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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1

Bodil Ceballos

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the six-monthly reports of the Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) which is mandated to monitor and evaluate the government's and international community's efforts to fight corruption and to develop anti-corruption recommendations and benchmarks,

Or. en

Amendment 2

Bodil Ceballos

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the results and recommendations of the study by Transparency International UK Defence & Security Programme of February 2015 on 'Lessons from the international mission in Afghanistan', concluding that in "Afghanistan, corruption ceased to be an aberration of the system and became the system",

Or. en

Amendment 3
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the conclusions of past International Afghanistan Conferences, including the London Conference of 3-4 December 2014,

Amendment

– having regard to the conclusions of past International Afghanistan Conferences, including the London Conference of 3-4 December 2014, **and the Afghan government's reform programme "Realizing Self-Reliance: Commitments to Reforms and Renewed Partnership",**

Or. en

Amendment 4
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the conclusions of past International Afghanistan Conferences, including the London Conference of 3-4 December 2014,

Amendment

– **having regard to the Human Rights Watch's report on Afghanistan: "Today We Shall All Die - Afghanistan's Strongmen and the Legacy of Impunity" of 3 March, 2015,**

Or. en

Amendment 5
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the conclusions of past International Afghanistan Conferences, including the London Conference of 3-4 December 2014,

Amendment

– **having regard to report of Transparency International Defence and Security**

Programme: "Corruption: Lessons from the international mission in Afghanistan" of February 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the United Nations Security Council resolution (S/RES/1325) on women and peace and security of 31 October 2000,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Recital A (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. Whereas the brutal murder of 27-year-old Afghan woman, Farkhunda, who was beaten to death by a mob for alleged blasphemy, in the centre of Kabul on 19 March 2015, while the police did not intervene, illustrates the lack of freedoms and security, particularly for women in Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Points out that more than 13 years of western intervention with numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it painfully clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; stresses that the Western military presence, and especially its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 9
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Points out that more than 13 years of western intervention with numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it painfully clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; stresses that the Western military presence, and especially its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;

1. Reminds that Afghanistan has been torn by nearly 40 years of conflict and war which led to the destruction of the country, more than a million casualties and forced a significant part of the population into exile, thus making it in effect a failed state;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Points out that *more than 13 years of*

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western intervention with numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it painfully clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; stresses that the Western military presence, and especially its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;

locked in a cycle of violence and that the lives of millions of Afghans have been devastated by over three decades of conflict; notes that the outside intervention have made it painfully clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that *more than 13 years of western intervention with numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it painfully clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; stresses that the Western military presence, and especially its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;*

Amendment

1. Points out that, *despite western military and humanitarian intervention, the situation in Afghanistan is continuing to deteriorate;*

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that more than 13 years of *western intervention* with numerous casualties (*10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone*) have made it painfully clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; stresses that *the*

Amendment

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Western military presence, and especially its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;

on a comprehensive and inclusive Afghan-led and -owned approach; welcomes the efforts of the EU and its Member States to support the military and civilian capacity-building of the Afghan Government and its institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Points out that more than 13 years with numerous casualties have made it painfully clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that more than *13* years of *western intervention with numerous* casualties (*10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone*) *have made it painfully* clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; *stresses that the Western military presence, and especially*

Amendment

1. Points out that more than *30* years of *foreign interventions have resulted in great numbers of* casualties *but have not been able to bring sustainable peace to the country and have made* clear that *there is* no military solution *to the internal conflicts* in Afghanistan *and on the*

its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;

contrary that such military presence has rather aggravated the problems;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that more than 13 years of ***western intervention*** with numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it ***painfully*** clear that ***no military*** solution is ***possible*** in Afghanistan; ***stresses that the Western military presence, and especially its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;***

Amendment

1. Points out that more than 13 years of ***armed conflict*** with numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it clear that ***a*** solution in Afghanistan ***can only be found in a multifaceted strategy addressing the causes of conflict, poverty, lack of governance and development;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that more than 13 years of ***western intervention with*** numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it ***painfully*** clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; ***stresses that the Western military presence, and especially its offensive operations, are part of the conflict and not a solution to it;***

Amendment

1. Points out that more than 13 years of ***conflict in Afghanistan and*** numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it ***painfully*** clear that no military solution is possible in Afghanistan, ***and that political and economic instruments need to be sought for restoring the state's authority and maintaining peace and security;*** ***stresses that the EU should play a far more pro-active role in the process of rehabilitating and bringing peace to Afghanistan;***

Amendment 17

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Points out that ***more than 13 years of western intervention with numerous casualties (10 548 killed and wounded civilians in 2014 alone) have made it painfully clear that*** no military solution is possible in Afghanistan; stresses that the Western military ***presence, and especially its offensive operations, are*** part of the ***conflict and not a solution to it;***

Amendment

1. Points out that no ***exclusively*** military solution is possible in Afghanistan; stresses that the ***present*** Western military ***should continue supporting, training, and advising the Afghan military as*** part of the ***transition process;***

Amendment 18

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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or relationships with military factions of civil society, which the EU should avoid and discourage;

Or. it

Amendment 19
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Points out that because of its great fragmentation, Afghanistan has turned out to be the country in that area in which conditions are the most favourable for the growth of the caliphate, while local security forces are unable to control the entire territory;

Or. it

Amendment 20
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Points out that militia groups have recently begun recruiting members and that they can also count on the fact that throughout the country – especially in the west and north – there are areas which have always been a no-man's land, even during NATO's ISAF mission;

Or. it

Amendment 21
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Points out that the leaders of ISIS in Afghanistan have made contact with all the Islamic groups in the country, suggesting that they unite under a single new command and seize power from the Taliban, particularly in the western region, in the village of Khak-e Sefid, on the border between the provinces of Herat and Farah, where, despite all efforts, nobody has ever managed to maintain control and it is precisely in this area that ISIS is organising its presence in the region, in coordination with all the tribal groups and criminals operating there;

Or. it

Amendment 22
Francisco Assis, Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw all military troops; urges all foreign parties immediately to cease all civil-military cooperation since such an approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 23
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw all military troops; urges all foreign parties immediately to cease all civil-military cooperation since such an approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 24
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw all military troops; urges all foreign parties immediately to cease all civil-military cooperation since such an approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society; **deleted**

Or. it

Amendment 25
Arnaud Danjean, Jaromír Štětina, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw all military troops; urges all foreign parties immediately to cease all civil-military cooperation since such an approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society;

Amendment

2. Highlights that under the Taliban regime Afghanistan emerged to become one of the most fertile grounds for the spread of terrorism, resulting in the tragic events of 9/11;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Calls on the EU, *the UN*, NATO and the US, as well as all their allies, to make every effort needed in order to restore peace and stability in the country;

Or. fr

Amendment 27

Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw all military troops; urges

Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; notes that the *International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)* was replaced by

all foreign parties immediately to cease all civil-military cooperation since such an approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society;

reduced US and NATO forces; stresses that these missions should be aimed at providing training, advice and assistance to the Afghan security forces and institutions within a framework that guarantees a smooth transition of responsibility to the Afghan security forces;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved *and for the international community to be an active participant in guaranteeing peace in Afghanistan; stresses the need to reach an agreement with the Afghan Government in the political, economic and defence sphere that can guarantee good bilateral relations and possibilities for dialogue and partnership;*

Or. bg

Amendment 29
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; *calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw all military troops; urges all foreign parties immediately to cease all civil-military cooperation since such an*

Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved;

approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw *all military troops*; urges all foreign parties *immediately to cease all* civil-military cooperation since such an approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society;

Amendment

2. Calls for a break in the vicious circle of violence so that peace may be achieved; calls, therefore, on the EU, NATO and the US to withdraw *military troops that are not needed for the training of local security forces*; urges all foreign parties *to wind down* civil-military cooperation since such an approach can imply a risk for aid organisations and civil society *and to focus on civilian measures as fast as possible ;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 33
Arnaud Danjean, Jaromír Štětina, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Reminds that Afghanistan today has achieved progress in political, security, economic and development spheres thanks to the dedication of the Afghan population as well as the commitment of the international community, funds, know-how and personnel on the ground; underlines however that the progress achieved is still fragile and reversible; and that its sustainment requires further reforms, stable relations with neighbours and a continued provision of a necessary level of security;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Francisco Assis, Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Regrets the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration as it undermines the sovereignty of the state of Afghanistan and its institutions and may lead to impunity of war crimes; is concerned that the NATO-Afghanistan SOFA allows Western troop deployments until the end of 2024 and beyond; is concerned by the fact that US President Obama authorised a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 35
Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Amendment 36
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Amendment 37
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 39
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Western troop deployments until the end of 2024 and beyond; is concerned by the fact that US President Obama authorised a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014;

Or. el

Amendment 40

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Regrets the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration as it undermines the sovereignty of the state of Afghanistan and its institutions and may lead to impunity of war crimes; is concerned that the NATO-Afghanistan SOFA allows Western troop deployments until the end of 2024 and beyond; is concerned by the fact that US President Obama authorised a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014;

Amendment

3. Pays tribute to the efforts of the international community which provided security to Afghanistan during the over decade long Operation Enduring Freedom and the ISAF mission in Afghanistan , during which nearly 3 500 servicemen and women died ; welcomes the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission operating since 1st January 2015 which is mandated to train, advice and assist the Afghan security forces and institutions; reminds that the Afghan National Security Forces are fully responsible for combat operations which have been taken over from ISAF as of 1st January 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Regrets the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration as it undermines the

Amendment

3. Welcomes the signing of the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) under the Partnership for Peace of the UN, which

sovereignty of the state of Afghanistan and its institutions and may lead to impunity of war crimes; is concerned that the NATO-Afghanistan SOFA allows Western troop deployments until the end of 2024 and beyond; is concerned by the fact that US President Obama authorised a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014;

includes Afghanistan and the NATO member states; points out that NATO has been conducting the Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan, which is the successor to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mission, since 1 January 2015;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. *Regrets* the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration *as it undermines the sovereignty of the state of Afghanistan and its institutions and may lead to impunity of war crimes; is concerned that the NATO-Afghanistan SOFA allows Western troop deployments until the end of 2024 and beyond; is concerned by the fact that US President Obama authorised a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014;*

Amendment

3. *Points out that* the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration *is an important step for the post-war development of Afghanistan; points out that the international community should play an active part in the processes in Afghanistan, assume its role and forge partnerships in the field of investment, economic policy and the stabilisation of Afghanistan's institutions and armed forces;*

Or. bg

Amendment 43
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. **Regrets** the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration as it undermines the sovereignty of the state of Afghanistan and its institutions and may lead to impunity of war crimes; is concerned that the NATO-Afghanistan SOFA allows Western troop deployments until the end of 2024 and beyond; is concerned by the fact that US President Obama authorised a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014;

Amendment

3. **Queries** the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration as it undermines the sovereignty of the state of Afghanistan and its institutions and may lead to impunity of war crimes; is concerned that the NATO-Afghanistan SOFA allows Western troop deployments until the end of 2024 and beyond; is concerned by the fact that US President Obama authorised a more expansive and combative role for the US military in Afghanistan in November 2014;

Or. it

Amendment 44
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Welcomes the signing of the BSA and the NATO SOFA by the new Afghan administration as it is essential to continue to train, advise and assist the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and to enable the country to become a full member of the international community based on stable and democratic institutions, especially in the light of the growing influence and number of the foreign fighters;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Underscores the importance of the signing of the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) between Afghanistan and the United States as well as the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with NATO, thus providing the legal framework for the presence of international forces in Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 47
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;

Amendment

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 48
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look

Amendment

4. Notes the increased burden on the Afghan National Security Forces since 1st January 2015 when they took over full responsibility for providing security and conducting in principle exclusive military operations around the country; expresses regret due to the increasing number of casualties among the Afghan security personnel; underlines the paramount importance of sustaining security of the Afghan people as prerequisite for the proper functioning of the state; is aware of the grave consequences of a deterioration of the security situation in Afghanistan for the future of the country

for alternative ways of generating income;

and stability of the region; expresses strong concern over the presence of Daesh in Afghanistan that represent a new threat to the country's security;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the high *costs* of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), *which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;*

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the high *cost* of *training for* the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF); *welcomes the action taken by EUPOL Afghanistan since 2007 in support of the Afghan Government's reform efforts;*

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. *Is concerned about* the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), which is estimated to have reached USD 6

Amendment

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billion in 2014, and ***the lack of*** long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; ***stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;***

2014, and ***calls on the EU to make*** long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Francisco Assis, Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), ***which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget;*** stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel ***to about 230 000*** in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF); stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Ana Gomes

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4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), ***which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014***, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which ***a highly militarised and equipped*** police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 53
James Carver

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Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by ***the EU, or by other*** members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative

Amendment

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ways of generating income;

generating income;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income;

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the high costs of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), which is estimated to have reached USD 6 billion in 2014, and the lack of long-term commitments by the EU, or by other members of the international community, to finance the ANSF budget; stresses that even with the planned reduction of personnel to about 230 000 in the coming years it will be impossible for the Afghan Government to provide the necessary financing; expresses its grave concern that this may lead to a dangerous situation in which a highly militarised and equipped police and army could look for alternative ways of generating income; ***is strongly concerned about the high number of cases of corruption and cases of torture, ill-treatment, enforced disappearances, extrajudicial and summary executions and other serious human rights abuses by governmental security forces (police, military, intelligence, militia personnel) on state, regional and local level; calls for investigation and if found responsible, for criminal prosecution regardless of function or rank;***

Or. en

Amendment 55

Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Acknowledges that since 2001 Afghanistan has made progress in the fields of security, elections and socio-economic development areas such as health, education and transport and after past 14 years of the international community's assistance and support, it has now entered into a transformation decade (2015-2024) which is the country's transition period towards self-reliance;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Considers that corruption represents one of the most serious stumbling blocks for Afghanistan's future development and that spending less more effectively needs to be a serious option; urges that anti-corruption measures should be at the forefront of all future European and international engagement in Afghanistan, such as outcome-based, not 'burn-rate' based project evaluations by donors, making contracts public, establishing a merit-based system of recruitment and promotion and independent joint national-international monitoring bodies; welcomes the work of the MEC in this context;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved;

Or. en

Amendment 58
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; **calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former**

Amendment

5. Supports the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved;

insurgents;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, *Afghan-led and Afghan-owned* peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, *including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved*; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Amendment

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Or. fr

Amendment 60

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, *actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and*

Amendment

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive Afghan-led and Afghan owned peace and reconciliation process *with those* insurgent and militia groups *that commit to and show respect to the constitutional order and human rights principles and* to

militia groups, *as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved*; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration *into society* (DDR) of former insurgents;

support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) of former insurgents *into society*;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, *Afghan-led and Afghan-owned* peace and reconciliation process, actively *including* the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, *including – following a ceasefire* – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, *as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved*; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Amendment

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive peace and reconciliation process *that* actively *includes* the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties; *points out that an acceptable formula should be worked out and implemented for the pacification and integration of those* combatant, insurgent and militia groups *that agree to lay down their arms, with the exception of Islamic extremists, who should not be admitted to the negotiations or institutions*; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Or. bg

Amendment 62
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, ***Afghan-led and*** Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; calls on the EU actively to support ***an Afghan-led*** disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) ***of former insurgents***;

Amendment

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; calls on the EU actively to support disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR);

Or. en

Amendment 63
Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Amendment

5. ***Underlines that a political transition that features genuine reconciliation efforts is needed, otherwise the security transition is unlikely to succeed***; calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; ***stresses that there will be no peace in Afghanistan, or the region, without the full participation of Pashtuns in the process***; ***calls on their more constructive engagement in the***

negotiations; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Amendment

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents; *calls on the EU to foster cultural, ethnic and religious dialogue that is able to involve, in a peaceful exchange and meeting of minds, first and foremost ethnic Pashtuns and Islamic reformist groups, which have been torn apart by decades of Taliban dominance; urges the EU to stimulate regional dialogue and facilitate the re-establishment of peace in Afghan relations, especially with regard to relations with neighbouring Pakistan;*

Or. it

Amendment 65
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Amendment

5. Calls on the EU to support the Afghan Government in its pursuit of a comprehensive and inclusive, Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, actively including the whole range of civil society and all conflict parties, including – following a ceasefire – combatant, insurgent and militia groups, as no lasting solution to the conflict can otherwise be achieved; ***supports, in this regard, the work of the High Peace Council;*** calls on the EU actively to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) of former insurgents;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Urges the government to make the protection of civilians, respect for international human rights and humanitarian law, with particular focus on women, and the accountability for human rights violations a priority in any future peace talks

Or. en

Amendment 67
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Notes that in light of persisting grave security challenges, the EU has reiterated its long-term commitment based on its comprehensive strategy adopted in June 2014; whereby the EU sets itself to work in close cooperation with international partners in order to establish a realistic framework to safeguard the progress achieved by accelerating and facilitating a gradual and sustainable governments reform process, in order to build a stable, secure and economically sustainable state which entails ensuring respect for human rights, improving economic performance, fighting corruption, stepping up the counter-narcotic strategy and tackling insurgency;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Emphasises the need to closely cooperate and coordinate EU assistance with Afghanistan's government, the wider international community, regional actors and among EU Member States in a common strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5d. Stresses that a sustained security environment is a crucial prerequisite for economic and political development and for the international community to be able to assist the long term reform process in the country; therefore, stresses the importance of improving Afghanistan's National Security Forces (ANSF) capacity, recognises the essential future role played by UNAMA and the role of the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission; calls for linking of the assistance to ANSF to benchmarked improvements in their accountability mechanisms;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5e. Takes note of the EU's commitment to extend its policing mission EUPOL till the end of 2016 which shall support the Afghanistan government in the institutional reform of the Ministry of the Interior and the professionalisation of an effective and accountable Afghan National Police (ANP) in accordance with international standards; emphasises, however, that EUPOL should become more proactive and better equipped;

recognises the improved interaction between police and prosecutors in criminal investigations and calls for ensuring that police reform is linked to justice reform as well as the need to improve institutional local training capacity; highlights the importance of ensuring that anti-corruption, human rights and gender issues are mainstreamed in all the mission activities and that accountability and transparency mechanisms are enhanced;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL

6. Notes the extension of the EUPOL

Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Afghanistan mission until the end of 2016; points out that the Afghan National Police force remains in a dire state because of high rates of attrition and illiteracy, and corruption; recognises that, while the mission has had some successes, it does not deliver to its full potential; calls therefore on the EU to address urgently shortcomings of the mission, with the cooperation of the Afghan government and NATO; calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Recalls that the mandate of EUPOL Afghanistan, the EU civilian mission providing training and assistance to the Afghan Police force as well as advisory tasks at strategic level for relevant parts of the Afghani administration, has been extended until the end of 2016; Calls for an evaluation of the mission's achievements and relevance on the field; calls on the EU and on NATO to continue to support and fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the **transformation** of EUPOL Afghanistan **into a support mission for an Afghan-led** DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias **and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible**; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Calls for the **priorities of the** EUPOL Afghanistan mission **to be broadened and reformulated; stresses that priority should be awarded to the** DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias; **notes the need for greater pro-activeness in combating Islamic fundamentalism and in the overall approach to countering radicalisation in Afghanistan with the active participation of the Afghan state institutions**; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Or. bg

Amendment 75
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; **calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan**;

Amendment

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; **urges the EU and the Member States to implement the 1997 Ottawa Treaty and, given that Afghan territories are among those which have been the most adversely affected by the scourge of anti-personnel mines, to support and adequately fund demining programmes which include**

assistance in care and rehabilitation, the social and economic reintegration of mine victims and the launch of public information programmes on mines;

Or. it

Amendment 76
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls *for the transformation of* EUPOL Afghanistan *into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible*; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Calls *on the* EUPOL Afghanistan *to increase its efforts to support the transition process towards a sustainable civilian police service*; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the *transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission* for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel *as far and as fast as possible*; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Calls for the *creation of a support mission, with the collaboration of the UN,* for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel, *without compromising security*; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment 78
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls *for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR* process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and *reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible*; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Calls *on the EU to support an Afghan-led disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration into society (DDR) process of former insurgents*, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment 79
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for *an Afghan-led* DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias *and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible*; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for *a* DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment 80
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; ***calls on the Afghan government and the respective ministries to disband irregular armed groups and hold them accountable for abuses they have committed***; calls on the EU and on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 81
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; calls on ***the EU and on*** NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Amendment

6. Calls for the transformation of EUPOL Afghanistan into a support mission for an Afghan-led DDR process, i.a. with the goals of demobilising the various militias and reducing the total number of ANSF personnel as far and as fast as possible; calls on NATO to support and adequately fund efforts for demining Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan and its neighbours in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and regions concerned, covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues; stresses that this forum could signal a new and constructive approach of ownership, self-determination and the behaviour of states towards their citizens, as well as towards each other; emphasises that this forum should be initiated in cooperation with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN;

Amendment

7. Expresses concern about the fragile security situation in the country; underscores the important role which neighbouring countries should play in this regard promoting stability and security; highlights the importance of enhanced political and economic dialogue with countries of Central Asia, China, India, Pakistan and Russia, as part of a regional framework; expresses support for the "Heart of Asia" process launched in Istanbul in 2012 with the aim of building stability and prosperity in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan *and its neighbours* in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation

Amendment

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and

between the countries and regions concerned, *covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues*; stresses that this forum could *signal a new and constructive approach of ownership, self-determination and the behaviour of states towards their citizens, as well as towards each other*; *emphasises that this forum should be initiated in cooperation with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN*;

regions concerned; stresses that this forum could be initiated in cooperation with the UN;

Or. fr

Amendment 84

Bodil Ceballos

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; *promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan and its neighbours in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and regions concerned, covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues*; *stresses that this forum could signal a new and constructive approach of ownership, self-determination and the behaviour of states towards their citizens, as well as towards each other*; *emphasises that this forum should be initiated in cooperation with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN*;

Amendment

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; *calls on the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN to promote a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and regions concerned, covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues, including the advancement of women*;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan and its neighbours in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and regions concerned, covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues; stresses that this forum could signal a new and constructive approach of ownership, self-determination and the behaviour of states towards their citizens, as well as towards each other; emphasises that this forum should be initiated in cooperation with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN;

Amendment

7. Expresses concern about geopolitical competition over influence in Afghanistan after the withdrawal of ISAF combat troops; condemns using Afghanistan to interfere in other neighbouring countries and calls instead to cooperate with the government of Afghanistan for the peace in the region; Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan and its neighbours in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and regions concerned, covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues; stresses that this forum could signal a new and constructive approach of ownership, self-determination and the behaviour of states towards their citizens, as well as towards each other; emphasises that this forum should be initiated in cooperation with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan and its neighbours in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and regions concerned, covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues; stresses that this forum could signal a new and constructive approach of ownership, *self-determination* and the behaviour of states towards their citizens, as well as towards each other; emphasises that this forum should be initiated in cooperation with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN;

Amendment

7. Stresses the need for inclusive regional cooperation with the objective of promoting long-term peace, stability and security in the wider region; promotes a new approach towards the security situation in Afghanistan and its neighbours in the form of a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between the countries and regions concerned, covering issues and commitments on politico-security, social, economic, environmental and human rights issues; stresses that this forum could signal a new and constructive approach of ownership and the behaviour of states towards their citizens, as well as towards each other; emphasises that this forum should be initiated in cooperation with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and the UN;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7a. Calls on the need for regional cooperation in the fight against terrorism; highlights the importance of the cooperation with Pakistan and encourages to continue on the path of improved relations and military cooperation between Kabul and Islamabad;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Amendment

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process; ***in this regard, calls on the EU, the UN and all other international actors to follow the recommendations laid down in UN Security Council resolutions 1325 and 1820;***

Or. en

Amendment 89
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that women's rights ***are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve*** stability in Afghanistan ***unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic***

Amendment

8. Believes that ***progress in*** women's rights ***in political, social and economic life form an essential part of achieving greater security and*** stability in Afghanistan; is deeply concerned that

life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and *rape*; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Afghan women continue to be victims of *grave* discrimination, sexual abuse and *murder*; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices *and notably female police officers and judges in order to address the issue of gender-related violence*; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Or. en

Amendment 90 **Petras Auštrevičius**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Amendment

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of *pervasive* discrimination *and wide-spread violence including child and forced marriage*, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; *requests the government and donors to prioritise funding and provide services for women and girls including education, healthcare, legal assistance, and emergency shelters*; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and

reconciliation process;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Amendment

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, ***forced marriage, domestic violence***, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life;

Amendment

8. Believes that women's rights, ***including access to education and health care***, are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full

is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that *it is impossible* to achieve stability in Afghanistan *unless* women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Amendment

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that to achieve *long-term* stability in Afghanistan women *must* enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Amendment

8. Believes that women's rights are part of the security solution and that it is impossible to achieve stability in Afghanistan unless women enjoy their full rights in political, social and economic life; is deeply concerned that Afghan women continue to be victims of **violence**, discrimination, sexual abuse and rape; stresses, therefore, the need for more female employees in all public offices; points out that progress in peace talks may not be made at the cost of any of the rights acquired by women in recent years; emphasises the need to ensure that women and civil society actors play a prominent role at all stages of any peace and reconciliation process;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Is deeply concerned that the ongoing insurgency is threatening security of humanitarian agencies on the ground and journalists reporting on the situation;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Expresses disappointment that the Karzai government reduced the quota of women's seats in the provincial councils from 25 to 20% and that so far only 9 women have been appointed to the 70-member High Peace Council; remains equally concerned that women human rights defenders and the few women in public offices continue to run high risks for their lives and families;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Notes the need to make every possible effort to achieve greater cyber security through cooperation, including police and judicial cooperation, and the exchange of and access to information among Member States, the EU and Afghanistan, both in order to defend human rights and to combat and prevent all forms of misuse of information and communications technology in terms of propaganda, disinformation and counter-information, proselytism and the planning of terrorist and/or criminal acts;

Or. it

Amendment 98
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8d. Stresses the need to make every possible effort to improve cooperation with Afghanistan regarding ICT monitoring to safeguard human rights, coupled with investigation of Internet use by terrorist and criminal organisations, with a view to taking targeted action to prevent incitement to commit terrorist offences, recruitment and training for terrorism and crime, corruption, trafficking in drugs, human beings and arms, the exploitation of illegal immigration, cybercrime and the laundering of the proceeds of crime;

Or. it

Amendment 99
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -9 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-9. Stresses that good governance, the rule of law and protection of fundamental rights is essential for the stability and prosperity of Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Recognises the presidential elections 2014; regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been marred by fraud and violence; welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;**

Amendment

9. **Welcomes the first ever peaceful transition of power following the election of Ashraf Ghani as President to succeed his predecessor Hamid Karzai; appreciates the brokered political compromise between Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah leading to the creation of the Government of National Unity, thus creating a chance for the major political forces concentrated around the two major presidential candidates to work in concert for the future of Afghanistan and not to fuel political divide or violence; expresses hope with the to-date conciliatory rhetoric and constructive cooperation between the President and Chief Executive;**

Or. en

Amendment 101
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recognises the presidential elections 2014; **regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been marred by fraud and violence;** welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;

Amendment

9. Recognises the presidential elections 2014; **congratulates Afghanistan with the first democratic transition of power in its history and** welcomes the formation of a government of national unity; **stresses the need to develop resilient, transparent and accountable institutions and accelerate reform process;**

Or. en

Amendment 102
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Recognises the presidential elections 2014**; regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been marred by fraud and violence; welcomes **the formation of a government of national unity**;

Amendment

9. **Welcomes the formation of a government of national unity**; regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been marred by fraud and violence; welcomes, **in this regard, the announcement of the establishment of the Electoral Reform Commission, which is essential in restoring faith in the democratic process**;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recognises the presidential elections 2014; **regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been marred by fraud and violence**; welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;

Amendment

9. Recognises the presidential elections 2014; welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;

Or. bg

Amendment 104
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recognises the presidential elections

Amendment

9. Recognises the presidential elections

2014; regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been *marred by fraud and violence*; welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;

2014; regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been *marked by violence and allegations of fraud*; welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recognises the presidential elections 2014; regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been *marred by fraud and violence*; welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;

Amendment

9. Recognises the presidential elections 2014; regrets that every presidential and parliamentary election in Afghanistan since 2005 has been *marked by violence*; welcomes the formation of a government of national unity;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Expresses grave concern over the fate of the over 680.000 IDPs and of the approximately 2.6 million Afghan refugees living under unacceptable and disastrous conditions in the neighbouring countries, esp. in Iran and Pakistan; underlines the importance to increase EU's support to Afghanistan's humanitarian needs; calls on the EU and its Member States to open their borders to

all refugees of the conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the stated intent of the new President Ashraf Ghani to make combating corruption one of his priorities; *encourages the Afghan Government to engage in establishing an independent judiciary; encourages a thorough review process of the role and failures of the attempts to establish a functioning justice system, as well as of the role of the EUPOL mission in this context;*

Amendment

10. Welcomes the stated intent of the new President Ashraf Ghani to make combating corruption one of his priorities; *calls on the Government of National Unity to address this pressing matter as well as of drug trafficking, mismanagement, waste, security for the people; reiterates the need for the international community to sustain its engagement in Afghanistan and to help continue rebuilding the country, developing the economy and resisting terrorism leading to sustaining and strengthening progress;*

Or. en

Amendment 108

Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the stated intent of the new President Ashraf Ghani to make combating corruption one of his priorities; encourages the Afghan Government to engage in establishing an independent judiciary; encourages a thorough review process of the role and failures of the attempts to establish a functioning justice system, as well as of the role of the EUPOL mission in this context;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the stated intent of the new President Ashraf Ghani to make combating corruption one of his priorities; encourages the Afghan Government to engage in establishing an independent judiciary; encourages a thorough review process of the role and failures of the attempts to establish a functioning justice system, as well as of the role of the EUPOL mission in this context; *believes that EUPOL could*

assist the Afghan government establishing an independent mechanism to investigate government officials and security force officers implicated in corruption and serious human right abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the stated intent of the new President Ashraf Ghani to make combating corruption one of his priorities; encourages the Afghan Government to engage in establishing an independent judiciary; encourages a thorough review process of the role and failures of the attempts to establish a functioning justice system, *as well as of the role of the EUPOL mission in this context;*

Amendment

10. Welcomes the stated intent of the new President Ashraf Ghani to make combating corruption one of his priorities; encourages the Afghan Government to engage in establishing an independent judiciary; encourages a thorough review process of the role and failures of the attempts to establish a functioning justice system;

Or. fr

Amendment 110
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the stated intent of the new President Ashraf Ghani to make combating corruption one of his priorities; encourages the Afghan Government to engage in establishing an independent judiciary; encourages a thorough review process of the role and failures of the attempts to

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establish a functioning justice system, *as well as of the role of the EUPOL mission in this context*;

establish a functioning justice system;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Takes note of the Afghan government's commitment to strengthen local authorities and emphasises the role of civil society organisations which are essential to ensure Afghan citizens involvement in the reform process;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Holds the view that the criminalisation of a state is a detrimental threat to a country's stability and, therefore, encourages the Afghan government to implement urgent justice sector reforms and stop the widespread impunity by conducting thorough and impartial investigations and prosecution of all instances of killings and other serious abuses by government agents and security officials;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Welcomes the President's new action plan on the elimination of torture however calls for an end to the continuing lack of progress in instituting effective measures to prevent torture and bring perpetrators to justice; also calls on President Ghani to sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Notes the ***lack of substantial*** progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002, ***in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan***; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, ***in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as*** to comply with all ***other*** international treaties concerning human rights; ***calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;***

11. Notes the ***slow*** progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and to comply with all international treaties concerning human rights;

Amendment 115
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes ***the lack of substantial*** progress ***on human*** and fundamental rights ***since 2002***, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Amendment

11. Notes ***that some*** progress ***in the field of gender equality*** and fundamental rights ***during the last decade has been achieved; however, emphasises that the situation is still very poor***, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), ***to take steps to facilitate political participation by women as both candidates and voters***, as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Notes the lack of substantial progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002, in particular with regard to women***

Amendment

11. Calls on the new government to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the

and girls in Afghanistan; calls on the new government *to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular*, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes *the lack of substantial* progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002, *in particular with regard to* women and girls in Afghanistan; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Amendment

11. Notes *that despite some* progress *in the field of the* human and fundamental rights since 2002, *the* women and girls in Afghanistan *are still enduring human rights violations*; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. **Notes the lack of substantial progress on** human and fundamental rights **since 2002**, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan; **calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular,** to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Amendment

11. **Calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to** human and fundamental rights, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan **and** to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes the **lack of** substantial progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning

Amendment

11. Notes the **enormous difficulties encountered in making** substantial progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan;; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to

human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Or. it

Amendment 120
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes the *lack of substantial* progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Amendment

11. Notes the *insufficient* progress on human and fundamental rights since 2002, in particular with regard to women and girls in Afghanistan; calls on the new government to dedicate more political capital to this issue and, in particular, to implement the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan and the law on the elimination of violence against women (EVAW), as well as to comply with all other international treaties concerning human rights; calls on the Afghan authorities to promote the effective participation of women in all key bodies, nationally and internationally, and at all levels;

Or. fr

Amendment 121
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Afghan authorities to ensure that allegations of serious human rights violations by national and international military operations are fully investigated and violators held responsible in front of civilian courts;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Finds the continued restrictions on the freedom of the media unacceptable; calls on the EU to support the Afghan government in the protection of journalists against attacks by terrorist as well as extremist and criminal groups; highlights the positive contribution towards a pluralistic civil society by the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC);

Or. en

Amendment 123

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Afghan authorities to commute all death sentences and to reintroduce a moratorium on executions

12. Stresses that the Afghan Government must stop all forms of torture and abuse, especially in prisons; recommends that

with a view to achieving the permanent abolition of the death penalty; calls as well on the Afghan Government to stop any kind of torture and abuse, especially in prisons;

the authorities investigate and prosecute all forms of torture and violence, especially in relation to acts perpetrated by people in positions of responsibility; points to the need for greater efforts to be made to guarantee the human rights of persons subject to criminal proceedings and of persons serving prison sentences following definitive court rulings;

Or. bg

Amendment 124
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Afghan authorities to commute all death sentences and to reintroduce a moratorium on executions with a view to achieving the permanent abolition of the death penalty; calls as well on the Afghan Government to ***stop any kind of*** torture ***and abuse***, especially in prisons;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Afghan authorities to commute all death sentences and to reintroduce a moratorium on executions with a view to achieving the permanent abolition of the death penalty; calls as well on the Afghan Government to ***halt all practices amounting to*** torture, ***cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment***, especially in prisons, ***which are crimes against humanity and fall under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court; recalls Afghanistan's obligations in the field of International Human Rights Law and considers the implementation of human rights core treaties in the Afghan domestic legal order a precondition for peace, democracy and the establishment of a rule of law-abiding state, which in turn is instrumental to development;***

Or. en

Amendment 125
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Afghan authorities to commute all death sentences and to reintroduce a moratorium on executions with a view to achieving the permanent abolition of the death penalty; calls as well on the Afghan Government to stop any kind of torture and abuse, especially in prisons;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Afghan authorities to commute all death sentences and to reintroduce a moratorium on executions with a view to achieving the permanent abolition of the death penalty; calls as well on the Afghan Government to stop any kind of torture and abuse, especially in prisons ***and to hold those responsible accountable regardless of function or rank;***

Or. en

Amendment 126
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Regrets and condemns the continued persecution of Christians and attacks on them; expresses its concern at the continued acts of destruction or vandalism directed at their churches; urges, therefore, that action be taken to protect the members of the Christian community and their places of worship;

Or. it

Amendment 127
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -13 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-13. Is aware that the decade-long foreign military occupation of Afghanistan, channelling massive amounts of foreign currency into a country with very limited absorption capacity, has profoundly upset and weakened the local economy;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-13a. Reiterates the EU commitment to continue providing aid to Afghanistan which amounts to approximately 1.4 billion euros over the next 7 years in order to enable economic recovery, facilitate effective development assistance with the main focus on such areas as rural development, governance and the rule of law, health and social protection;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-13b. Expresses grave concern that the lack of sufficient coordination, transparency and accountability mechanisms undermines the inefficiency of EU international aid; regrets the fact that large amounts of foreign aid are being lost in the distribution chain as a result of waste, corruption or excessive intermediary security costs;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-13c. Points out that only independent and impartial humanitarian bodies should be in charge of the distribution of aid in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Regrets the fact that, despite modest progress in some areas, the large amounts of development aid provided so far has failed to improve significantly the social and economic situation of the majority of the population; is concerned about the

deleted

high rate of unemployment (which is estimated to have reached 50 %) ⁷, the poor access to medical care, the poor state of the health system and the fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty;

⁷ *German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014').*
*[http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-
Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf)*

Or. en

Amendment 132

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Regrets the fact that, despite modest progress in some areas, the large amounts of development aid provided so far has failed to improve significantly the social and economic situation of the *majority of the population*; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment (which is estimated to have reached 50 %) ⁷, the poor access to medical care, *the poor state of the health system* and the fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty;

⁷ German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014').
[http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-)

Amendment

13. Welcomes the efforts of the International community that provides a large amount of development aid to support the country; notes that progress has been done in some areas, but regrets that overall the social and economic situation of the *population has not improved significantly enough*; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment (which is estimated to have reached 50 %) ⁷, the poor access to medical care, and the fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty;

⁷ German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014').
[http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-)

Amendment 133
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Regrets the fact that, despite modest progress in some areas, the large amounts of development aid provided so far has failed to improve significantly** the social and economic situation of the majority of the population; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment (*which is estimated to have reached 50 %*)⁷, the poor access to medical care, *the poor state of the health system* and the *fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty*;

⁷ *German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014'). http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf.*

Amendment

13. **Welcomes that the amount of** development aid provided so far has **improved, although modestly**, the social and economic situation of the majority of the population; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment, the poor access to medical care and the **high rates of poverty among** the population.

Amendment 134
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Regrets the fact that, despite modest**

Amendment

13. **Points to the importance of**

progress in some areas, the large amounts of development aid provided so far has failed to improve significantly the social and economic situation of the majority of the population; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment (which is estimated to have reached 50%)⁷, the poor access to medical care, the poor state of the health system and the fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty;

⁷ German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014').
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf.

establishing the assessment and oversight arrangements necessary to ensure that development aid will have a greater impact on the social and economic situation of the majority of the population; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment (which is estimated to have reached 50%)⁷, the poor access to medical care, the poor state of the health system and the fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty;

⁷ German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014').
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf.

Or. es

Amendment 135

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Regrets the fact that, despite modest progress in some areas, the large amounts of development aid provided so far has failed to improve significantly the social and economic situation of the majority of the population; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment (which is estimated to have reached 50 %)⁷, the poor access to medical care, the poor state of the health system and the fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty;

Amendment

13. Regrets the fact that, despite modest progress in some areas, the large amounts of development aid provided so far has failed to improve significantly the social and economic situation of the majority of the population; is concerned about the high rate of unemployment (which is estimated to have reached 50 %)⁷, the poor access to medical care, the poor state of the health system and the fact that more than half of the population is living in poverty; ***calls on all public and private European funding schemes run by the EU or its Member States to bring down the Afghanistan's public debt, so that its national unity***

government can introduce expansionary economic and fiscal policies while defending the human rights of its people;

⁷German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014').
[http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/pub
licationFile/199488/141119-
Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf).

⁷German Foreign Ministry progress report on Afghanistan 2014 ('Fortschrittsbericht Afghanistan 2014' [http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/pub
licationFile/199488/141119-
Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/cae/servlet/contentblob/691670/publicationFile/199488/141119-Fortschrittsbericht_AFG_2014.pdf)

Or. it

Amendment 136
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on the EU and Member States to continue its policy of engagement with Afghanistan; recalls that Afghanistan is the single biggest recipient of EU development aid, amounting to over 1 billion euro annually; recommends that the EU creates a Trust Fund for Afghanistan, which would raise the visibility of the EU and contribute to addressing the inefficiencies related to the distribution chain, lack of transparency and accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Francisco Assis, Ioan Mircea Pașcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 138
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 139
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;

Amendment

14. Emphasises the need to enhance the local economy, to gradually decrease the dependence on international assistance and build a sustainable economy; reminds of the vast natural resources of the country which are estimated to have a value of USD 1 trillion and should be used responsibly in order to generate substantial own revenue to the state from export, extraction fees, licenses, etc. and provide incentives for sustainable development and economic progress of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance of funding projects which aim to improve the security situation in Afghanistan, since security is crucial for development;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;*

Amendment

14. Urges the EU to **allocate** aid for development purposes;

Or. fr

Amendment 142
Afzal Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, *and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;*

Amendment

14. *Notes that the period of transition brings a great deal of uncertainty about the nature of international aid and the ability of the Afghan state and economy to meet its financing needs; is also critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people; calls on the EU and other international donors to draw on existing frameworks to create a comprehensive plan that provides targeted, strategic investments in effective community-based programmes aligning humanitarian, development and peace-building assistance; urges donors to strengthen accountability and transparency to reduce the risk of international investments fuelling corruption and conflict;*

Amendment 143**Bodil Ceballos**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 14***Motion for a resolution*

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan *people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations*; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly *for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit*;

Amendment

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels *disappears due to corruption and/or* does not serve the *primary* needs of the *disenfranchised part of the Afghan population*; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly *in the interest of basic development and notably to make sure that all the European aid which is being funnelled through Multidonor Trust Funds satisfy this requirement*;

Or. en

Amendment 144**Angel Dzhambazki****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 14***Motion for a resolution*

14. *Is critical of the fact* that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not *serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations*; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, *not for security purposes*, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;

Amendment

14. *Points out* that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not *reach the people who need it most*; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, *investment and improving* security, and to encourage its allies to follow suit; *recommends that a mechanism be introduced for the joint monitoring of aid use, along with a mechanism for prior needs planning and distribution of the aid provided by international donors and*

individual states;

Or. bg

Amendment 145

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, ***and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;***

Amendment

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people; ***urges the EU to improve the efficiency of its development aid to Afghanistan, to improve its monitoring mechanisms regarding how that assistance impacts on the reality on the ground;***

Or. en

Amendment 146

Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit;

Amendment

14. Is critical of the fact that a large portion of the aid provided through various funding channels does not serve the needs of the Afghan people, and that project funding is often not guided by social but by military considerations; urges the EU to use all allocated aid strictly for development, not for security purposes, and to encourage its allies to follow suit; ***proposes to link assistance and EU funds - in particular to the security sector - to benchmarked improvements in countering***

human rights abuses, impunity and corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for an EU strategy for Afghanistan that focuses on development, in particular in rural areas where the majority of the population lives; calls on the EU to prioritise poverty alleviation and to tie development aid to Afghan public employment measures to create urgently needed jobs; recognises the need to strengthen local and regional authorities;

Amendment

15. Welcomes the adoption of the European Strategy for Afghanistan 2014 - 16 in June 2014 as the operational framework for EU's support for the development of Afghanistan's institutions to provide the resilience needed to safeguard progress to date focusing on the objectives of promoting peace, security, regional stability, reinforcing democracy, encouraging economic and human developments, fostering the rule of law and human rights; regrets however at the same time that the EU and Afghanistan have not managed to conclude the stalled negotiations on the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development (CAPD) which would constitute a long-term comprehensive engagement of the EU in Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Bodil Ceballos

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***Calls for an EU strategy for Afghanistan*** that focuses on development, in particular ***in rural areas where the majority of the population lives; calls on the EU to prioritise poverty alleviation and to tie development aid to Afghan public employment measures to create urgently needed jobs; recognises the need to strengthen*** local and regional authorities;

Amendment

15. ***Welcomes the EU Multiannual Indicative Program 2014 to 2020*** that focuses on development, in particular ***agriculture and rural development, health, policing and rule of law, as well as democratisation and accountability; commends that 20% of the 1.1 billion euros will be incentive-based; expects that the EU prioritises poverty alleviation, including job creation and the strengthening of the*** local and regional administrative level;

Or. en

Amendment 149

Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for an EU strategy for Afghanistan that focuses on development, in particular in rural areas where the majority of the population lives; ***calls on the EU to prioritise poverty alleviation and to tie development aid to Afghan public employment measures to create urgently needed jobs***; recognises the need to strengthen local and regional authorities;

Amendment

15. Calls for an EU strategy for Afghanistan that focuses on ***social and economic*** development, in particular in rural areas where the majority of the population lives; recognises the need to strengthen local and regional authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Enrico Gasbarra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls for an EU strategy for Afghanistan that focuses on development, in particular in rural areas where the majority of the population lives; calls on the EU to prioritise poverty alleviation and to tie development aid to Afghan public employment measures to create urgently needed jobs; recognises the need to strengthen local and regional authorities;

Amendment

15. Calls for an EU strategy for Afghanistan that focuses on development, in particular in rural areas where the majority of the population lives; calls on the EU to prioritise poverty alleviation and to tie development aid to Afghan public employment measures to create urgently needed jobs; recognises the need to strengthen local and regional authorities, ***for example by promoting assistance and civic education programmes and exchanges of best practice followed by certain municipal and local authorities in Europe;***

Or. it

Amendment 151
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 152
Bodil Ceballos
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Amendment

15a. Calls on the EU to accelerate the finalisation of negotiations of the Cooperation Agreement for Partnership and Development which would provide a legal framework for the EU's enhanced cooperation and assistance to Afghanistan;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Expresses its particular concern over the 670 000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) as well as 2,7 million Afghan refugees in Iran and Pakistan, the largest displaced population after those of Syria, which is in danger of being forgotten and urges the EU and the Member States to continue or even increase their assistance measures, also in support of Afghanistan's neighbours;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Encourages the EU and Afghanistan to conclude negotiations, following a period of interruption, on a Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development (CAPD) in the key areas such as social and economic development, human rights and freedoms, support of the civil society, rule of law and viable institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Is alarmed about the country's high aid-dependency ratio, severe budget deficits and decline in domestic revenue; emphasises the need for development programmes to create a gradually more independent economy in Afghanistan, weaning it off dependence on foreign donors; highlights the potentially important role that the country's neighbours can play for such development;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 155

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Is alarmed about the country's high aid-dependency ratio, severe budget deficits and decline in domestic revenue; emphasises the need for development programmes to create a gradually more independent economy in Afghanistan, weaning it off dependence on foreign donors; highlights the potentially important role that the country's neighbours can play for such development;

16. Reminds that in order to reverse the trend of Afghanistan being an aid-addicted country its authorities need to introduce a sustainable long-term strategy which encompasses all relevant actors enhancing coordination of their efforts, aiming at improving economic governance, investment in local human resources capabilities, strengthening the rule of law, investment in infrastructure (power plants, roads, providing supplies of water), eradicate corruption which increases significantly the costs of doing business (in 2014 Afghanistan ranks 172. out of 175 in Transparency's International global corruption ranking), improve reputation as an investor friendly country (World Bank's report Doing Business 2015: Doing business in a more transparent world ranks Afghanistan 183 out of 189), create more favourable conditions for small and medium

enterprises to develop, by cutting red-tape, in particular in the agriculture sector, construction, transportation, handicrafts;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is alarmed about the country's high aid-dependency ratio, severe budget deficits and decline in domestic revenue; emphasises the need for development programmes to create a gradually more independent economy in Afghanistan, ***weaning it off dependence on foreign donors***; highlights the ***potentially*** important role that the country's neighbours can play for such development;

Amendment

16. Is alarmed about the country's high aid-dependency ratio, severe budget deficits and decline in domestic revenue; emphasises the need for development programmes to create a gradually more independent economy in Afghanistan; highlights the important role that the country's neighbours can play for such development;

Or. fr

Amendment 157
Enrico Gasbarra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is alarmed about the country's high aid-dependency ratio, severe budget deficits and decline in domestic revenue; emphasises the need for development programmes to create a gradually more independent economy in Afghanistan, ***weaning it off dependence on foreign donors***; highlights the ***potentially*** important role that the country's neighbours can play

Amendment

16. Is alarmed about the country's high aid-dependency ratio, severe budget deficits and decline in domestic revenue; emphasises the need for development programmes to create a gradually more independent economy in Afghanistan, ***weaning it off dependence on foreign donors***; highlights the ***potentially*** important role that the country's neighbours can play

for such development;

for such development; *urges the Commission and the European External Action Service to promote multilateral schemes for good neighbourly relations and establish a more uniform and coherent geopolitical framework throughout central Asia;*

Or. it

Amendment 158
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Draws attention to the needs of the Afghan refugees, more than two and a half million, still living in neighbouring countries, while acknowledging the efforts which those countries have been making to receive and assist them; calls on neighbouring countries to extend the legal status of the refugees beyond December 2015 and, with the help of the UN and the international community, to continue implementing the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees; expresses its disquiet at the precarious conditions under which more than 700 000 internally displaced persons and 200 000 returnees are living and considers that they must be enabled to integrate fully, both socially and economically;

Or. es

Amendment 159
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 160
Francisco Assis, Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 161
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 162
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised; **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 163
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 164
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised; *deleted*

Amendment 165
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the EU and *the international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised;*

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and *its individual Member States to adopt a joint financial assistance plan for Afghanistan, based on specific projects and a concrete budget, to help the Afghan Government launch investments and reforms in the economic, social and healthcare spheres; stresses the need for a unified and coherent approach from the EU to guaranteeing security in Afghanistan, including as regards control of the troubled regions of that country; stresses the need for a proactive EU strategy to counteract Islamic extremism in Afghanistan, which remains a high-risk country in terms of Islamic terrorism and fundamentalism;*

Or. bg

Amendment 166
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on *the EU and the* international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that

Amendment

17. Calls on international actors to free the Afghan Government from the commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay a share of the USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in

are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised;

Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from *the* commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay *a share of the* USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised;

Amendment

17. Calls on the EU and the international actors to free the Afghan Government from *its* commitment given at the NATO Summit in Wales in September 2014 to pay USD 500 million to be allocated annually to the ANSF, which is irresponsible in light of the budget deficits, declining revenues and serious poverty that are endemic in Afghanistan; urges the Member States to meet their commitments and pay what they promised;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Francisco Assis, Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; recommends that higher tariffs be introduced in order to protect the economy, thereby also fostering the prospects for increased exports;

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 169
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; recommends that higher tariffs be introduced in order to protect the economy, thereby also fostering the prospects for increased exports; *deleted*

Amendment 170
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; recommends that higher tariffs be introduced in order to protect the economy, thereby also fostering the prospects for increased exports; *deleted*

Amendment 171
Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; recommends that higher tariffs be introduced in order to protect the economy, thereby also fostering the prospects for increased exports;*

Amendment

18. *Notes that Afghanistan's negative trade balance impedes economic growth; recommends that stimulating foreign direct investment be a government priority, in parallel with a proactive external trade policy that pursues the negotiation of free trade agreements in order to foster both prosperity and stability in the region;*

Or. en

Amendment 172
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; recommends that higher tariffs be introduced in order to protect the economy, thereby also fostering the prospects for increased exports;*

Amendment

18. *Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; calls on the Commission, through the Export Helpdesk set up within the Directorate-General for Trade, to highlight more clearly the opportunities for exporting to the EU and provide greater support to help Afghan companies develop their trading relations so as to foster the prospects for increased exports and utilise the potential of the Everything But Arms programme to better effect;*

Or. de

Amendment 173
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; **recommends** that higher tariffs be introduced in order to protect the economy, thereby also fostering the prospects for increased exports;

Amendment

18. Is concerned about the large trade deficit resulting in merchandise exports of USD 428.9 million and merchandise imports of USD 6.2 billion in 2012; **urges** that higher tariffs be introduced in order to protect the economy, thereby also fostering the prospects for increased exports;

Or. it

Amendment 174
Amjad Bashir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Notes that Pakistan is one of Afghanistan's main trading partners, welcomes the recent thawing of relations between the two countries, and more specifically, would encourage the opening of negotiations on a potential bilateral free trade agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, which are

deleted

estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people rather than safeguards the profits of multinational enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, ***which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion***; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people ***rather than safeguards the profits of multinational enterprises***;

Amendment

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, ***and points out that the government in Kabul should move swiftly to adopt an economic programme for the development and harnessing of the country's resource potential***; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people;

Or. bg

Amendment 177
Sabine Lösing, Pablo Iglesias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the potential of ***Afghanistan's*** resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people rather than safeguards the

Amendment

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profits of multinational enterprises;

profits of multinational enterprises; *calls further to support Integrity Watch Afghanistan's claim for full contract disclosure, transparency in bidding process, the provision of security and use of water by companies during the mining operation, publication of payments and revenue in line with the revised extractive industries transparency index (EITI) standards; stresses that the exploitation of resources has to be carried out in consultation and cooperation with the local communities and must not involve any armed groups or militias; calls on the international community to assist the Afghan government to set up effective oversight mechanisms including effective anti-corruption measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 178
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, *which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion*; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people *rather than safeguards the profits of multinational enterprises*;

Amendment

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; *encourages* the EU to *assist the government to realise this potential in a way* that in the first instance *benefits* the Afghan people rather than *safeguards* the profits of multinational enterprises;

Amendment

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; *calls on the Afghan Government and* the EU, *building on cooperation among experts*, to *establish a development programme for Afghanistan* that *will* in the first instance *benefit* the Afghan people rather than *safeguarding* the profits of multinational enterprises;

Or. hr

Amendment 180
Michèle Alliot-Marie

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people *rather than safeguards the profits of multinational enterprises*;

Amendment

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people;

Or. fr

Amendment 181
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential *in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people rather than safeguards the profits of multinational enterprises*;

Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion *which include rich mineral reserves such as gas and oil*; encourages the EU to assist the government to realise this potential *and spur economic development after the security situation is stabilised*;

Or. en

Amendment 182
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; encourages the *EU to assist the* government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people rather than safeguards the profits of multinational enterprises;

Amendment

19. Emphasises the potential of Afghanistan's resources, which are estimated to have a value of USD 900 billion; encourages the government to realise this potential in a way that in the first instance benefits the Afghan people rather than safeguards the profits of multinational enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Appreciates the fact that today between 8 and 9 million (ca. 80 %) of Afghan children attend school (whereof 40 % are girls), which is a significant increase compared to the situation in 2001, when the figure was one million, but is concerned about the low school graduation

Amendment

20. Appreciates the fact that today between 8 and 9 million (ca. 80 %) of Afghan children attend school (whereof 40 % are girls), which is a significant increase compared to the situation in 2001, when the figure was one million, but is concerned about the low school graduation

rates, and about the fact that the estimated national adult literacy rate for citizens aged 15 and older is still very low (34 %, of which women account for 18 % and men for 50 %);

rates, and about the fact that the estimated national adult literacy rate for citizens aged 15 and older is still very low (34 %, of which women account for 18 % and men for 50 %); ***stresses that the Afghan Government should make a commitment in relation to what has now become the wholesale emigration of Afghan citizens for economic reasons; recommends that the EU and Afghanistan conclude an agreement on the migration and readmission of persons who have illegally entered the territory of EU Member States;***

Or. bg

Amendment 184

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Appreciates the fact that today ***between 8 and 9*** million (ca. 80 %) of Afghan children attend school (whereof 40 % are girls), which is a significant increase compared to the situation in 2001, when the figure was one million, but is concerned about the low school graduation rates, and about the fact that the estimated national adult literacy rate for citizens aged 15 and older is still very low (34 %, of which women account for 18 % and men for 50 %);

Amendment

20. Appreciates the fact that today ***around 8*** million (ca. 80 %) of Afghan children attend school (whereof 40 % are girls), which is a significant increase compared to the situation in 2001, when the figure was one million, but is concerned about the low school graduation rates, and about the fact that the estimated national adult literacy rate for citizens aged 15 and older is still very low (34 %, of which women account for 18 % and men for 50 %); ***reminds that one of the biggest achievements of the last decade is the significant increase in the number of girls attending schools in comparison to 2001, which amounts today to some 40% of the total of 8 to 9 million children ;***

Or. en

Amendment 185
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Appreciates the fact that today **between 8 and 9** million (**ca. 80 %**) of Afghan children attend school (whereof 40 % are girls), which is a significant increase compared to the situation in 2001, when the figure was one million, but is concerned about the low school graduation rates, and about the fact that the estimated national adult literacy rate for citizens aged 15 and older is still very low (34 %, of which women account for 18 % and men for 50 %);

Amendment

20. Appreciates the fact that today **around 8** million of Afghan children attend school (whereof 40 % are girls), which is a significant increase compared to the situation in 2001, when the figure was one million, but is concerned about the low school graduation rates, and about the fact that the estimated national adult literacy rate for citizens aged 15 and older is still very low (34 %, of which women account for 18 % and men for 50 %);

Or. en

Amendment 186
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Draws attention to the immense challenge of employing the approximately 400 000 young Afghans that enter the workforce each year; **notes that if this challenge is not tackled urgently and systematically, it can contribute to further poverty and radicalisation**; asks the EU to focus its aid programmes on efforts to ensure employment opportunities and a meaningful life for Afghan youth;

Amendment

21. Draws attention to the immense challenge of employing the approximately 400 000 young Afghans that enter the workforce each year; asks the EU to focus its aid programmes on efforts to ensure employment opportunities and a meaningful life for Afghan youth;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Draws attention to the immense challenge of employing the approximately 400 000 young Afghans that enter the workforce each year; notes that if this challenge is not tackled urgently and systematically, it can contribute to further poverty and radicalisation; asks the EU to focus its aid programmes on efforts to ensure employment opportunities and a meaningful life for Afghan youth;

Amendment

21. Draws attention to the immense challenge of employing the approximately 400 000 young Afghans that enter the workforce each year ***and thus the need to attract foreign investment by creating an investment friendly environment and in turn creating jobs*** ; notes that if this challenge is not tackled urgently and systematically, it can contribute to further poverty and radicalisation ***and rising emigration levels***; asks the EU to focus its aid programmes on efforts to ensure employment opportunities and a meaningful life for Afghan youth;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

21a. Emphasises the role of regional trade and calls on the EU to assist Afghanistan in developing regional trade flows with its neighbours and recognises the development potential of the eastern corridor with Pakistan;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Highlights the importance of efforts to phase out opium cultivation in Afghanistan, but notes that they have had little success so far; ***calls, in this regard, for viable alternative livelihoods and for measures*** to help improve living conditions for populations in rural areas in general; urges the EU to consider, together with its international partners, ***a fundamental review of the counter-narcotics policies they are currently pursuing in Afghanistan, ensuring that they fit into a wider development strategy***; proposes that measures be taken to fight money-laundering and that the creation of massive subsidy programmes for crops be considered;

Amendment

22. Highlights the importance of efforts to phase out opium cultivation in Afghanistan, but notes that they have had little success so far; ***is of the opinion that the main focus of action to counter narcotics should be on supporting income alternatives for farmers*** to help improve living conditions for populations in rural areas in general; proposes that measures be taken to fight money-laundering and that the creation of massive subsidy programmes for crops be considered;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Highlights the importance of efforts to phase out opium cultivation in Afghanistan, ***but notes that they have had little success so far***; calls, in this regard, for viable alternative livelihoods and for measures to help improve living conditions for populations in rural areas in general; urges the EU to consider, together with its international partners, a fundamental review of the counter-narcotics policies they are currently pursuing in Afghanistan, ensuring that they fit into a wider development strategy; proposes that

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laundering and that the creation of *crops substitution programs should* be considered;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Highlights the importance of efforts to phase out opium cultivation in Afghanistan, but notes that they have had little success so far; calls, in this regard, for viable alternative livelihoods and for measures to help improve living conditions for populations in rural areas in general; urges the EU to consider, together with its international partners, a fundamental review of the counter-narcotics policies they are currently pursuing in Afghanistan, ensuring that they fit into a wider development strategy; proposes that measures be taken to fight money-laundering and that the creation of *massive subsidy programmes for crops* be considered;

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Or. en

Amendment 192

Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Notes that ISIS control of opium

cultivation would remove all remaining obstacles to funding by the caliphate for its jihad;

Or. it

Amendment 193
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that opium cultivation and production in Afghanistan reached record levels in 2014; recognises the fact that Afghanistan suffers one of the world's highest prevalence rates for opiate use, and that **100 000 people around the world are killed by Afghan opium each year**; urges the Afghan authorities, and all other parties concerned, to combat transnational organised crime and drug trafficking;

Amendment

23. Points out that opium cultivation and production in Afghanistan reached record levels in 2014; recognises the fact that Afghanistan suffers one of the world's highest prevalence rates for opiate use, and that; urges the Afghan authorities, and all other parties concerned, to combat transnational organised crime and drug trafficking; **is concerned that income from drug trafficking is used to finance insurgency**;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that opium cultivation and production in Afghanistan reached record levels in 2014; recognises the fact that Afghanistan suffers one of the world's highest prevalence rates for opiate use, **and that 100 000 people around the world are killed by Afghan opium each year**; urges the Afghan authorities, and all other parties concerned, to combat transnational organised crime and drug trafficking;

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23. Points out that opium cultivation and production in Afghanistan reached record levels in 2014; recognises the fact that Afghanistan suffers one of the world's highest prevalence rates for opiate use; urges the Afghan authorities, and all other parties concerned, to combat transnational organised crime and drug trafficking;

Amendment 195
Francisco Assis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that opium cultivation and production in Afghanistan reached record levels in 2014; recognises the fact that Afghanistan suffers one of the world's highest prevalence rates for opiate use, and that **100 000** people around the world are killed by Afghan opium each year; urges the Afghan authorities, and all other parties concerned, to combat transnational organised crime and drug trafficking;

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