiles, trade and technical or financial aid, along the lines of what has been done with the ACP States;*

Or. en

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra ul Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 156  
Paragraph 82

**82.** *Calls on the Council to apply the above proposals also to the Troika consultations with like-minded partners, and to augment transparency and coherence with other EU policies, and recommends that those consultations on human rights issues be used to seek synergies and share experiences while addressing human rights concerns with regard to "like-minded" countries;*

Amendment by H el ene Flautre et Ra il Romeva i Rueda

Amendment 157

Paragraph 83

83. Welcomes the recent moves to inform civil society about the agenda for these dialogues and ***asks the Council to adopt the same attitude vis- -vis the Parliament***; calls for regular debriefings with Parliament on their substance and outcome to be established on a formal footing;

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Amendment by Roberta Alma Anastase

Amendment 158

Paragraph 85

85. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council (especially its Secretary-General/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Mr Javier Solana, and his Permanent representative for Human Rights, Ms Riina Koinka, and the members of its COHOM working group) and the Commission (including the heads of its delegations to third countries), to the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and to the Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, the President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly and the Co-Presidents of the EU-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, ***as well as to the Co-Presidents of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and of the Interparliamentary Delegations between the EU and the countries concerned.***

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