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AMENDMENTS

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on EU relations with Tunisia in the current regional context
(2015/2273(INI))

Amendment 1

**Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk,
Louis Michel, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart**

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to Tunisia's
'Strategic Development Plan, 2016-2020',*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 2

Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Article 8 of the
Treaty on European Union;*

Or. fr

Amendment 3

Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the signature by
Tunisia on 1 December 2015 of an*

Association Agreement for research and innovation under the Horizon 2020 programme;

Or. fr

Amendment 4

Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the entry into force on 19 April 2016 of the Regulation on the introduction of emergency autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Tunisia;*

Or. fr

Amendment 5

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Joint communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy (JOIN(2015) 50 final) of 18 November 2015*

Or. en

Amendment 6

Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the recommendations of the EU-Tunisia Association Council of 17 March 2015 for the implementation of the EU-Tunisia Action Plan (2013-2017),

Amendment

— having regard to the recommendations of the EU-Tunisia Association Council of 17 March 2015 for the implementation of the EU-Tunisia Action Plan (2013-2017), **and to the joint statement of the EU-Tunisia Association Council of 18 April 2016;**

Or. en

Amendment 7
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- **having regard to the European Council Statement on Tunisia of 20 March 2015 on intensifying the cooperation to counter the common terrorist threat, to strengthen Tunisia's promising democracy and to assist its economic and social development, to the Foreign affairs Council conclusions on Tunisia of 20 July 2015 and to the EU - Tunisia Association Council joint statement by High Representative Federica Mogherini and the Tunisian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Khemaies Jhinaoui of 18 April 2016**

Or. en

Amendment 8
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 10 May 2012 which considers the public external debt of the countries in North Africa and the Middle East to be ‘odious’;*

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 25 February 2016 on the opening of negotiations for an EU-Tunisia Free Trade Agreement*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 23 May 2013 on asset recovery by Arab Spring Countries in transition;*

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the fact that the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for its contribution to the establishment of a pluralistic democratic society in Tunisia after the Jasmine Revolution in 2011;*

Or. nl

Amendment 12
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Joint Communication of the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 18 November 2015 entitled ‘Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy’;*

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 25 February 2016 on the opening of negotiations for an EU-Tunisia Free Trade Agreement*

Amendment 14
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the report of the United Nation High Commissioner for Human Rights "Prisons in Tunisia, International Standards versus Reality" of March 2014 and to the declarations of officials of the Tunisian Justice Ministry;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the final report of the EU Electoral observation mission for the legislative and presidential elections in Tunisia in 2014;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of March 10 2016, introducing emergency autonomous trade measures for Tunisia (COM(2015)0460 – C8-0273/2015 – 2015/0218(COD))*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the *peaceful democratic transition process in Tunisia represents a successful example in the Arab world* and *its consolidation is paramount* for the stability of the entire region;

Amendment

A. whereas the *process of the so-called ‘Arab Springs’ has been a disaster for all countries affected* and *that further outside interference only serves to further weaken these countries* and the stability of the entire region;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the peaceful democratic transition process in Tunisia *represents a successful example in the Arab world* and its consolidation is paramount for the stability of the whole region;

Amendment

A. whereas the *continuation of the peaceful democratic transition process in Tunisia is of major political and geostrategic importance to Maghreb, the Middle East and beyond*, and its consolidation is crucial for the stability of the whole region;

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas *the peaceful* democratic transition process in Tunisia represents a *successful* example in the Arab world and its consolidation is paramount for the stability of the entire region;

Amendment

A. whereas *Tunisia has made the most progress with its democratic process, that this* democratic transition process in Tunisia *is an example that inspires the Arab world with hope* and that its consolidation is paramount for the stability of the entire region;

Or. nl

Amendment 20
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the peaceful democratic transition process in Tunisia represents a successful example in the Arab world and its consolidation is paramount for the stability of the entire region;

Amendment

A. whereas the peaceful democratic transition process in Tunisia represents a successful example in the Arab world and its consolidation is paramount for the stability of the entire region *and as a direct consequence for the security of Europe*;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Marek Jurek, Mirosław Piotrowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the peaceful democratic transition process in Tunisia ***represents a successful example in the Arab world and its consolidation*** is paramount for the stability of the entire region;

Amendment

A. whereas the ***consolidation of the*** peaceful democratic transition process in Tunisia is paramount for the stability of the entire region

Or. pl

Amendment 22
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas Tunisia currently faces a difficult socio-economic situation but also security challenges mostly deriving from the situation in Libya; whereas tourism, which represents a key element of the Tunisian economy, is severely affected by these circumstances and by the terrorist attacks which targeted the country;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Aa. whereas there is a need to develop a genuine partnership through which the interests of communities on both sides of the Mediterranean are taken into account and which is designed to work on Tunisia's social and regional inequalities in particular;

Amendment

Amendment 24
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the Nobel peace prize was awarded to the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet in 2015 for "its decisive contribution to the building of a pluralistic democracy In Tunisia";

Or. en

Amendment 25
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the freedom of the press and the freedom of publication are essential elements of an open, free and democratic society;

Or. nl

Amendment 26
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Recital Aa (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas despite unprecedented democratic reforms Tunisia is still mired by the legacy of the Ben Ali regime, including widespread corruption, record-

high youth unemployment and clearly insufficient protection of human rights and freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas one third of the population lives with less than 2.3 euros a day; Whereas out of Tunisia's population of 10 million over 0.7 million are unemployed, 1 Million are under-employed and each year an additional 50,000 unemployed youth are added;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas Tunisia *currently* hosts over a million displaced *Libyans*, fleeing instability and violence *in Libya*, thereby putting a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures and leading *displaced people to use the premises* of former refugees camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided;

B. whereas, *following the Libyan war*, Tunisia hosts over a million displaced *people* fleeing instability and violence, *and whereas that continues to put* a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures, *and whereas many of them do not receive any support from the Tunisian authorities*, and, *because of this, a number of them have been driven to use the premises* of former refugee camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided;

Amendment 29

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Tunisia currently hosts over a million displaced Libyans, fleeing instability and violence in Libya, thereby putting a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures and leading displaced people to use the premises of former refugees camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided;

Amendment

B. ***whereas instability in Libya and its spillovers represent a serious threat to the stability of Tunisia and of the whole region;*** whereas Tunisia currently hosts over a million displaced Libyans, fleeing instability and violence in Libya, thereby putting a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures and leading displaced people to use the premises of former refugees camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Tunisia currently hosts ***over a million*** displaced Libyans, fleeing instability and violence in Libya, thereby putting a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures and leading displaced people to use the premises of former refugees camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided;

Amendment

B. whereas Tunisia currently hosts ***more than 200.000*** displaced Libyans, fleeing instability and violence in Libya, thereby putting a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures and leading displaced people to use the premises of former refugees camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Tunisia currently hosts over a million displaced Libyans, fleeing instability and violence in Libya, thereby putting a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures and leading displaced people to use the premises of former refugees camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided;

Amendment

B. whereas Tunisia currently hosts over a million displaced Libyans, fleeing instability and violence in Libya, thereby putting a strain on the internal situation and infrastructures and leading displaced people to use the premises of former refugees camps such as Choucha, without any basic services being provided; ***whereas a tripartite dialogue has been set up, in the context of the organisation of the sub-committees, between the authorities, civil society actors and EU representatives in Tunisia;***

Or. en

Amendment 32
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

B a. whereas with the end of Ben Ali regime and the consolidation of the democratic process, the EU could improve its political dialogue with Tunisia by taking more into consideration the interests and priorities of this important partner as a way to achieve the objective of stability.

Or. en

Amendment 33
Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the Tunisian economy is highly dependent on foreign investment, tourism and exporting products to the EU and whereas the economy can only flourish if democracy can develop further;*

Or. nl

Amendment 34
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the Tunisian public debt rose under the Zine Ben Ali regime, and whereas that has helped the country's elite to become rich, and, under international law, that rise should be defined as odious;*

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the absence of appropriate legal frameworks for foreigners and asylum seekers in Tunisia prevents the safeguarding of their economic and social rights as well as their right to international protection;*

Amendment 36

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the European Union and its Member States must remain committed to working with the people of Tunisia and its government to promote common interests, including in trade, investment, tourism, culture, and security;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the lack of jobs and opportunities was one of the main reasons for the massive popular demonstrations in 2011 and many of the problems are still felt by people every day with high youth unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas Tunisia has suffered several terrorist attacks in the last year; whereas Tunisia is an essential partner of the European Union in the fight against terrorism;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Marek Jurek, Mirosław Piotrowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas data from the Open Doors' World Watch List shows a decrease in tolerance towards Christian converts, particularly when it comes to social life;

Or. pl

Amendment 40
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas Tunisia is one of the European Union's European Neighbourhood Policy priority countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas Tunisia played an important role in facilitating the conclusion of an agreement between the conflicting sides in Libya;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Lorenzo Cesa, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas Tunisia has been the victim of 3 terrorist attacks in the past year;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas the recovered assets fraudulently acquired by the Ben Ali family and relatives are still frozen in a number of – mostly European – countries, whereas those assets are of paramount economic and social importance for the funds needed by Tunisia to meet the serious economic and social challenges which it is still facing and to stabilise its economy, create employment and reduce

inequality;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas an alarmingly high number of Tunisian youths are recruited by IS/Daesh and whereas hopelessness and economic stagnation contribute to young people becoming increasingly vulnerable to the lure of extremist organisations;

Or. nl

Amendment 45
Marek Jurek, Mirosław Piotrowski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas the influence of Salafi Islam on public and social life has increased;

Or. pl

Amendment 46
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bc. whereas on 3 March 2014 the EU and Tunisia decided to establish a mobility partnership based on dialogue and reciprocity, with a view to better managing the movement of people travelling short-term so that regular and professional migration takes place between their respective territories, taking into account the socio-economic situation and the state of the labour market in the signatory countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that without stability ***and good governance*** in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Amendment

1. Urges the ***European Union and its Member States to mobilise*** substantial resources for support Tunisia; ***considers that this aid cannot be given in the form of loans which further exacerbate the country's debt; asks for a better country by country balance between the key eastern and Mediterranean partners in the ENP;*** underlines that without stability, ***democracy*** in the region ***and taking into account social demands***, any prospect of reform will be put at risk; ***therefore calls for the establishment of a genuine 'deep and comprehensive partnership between the European Union and Tunisia';***

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Amendment

1. ***Renews its commitment to the Tunisian people and the political transition process that began in 2011; emphasises the challenges and threats facing the country while it consolidates its democratic process, implements the reforms needed to achieve social and economic prosperity, and guarantees its security;*** urges the mobilisation of substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Or. es

Amendment 49
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that ***without*** stability and good governance in the region, ***any prospect of reform will be put at risk;***

Amendment

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that ***the social and economic situation in Tunisia, including the rate of unemployment and the perception of corruption, along with the absence of stability and good governance in the region, hinder the implementation of reforms and endanger prospects for development;***

Or. fr

Amendment 50
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources *for* support Tunisia; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Amendment

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial *technical and financial* resources *to* support Tunisia *including through a better coordination of EIB and EBRD activities*; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Amendment

1. Urges the mobilisation *and better coordination* of substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that without *increasing Tunisia's absorption capacity, its* stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Urges the mobilisation of*

Amendment

1. underlines that without stability and

substantial resources for support Tunisia; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Or. el

Amendment 53
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources *for* support Tunisia; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Amendment

1. Urges the *concrete* mobilisation of substantial resources *to* support Tunisia; underlines that without stability and good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Amjad Bashir
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources *for* support Tunisia; underlines that without stability *and* good governance in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Amendment

1. Urges the mobilisation of substantial resources *to* support Tunisia; underlines that without stability, good governance, *and economic development* in the region, any prospect of reform will be put at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. *Calls for a focus on better education as well as counter-radicalisation of youth;*

Or. en

Amendment 56

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the ***launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate*** funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way;

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the ***better coordination of focused*** funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way; ***also calls upon the authorities of Tunisia to increase its efforts to enhance its absorption capacity for the financial assistance and consolidation efforts;***

Or. en

Amendment 57

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy *in a comprehensive way*;

Amendment

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy ***and society in the country, particularly employment creation and maintaining quality public services that are accessible to everyone; also calls for the consolidation of efforts to support civil society***;

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way;

Amendment

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the launch of a real 'Marshall Plan' with appropriate funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way; ***expresses concerns by the current socio-economic and budgetary difficulties inherent to the instability of the transition period and the imperative for Tunisia to implement adequate reforms aiming at boosting employment and developing sustainable and inclusive growth; deems it essential, as a result, that the budget authorities grant a decisive strengthening of the resources of the ENI earmarked for***

Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way;

Amendment

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies the launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate funding to support the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way; ***further believes that economic development remains central to Tunisia's democratic aspirations and encourages the further removal of trade barriers with the EU to stimulate economic growth, employment, and foreign direct investment;***

Or. en

Amendment 60

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies ***the launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate funding to support*** the consolidation of the

Amendment

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies ***supporting*** the consolidation of the democratic transition and ***fostering*** investment and development

democratic transition and *foster* investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way;

in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way;

Or. el

Amendment 61

Urmaz Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies *the launch of a real ‘Marshall Plan’ with appropriate funding to support* the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way;

Amendment

2. Calls on participants of the Deauville Partnership to fulfil pledge commitments; considers that the situation in Tunisia justifies *substantial aid with a view to supporting* the consolidation of the democratic transition and foster investment and development in all sectors of the economy, in a comprehensive way;

Or. et

Amendment 62

Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development, and by the intertwining of Tunisia’s economy with Libya’s and by the solidarity of the Tunisian people with displaced Libyans; expresses the utmost concern regarding a possible foreign

Amendment

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development, and by the intertwining of Tunisia’s economy with Libya’s and by the solidarity of the Tunisian people with displaced Libyans; expresses the utmost concern regarding *the unstable situation in*

military intervention *in Libya*;

Libya, asks the High Representative to continue to call on all parties involved in Libya to work in a constructive manner with the Government of National Accord, the sole legitimate Libyan government recognised by the Libyan Political Agreement and Resolution 2259 of the UN Security Council of 23 December 2015;

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development, *and by the intertwining of Tunisia's economy with Libya's and by the solidarity of the Tunisian people with displaced Libyans*; expresses the utmost concern regarding a possible foreign military intervention in Libya;

Amendment

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development; *hopes that stability returning to Libya will enable mutually beneficial economic links to be established and support* the solidarity of the Tunisian people with *displaced Libyans*; expresses the utmost concern regarding a possible foreign military intervention in Libya;

Or. fr

Amendment 64
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development, and by the intertwining of Tunisia's economy with Libya's and by the solidarity of the Tunisian people with displaced Libyans; ***expresses the utmost concern regarding a possible foreign military intervention in Libya;***

Amendment

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development, and by the intertwining of Tunisia's economy with Libya's and by the solidarity of the Tunisian people with displaced Libyans;

Or. fr

Amendment 65

Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development, and by the intertwining of Tunisia's economy with Libya's and by the solidarity of the Tunisian people with displaced Libyans; ***expresses the utmost concern regarding a possible foreign military intervention in Libya;***

Amendment

3. Commends the good cooperation between Tunisia and its neighbours, as illustrated for example by the signing of a preferential trade agreement and the establishment of local transborder committees with Algeria aimed at fostering local development, and by the intertwining of Tunisia's economy with Libya's and by the solidarity of the Tunisian people with displaced Libyans;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 67
Urmaz Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. et

Amendment 68
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Or. fr

Amendment 69
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3 a. Reminds the importance of the respect of human rights in the implementation of the reviewed European Neighbourhood Policy; calls for the development of monitoring mechanisms on the respect of fundamental freedoms, gender equality and other human rights issues, with full involvement of the civil society.

Or. en

Amendment 70
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. *Underlines that the re-launch of the political process of integration in the framework of the Arab Maghreb Union could be particularly opportune to ensure security and strengthen cooperation in the whole region;*

Or. en

Amendment 71
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 b. *Affirms that Tunisia's historical democratic transition, in spite of a dire social and economic situation, call for a much more ambitious EU-Tunisia partnership beyond conventional measures; believes the EU should make more concessions, notably as regards internal markets access, if it wants to play a substantial role in anchoring Tunisia among democratic states;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 c. *Believes the EU has been too slow and too unambitious in its response to the*

Amendment 73
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need to support the People's Representatives Assembly (PRA) given the challenge of enhancing stability in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concerns at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering its scrutiny of the executive; encourages Parliament's services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends that Parliament assess the needs in terms of support of the PRA and organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such as a 'Tunisian Week', on its premises, in order to foster parliamentary cooperation and express its support for Tunisia;

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 74
Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concerns at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering its *legislative role and slowing down the drafting* of the *urgently needed new legislations*; encourages Parliament's services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends that Parliament assess the needs in terms of support of the PRA and organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such as a 'Tunisian Week', on its premises, in order to foster parliamentary cooperation and express its support for Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

4. Emphasises the need to support the People's Representatives Assembly (PRA) given the challenge of enhancing stability in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concerns at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering its scrutiny of the executive; encourages Parliament's services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends *the urgent adoption of a budget for Members of the PRA to recruit assistants and advisers, in the interest of all elected members*; recommends that Parliament assess the needs in terms of support of the PRA and organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such

support for Tunisia;

as a ‘Tunisian Week’, on its premises, in order to foster parliamentary cooperation and express its support for Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Emphasises the need to support the People’s Representatives Assembly (PRA) given the challenge of enhancing stability in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concern at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering its scrutiny of the executive; encourages Parliament’s services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends that Parliament assess the needs in terms of support of the PRA and organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such as a ‘Tunisian Week’, on its premises, in order to foster parliamentary cooperation *and express its support for* Tunisia;

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need to support the People’s Representatives Assembly (PRA) given the challenge of enhancing stability in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concern at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering its scrutiny of the executive; encourages Parliament’s services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends that Parliament assess the needs in terms of support of the PRA and organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such as a ‘Tunisian Week’, on its premises, in order to foster parliamentary cooperation, *support social and economic reforms, and express its support for the process of democratisation in* Tunisia;

Or. nl

Amendment 77

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Emphasises the need to support the People's Representatives Assembly (PRA) given the challenge of enhancing stability in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concerns at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering its scrutiny of the executive; encourages Parliament's services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends that Parliament *assess* the needs in terms of support of the PRA and organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such as a 'Tunisian Week, on its premises, in order to foster parliamentary cooperation and express its support for Tunisia;

Amendment

4. Emphasises the need to support the People's Representatives Assembly (PRA) given the challenge of enhancing stability in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concerns at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering its scrutiny of the executive; encourages Parliament's services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends that Parliament *support a review of* the needs in terms of support of the PRA and organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such as a 'Tunisian Week, on its premises, in order to foster parliamentary cooperation and express its support for Tunisia;

Or. fr

Amendment 78
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

4. Emphasises the need to support the People's Representatives Assembly (PRA) given the challenge of enhancing stability in a volatile regional context while deepening democracy; expresses concerns at the lack of means of the PRA thereby hindering *the reform process and* its scrutiny of the executive; encourages Parliament's services to enhance the capacity-building support activities provided to the PRA in the framework of the Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach; recommends that Parliament assess the needs in terms of support of the

organise a political meeting at the highest political level, such as a ‘Tunisian Week’, on its premises in order to foster parliamentary cooperation and express its support for Tunisia;

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Or. fr

Amendment 79
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other Parliament committees, such as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 80
Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other Parliament committees, such as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC which will play a key role, enabling Members of the European Parliament and Tunisians to meet regularly and develop a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other Parliament

committees, such as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other Parliament committees, such as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, ***stresses that as part of the opening of trade agreements, the EU-Tunisia Joint Parliamentary Committee has an important role to play in effectively monitoring ongoing negotiations***, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA and other Parliament committees, such as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other ***Parliament*** committees, such as

Amendment

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other committees ***of the EP***, such as

the Committee *on Civil Liberties*, Justice and Home Affairs;

the *civil liberties* committee (*for support regarding matters of "Justice and home affairs", migration law and measures relating to police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, including terrorism*);

Or. en

Amendment 83

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other Parliament committees, such as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the establishment of an EU-Tunisia JPC as a tool for developing a structured political dialogue on democracy, ***human rights***, the rule of law and any topic of mutual interest, and calls for the launching of specific initiatives of support to the PRA with other Parliament committees, such as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5 a. Welcomes the tripartite dialogue in Tunisia; calls for its continuation and extension to all aspects of EU-Tunisia bilateral relations and in particular, to ensure the involvement of civil society in the implementation of the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the negotiation process of EU-Tunisia

Amendment

priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. welcomes the bilateral cooperation between EU Member States and the Tunisian authorities in areas such as defence, security, and strategic communications as a commitment to peace, counter-terrorism, and institutional reform; further believes enhanced communications allows the Tunisian people to make informed choices about their own lives, as well as enhancing the international reputation of the country as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Notes that the reform of the public administration is one of the main challenging reforms that Tunisia has to implement; welcomes the consideration by the Tunisian government of new methods to fast-track key priority policies; believes that the twinning between European and Tunisian administrations is a positive contribution to the reform of the public

administration;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

Amendment

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;
welcomes specific EU financed programmes in this domain such as the project supporting civils society (PASC) and its recent call for proposals to encourage CSOs to implement projects related to regional/municipal elections (civil monitoring of the electoral process, youth awareness campaigns, civic education); welcomes the agreement signed between the European Social and Economic Committee and the Tunisian quartet to strengthen ties between Tunisian and European civil societies;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

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Welcomes Tunisia's respect of international standards regarding freedom of association, which has given Tunisia a leading role in strengthening an independent civil society in the Arab world;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Arne Lietz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;
encourages dialogue and cooperation between civil society and public authorities in the identification of local development priorities, including local investment;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

Amendment

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;
whereas civil society organisations have a crucial role to play in Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 91
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

Amendment

6. Calls for the ***promotion of civic education and democratic engagement*** and for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the *continuation* of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the *protection of women*;

Amendment

6. Calls for the *strengthening* of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including *gender equality*;

Or. fr

Amendment 93

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

Amendment

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for *political parties, trade unions and* civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for

Amendment

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for

civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of *women*;

civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of *all victims of persecution and discrimination*;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women;

Amendment

6. Calls for the continuation of technical and capacity-building support for civil society groups, since these have proven to be of fundamental importance for democratic transition and overall development, government accountability, and monitoring of respect for human rights, including the protection of women *and children*;

Or. cs

Amendment 96
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6 a. Underlines the importance of developing a culture of citizenship and calls for the creation of an enabling environment with the necessary structures for civil-society organisations to be included in the decision-making process;

Amendment 97

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 7***Motion for a resolution*

7. Deems it necessary that the Commission and the EEAS provide support for local elections (scheduled in October 2016) and an EU monitoring mission, should it be requested by the Tunisian Government; calls for strengthened support for municipalities in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States;

Amendment

7. Deems it necessary that the Commission and the EEAS provide support for local elections (scheduled in October 2016) and an EU **and EP** monitoring mission, should it be requested by the Tunisian Government **as it was already the case for the legislative and presidential elections in 2014**; calls for strengthened support for municipalities in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Javi López

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 7***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

7. Deems it necessary that the Commission and the EEAS provide **the necessary** support for local elections (scheduled in October 2016) and an EU monitoring mission **and election assistance** should it be requested by the Tunisian Government; calls for strengthened support for municipalities in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean

and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States;

Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Deems it necessary that the Commission and the EEAS provide support for local elections (scheduled in October 2016) and an EU monitoring mission, should it be requested by the Tunisian Government; calls for strengthened support for municipalities in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States;

Amendment

7. Deems it necessary that the Commission and the EEAS provide support for local elections (scheduled in October 2016) and an EU monitoring mission, should it be requested by the Tunisian Government; calls *in this context* for strengthened support for municipalities in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States;

Or. cs

Amendment 100
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

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Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States;

Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM), and by fostering the development of twinning projects in coordination with the Member States; ***Strongly recommends the adoption of a law on the competences of elected local and regional bodies to ensure a genuine public debate takes place ahead of these elections;***

Or. en

Amendment 101

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections;

Amendment

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector, ***in particular as enshrined in Article 46 of the Tunisian Constitution***, and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections; ***further encourages the development of mentoring programmes for emerging female leaders with the potential to support their access to decision making positions;***

Or. en

Amendment 102

Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections;

Amendment

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes ***in this regard the EU-funded youth awareness/civic education project implemented by Lam Echaml a Tunisian NGO which has a presence at grassroots level all across Tunisia***; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections;

Amendment

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, ***including in issues related to inheritance and marriage rights*** and for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections;

Amendment

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth representation at local and regional elections; ***Recommends Tunisia reforms its personal status code to abolish discriminatory laws against women, in line with the Constitution's principle of gender equality, notably on right to inheritance, dowry, parenthood, the right to marry, and to abolish the reduction of prison sentences for a husband murdering his wife if she commits adultery; recommends the lifting of Tunisia's general declaration on the Convention for the Elimination of Discriminations Against Women;***

Or. en

Amendment 105
Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth

Amendment

8. Calls for support for gender-balanced policies, for an increased participation of women in public life and the private sector and for the inclusion of young people in political life, especially regarding the promotion of youth participation in local elections; welcomes the legislative provisions regarding youth

representation at local and regional elections;

representation at local and regional elections; *considers the municipal elections in 2016 as an opportunity to encourage the youth to reengage actively in the political transformation process;*

Or. en

Amendment 106
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Welcomes the transitional justice law; recalls the high hopes of the Tunisian people for the transitional process; regrets the intense polarization within the Truth and Dignity committee; notes that national reconciliation and growth should not be contradictory priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Marek Jurek, Anna Elżbieta Fotyga, Mirosław Piotrowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. calls for action to protect the rights of religious minorities, including Christian converts, in public and social life;

Or. pl

Amendment 108
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to **launch a programme in support of** the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution; **notes that** the EU Programme on Justice Reform (PARJI) **was only endowed with very limited funding and stopped in 2011;**

Amendment

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to **keep supporting Tunisia in** the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution; **welcomes** the EU programme on Justice reform (PARJI) **adopted in 2011 as well as the PARJ2 programme, adopted in 2014 and only funded with 15 million euros;**

Or. en

Amendment 109
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Hilde Vautmans, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Tanja Fajon, Daniele Viotti, Malin Björk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to launch a programme in support of the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution; notes that the EU Programme on Justice Reform (PARJI) was only endowed with very limited funding and stopped in 2011;

Amendment

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to launch a programme in support of the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution, **including through technical and financial support for the ongoing establishment of the Supreme Judicial Council and the Constitutional Court;** notes that the EU Programme on Justice Reform (PARJI) was only endowed with very limited funding and stopped in 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to launch a programme in support of the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution; notes that the EU Programme on Justice Reform (PARJI) was only endowed with very limited funding and stopped in 2011;

Amendment

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to launch a programme in support of the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution; notes that the EU Programme on Justice Reform (PARJI) was only endowed with very limited funding and stopped in 2011; ***calls for it to be reinstated and properly funded, and for it to focus its efforts on transitional justice;***

Or. fr

Amendment 111
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to launch a programme in support of the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution; notes that the EU Programme on Justice Reform (PARJI) was only endowed with very limited funding and stopped in 2011;

Amendment

9. Calls for the Commission and the EEAS to launch a programme in support of the reform of the judicial sector and the rule of law in respect of the values of the Tunisian Constitution; notes that the EU Programme on Justice Reform (PARJI) was only endowed with very limited funding and stopped in 2011;

Or. fr

Amendment 112
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Expresses concern over the overcrowding in Tunisia prisons, the lack of food and the sanitary conditions and their effects on inmates' basic rights; welcomes the Tunisian-European project for the reform of the Tunisian penal institution which aims to reinforce the system of alternative penalties instead of imprisonment for less serious offenses.*

Or. en

Amendment 113
Marek Jurek, Mirosław Piotrowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises homosexual practices and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs;*

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 114
Salvatore Domenico Pogliese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises homosexual practices and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, **as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs;**

Amendment

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises homosexual practices and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy.

Or. it

Amendment 115
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises homosexual practices and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs;

Amendment

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises homosexual practices and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs; ***calls on the Tunisian authorities to continue to observe the moratorium on the death penalty which has been in place since 1991;***

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Hilde Vautmans, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Tanja Fajon, Daniele Viotti, Malin Björk

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises **homosexual practices** and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, **as well as** amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs;

Amendment

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises **homosexuality with imprisonment for three years**, and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy; **furthermore, calls for** amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises **homosexual practices** and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs;

Amendment

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises **homosexuality with imprisonment for three years**, and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards for the consumption of soft drugs;

Amendment 118
Lorenzo Cesa, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises homosexual practices and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards *for the consumption of soft drugs*;

Amendment

10. Calls for a reform of the penal code, and in particular for the repeal of Article 230, which penalises homosexual practices and is contrary to the constitutional principles of non-discrimination and the protection of privacy, as well as amendments to Law No 92-52 on Narcotics, which propose disproportionate sentences for drug offences, to align it to international standards;

Amendment 119
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Is concerned about the threat to fundamental rights imposed by way of the anti-terrorist legislation recently adopted by Tunisia; points out that security considerations do not absolve authorities from upholding human rights and fundamental liberties; points out the principles of necessity and proportionality in this area, and for independent control of the judiciary, including over the security forces; points out its long-standing opposition to capital

Amendment

punishment, stresses the importance of Tunisia repealing the death penalty or at least reinstating a moratorium on its use and stresses once more that abolishing the death penalty helps to bolster human dignity and should be, without exception, a fundamental principle of a democratic regime;

Or. fr

Amendment 120
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Notes that NGOs condemn the persistent practice of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, particularly in prisons and in custody; points out the Tunisian Government's responsibility to put an end to the culture of impunity; calls on the Tunisian authorities to adopt, as quickly as possible, legislation which ensures that victims of torture and their families receive compensation and that the compensation is in line with the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which Tunisia ratified in 1988;

Or. fr

Amendment 121
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for ***a stronger*** process of decentralisation ***and the empowerment of the regions by means of further*** local autonomies; supports partnerships with EU Member States ***encouraging decentralised approaches (e.g. training, capacity-building in that field)***;

Amendment

11. Calls for ***the*** process of decentralisation ***to be set up rapidly*** and ***for*** regions ***and municipalities to be responsible for consequent steps, with the aim of enabling*** local autonomies ***to develop further***; supports partnerships with EU Member States ***and their local authorities when those partnerships are intended to encourage decentralisation***;

Or. fr

Amendment 122
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for a stronger process of decentralisation and the empowerment of the regions by means of further local autonomies; supports partnerships with EU Member States encouraging decentralised approaches (e.g. training, capacity-building in that field);

Amendment

11. Calls for a stronger process of decentralisation and the empowerment of the regions by means of further local autonomies; supports partnerships with EU Member States encouraging decentralised approaches (e.g. training, capacity building in that field), ***together with decentralised cooperation projects led by Member State authorities which contribute to the development of regional and local governance in Tunisia***;

Or. fr

Amendment 123
Arne Lietz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for a stronger process of decentralisation and the empowerment of the regions by means of further local autonomies; supports partnerships with EU Member States encouraging decentralised approaches (e.g. training, capacity-building in that field);

Amendment

11. Calls for a stronger process of decentralisation and the empowerment of the regions by means of further local autonomies; supports partnerships with EU Member States encouraging decentralised approaches (e.g. training, capacity-building in that field); ***calls for increased EU support to civil society in the regions, building on successful existing initiatives;***

Or. en

Amendment 124
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls for a stronger process of decentralisation and the empowerment of the regions by means of further local autonomies; supports partnerships with EU Member States encouraging decentralised approaches (e.g. training, capacity-building in that field);

Amendment

11. Calls for a stronger process of decentralisation and the empowerment of the regions by means of further local autonomies; supports partnerships with EU Member States encouraging decentralised approaches (e.g. training, capacity-building in that field) ***as well as partnerships and exchange of best practices with EU cities and local communities;***

Or. en

Amendment 125
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages best practice standards in the media sector to ***truly reflect***

Amendment

12. ***Reiterates that the right to freedom of expression is a fundamental principal***

investigative and differentiated journalism; recognises the enabling effects of uncensored access to the internet and of digital and social media; welcomes Tunisia's vibrant and open online media landscape but calls on the Tunisian authorities to further invest in basic technological infrastructures and to promote digital connectivity and literacy, especially in the poorest areas of the country;

of democracy and points out that no one can be condemned for freely expressing an opinion; Encourages best practice standards in the media sector to *enable journalists to practise their profession, including investigative journalists, and to ensure* differentiated journalism; recognises the enabling effects of uncensored access to the internet and of *the development of* digital and social media; welcomes Tunisia's vibrant and open online media landscape but calls on the Tunisian authorities to further invest in basic technological infrastructures and to promote digital connectivity and literacy, especially in the poorest areas of the country; *calls for bloggers to receive special protection, too*;

Or. fr

Amendment 126
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages best practice standards in the media sector to truly reflect investigative and differentiated journalism; recognises the enabling effects of uncensored access to the internet and of digital and social media; welcomes Tunisia's vibrant and open online media landscape but calls on the Tunisian authorities to further invest in basic technological infrastructures and to promote digital connectivity and literacy, especially in the poorest areas of the country;

Amendment

12. Encourages best practice standards in the media sector to truly reflect investigative and differentiated journalism; recognises the enabling effects of uncensored access to the internet and of digital and social media; welcomes Tunisia's vibrant and open online media landscape but calls on the Tunisian authorities to further invest in basic technological infrastructures and to promote digital connectivity and literacy, especially in the poorest areas of the country; *Welcomes the adoption of the new information law in March 2016 to effectively protect the right to freedom of information in Tunisia, which should protect the rights of whistle blowers including the journalists involved in the*

Amendment 127

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Encourages best practice standards in the media sector to truly reflect investigative and differentiated journalism; recognises the enabling effects of uncensored access to the internet and of digital and social media; welcomes Tunisia's vibrant and open online media landscape but calls on the Tunisian authorities to further invest in basic technological infrastructures and to promote digital connectivity and literacy, especially in the poorest areas of the country;

Amendment

12. Encourages best practice standards in the media sector to truly reflect investigative and differentiated journalism; recognises the enabling effects of uncensored access to the internet and of digital and social media; welcomes Tunisia's vibrant and open online media landscape but calls on the Tunisian authorities to further invest in basic technological infrastructures and to promote digital connectivity and literacy, especially in the poorest areas of the country; ***welcomes, in this context, that HAICA and its successor, the Audio-Visual Communication Commission, will benefit from EU support in the context of the ongoing EUR 10 million programme supporting media reform;***

Amendment 128

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Whereas freedom of expression online and offline and freedom of assembly are indispensable pillars of a

*democratic and pluralistic society;
whereas freedom of the press and media
are vital elements for democracy and an
open society;*

Or. en

Amendment 129
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*12 a. Calls on the Assembly of the
Council of Europe to grant Tunisia the
status of partner for democracy as a
significant step towards consolidating
parliamentary democracy and the rule of
law in Tunisia;*

Or. en

Amendment 130
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*12a. Calls on the government to take
swift measures to prevent the use of
torture; encourages Tunisia to abolish the
death penalty.*

Or. fr

Amendment 131
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Calls on Tunisia to urgently reform its 1978 state of emergency law, currently enforced outside of the Constitution's basic provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Supports using IT-based solutions for establishing and developing an e-state and an e-administration;

Or. et

Amendment 133
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 b. Is worried that little progress has been made to overhaul the code of criminal procedures and the penal code to uphold freedom of expression; is worried that several citizens have been prosecuted and imprisoned for alleged defamation, insult of state officials in rap songs or harming public morals, including journalists and bloggers, for expressing their opinions;

Amendment 134

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Welcomes the fact that Tunisia has joined the Freedom Online Coalition and calls for it to participate more actively;

Or. et

Amendment 135

Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 c. Raises concerns regarding repeated cases of torture, by Tunisian authorities, of minors suspected of wanting to join terrorist organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 136

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;

deleted

Amendment 137

Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Welcomes** the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;

Amendment

13. **Notes** the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament; ***regrets however that this assistance is provided in the form of a loan and not a grant, and hence needs to be repaid; underlines its aim should be to pay back odious debt contracted by the former Ben Ali regime;***

Or. en

Amendment 138

Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;

Amendment

13. ***Takes note of the serious socio-economic situation currently faced by Tunisia, and therefore*** welcomes the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 139

Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Welcomes** the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for ***a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;***

Amendment

13. **Notes** the Commission proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for ***the proper use of this taxpayers' money to be guaranteed and for the Union to put in place effective monitoring mechanisms;***

Or. de

Amendment 140
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Welcomes the Commission's proposal for** a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million ***and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;***

Amendment

13. **Points out that Tunisia has received** a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million, ***in addition to the EUR 300 million previously granted;***

Or. it

Amendment 141
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament; ***deplores the fact that this assistance would be given in the form of loans and conditional on structural and economic reforms; calls for real assistance in the***

form of grants paid under the framework of the ENP to be turned to full account;

Or. fr

Amendment 142
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a macro-financial assistance of EUR 500 million and calls for a swift adoption by the Council and Parliament; *calls for this assistance to be reserved for investments and for the European Parliament and the Council to be informed of the total expenditure;*

Or. fr

Amendment 143
Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13 a. Emphasises that the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Tunisia must also contribute to extending European standards in the field of environment, consumer protection and workers' rights to Tunisia, as this also will increase Tunisia's competitiveness in the rest of the world;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Acknowledges the negotiations for an agreement on a deep and comprehensive free trade area between the EU and Tunisia; calls on the Commission to adopt a progressive approach and to ensure that opening up the Tunisian market will benefit everyone, in both the long and the short term;

Or. fr

Amendment 145

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Welcomes the start of the negotiations on an ambitious Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Tunisia; underlines that international trade is essential for the Tunisian economic, social and political development and stability;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI **and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia**; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Amendment

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI, **primarily through grants at a comparable rate to the aid granted to Ukraine**; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures **reducing regional disparities, supporting and developing local agriculture and promoting training and investment particularly** in the manufacturing sector, **SMEs and the social and robust economy** which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Or. fr

Amendment 147

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member

Amendment

14. **Welcomes the adoption of the emergency autonomous trade measures for the Republic of Tunisia as a concrete step to support the Tunisian economy**; calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been

States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Amendment

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia ***to allow the country to benefit fully from the international support and enable job creation***; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks *in 2014* and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Amendment

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment, *particularly for young graduates*; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks *which took place in 2014 and which the European Parliament strongly condemns* and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Or. fr

Amendment 150

David McAllister

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks *in 2014* and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Amendment

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing, *agriculture and IT* sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks *in 2015* and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

possible;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Amendment

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in 2014 and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible ***and to relaunch Tunisia as a destination***;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in

Amendment

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in

particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in **2014** and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the attacks in **2015** and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States **which have not yet done so** to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Or. fr

Amendment 153

Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector **has been dramatically impacted** by the **attacks in 2014** and, considering the measures **implemented** since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

Amendment

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector **since 2014 has been dramatically impacted** by the **terror attacks** and, considering the measures **that have been taken** since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as soon as possible;

Or. nl

Amendment 154

Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for an increase in EU aid to Tunisia through the ENI and for the coordination of international aid to Tunisia; encourages partnerships with other interested global and regional donor countries and organisations, and in particular, measures promoting investment in the manufacturing sector which would boost employment; notes that the tourism sector has been dramatically impacted by the **attacks in 2014** and, considering the measures implemented since then by the Tunisian authorities, calls on the Member States to reassess the security situation as quickly as possible;

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Or. en

Amendment 155

Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Welcomes the launching of the negotiations of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Tunisia on 13 October 2015; underlines the importance of the DCFTA to support on-going economic reforms in Tunisia and to improve market access opportunities and the investment climate; recalls the need for the EU to conduct these negotiations along with a technical and financial tailored assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Welcomes the adoption of the emergency autonomous trade measures for the Republic of Tunisia as a concrete step to support the Tunisian economy by providing more opportunities for Tunisian companies and citizens of the European market as well as creating an incentive for reform in the country itself;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. 9. Welcomes the opening of negotiations in the autumn of 2015 with a view to concluding a progressive and asymmetrical agreement between the EU and Tunisia, on the basis of the mandate adopted by the Council in 2011 in the wake of the ‘Arab Spring’;

Or. fr

Amendment 158
Arne Lietz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. *Calls for the EU to include civil society, local authorities and other important actors in the process of identification of priorities for funding in the mid-term review of the ENI;*

Or. en

Amendment 159

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. *encourages internal reforms to reduce bureaucracy and to stimulate economic and business growth, and foreign direct investment;*

Or. en

Amendment 160

Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. **10.** *Considers that the agreement covers more than just trade, and it is essential that its objective is to contribute to Tunisia's stability, strengthen its democracy and revive its economy, and at the same time have a positive impact on employment and reducing inequality; calls for the content of the agreement to meet those fundamental challenges before it is concluded;*

Amendment 161**Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 15***Motion for a resolution*

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. facilitate currency restrictions, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country;

Amendment

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. facilitate currency restrictions, access to micro-credits, reform of the labour laws **and simplification of administrative processes**) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for **and the distribution of wealth across** all territories of the country;

Amendment 162**Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 15***Motion for a resolution*

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development for all territories of the country;

development for all territories of the country *including the less advanced regions that need a long-term development plan*;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. *facilitate currency restrictions*, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country;

Amendment

15. Underlines the *crucial* need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. *developing training schemes suited to the needs of the labour market* , access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive *and sustainable* economic development for all territories of the country;

Or. fr

Amendment 164
Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

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restrictions, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country; ***Calls on the Tunisian authorities to welcome initiatives in which citizens show commitment to improving political dialogue or technological innovations, among other examples, and emphasizes that international support for these civic initiatives is needed;***

Or. en

Amendment 165
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. facilitate currency restrictions, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country;

Amendment

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. facilitate currency restrictions, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country; ***Is worried that the most impoverished inland regions representing 35% of Tunisia's population only receive 10% of loans to foster job creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 166
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. facilitate currency restrictions, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country;

Amendment

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, especially for young university graduates, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth, **quality education** and employment (e.g. facilitate currency restrictions, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Underlines the need to address unemployment, **especially for young university graduates**, and to launch deep reforms to promote growth and employment (e.g. facilitate currency restrictions, access to microcredit, reform of the labour laws) and the diversification of the Tunisian economy; calls on all parties to maintain the spirit of good cooperation to focus on reforms with a view to the inclusive economic development for all territories of the country;

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Or. de

Amendment 168
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. **Welcomes the** Tunisian Strategic Plan for Development 2016-2020 and **calls for its swift implementation with the adoption of regulatory frameworks aimed at facilitating the absorption of European support and of all international financial institutions; welcomes the adoption of the new investment code, which should create regulatory stability and facilitate investments, and the tax reforms;** calls for the modernisation of the public administration, which should operate in an efficient and transparent way, thus greatly facilitating the implementation of projects and the better use of funds;

Amendment

16. **Notes the** Tunisian Strategic Plan for Development 2016-2020 and **stresses the paramount need to strengthen the Tunisian economy and its domestic consumption; expresses concern about the adoption of the new investment code and fiscal reforms which neither meet the needs of the Tunisian economy nor the social justice ambitions which were central to the Tunisian revolution; stresses the importance of involving all stakeholders, including those in civil society,** calls for the modernisation of the public administration, which should operate in an efficient and transparent way, thus greatly facilitating the implementation of projects and the better use of funds;

Or. fr

Amendment 169
Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. **Welcomes the** Tunisian Strategic Plan for Development 2016-2020 and calls for its swift implementation with the adoption of regulatory frameworks aimed at facilitating the absorption of European support and of all international financial institutions; welcomes the adoption of the new investment code, which should create

Amendment

16. **Encourages the early adoption of** the Tunisian Strategic Plan for Development 2016-2020 and calls for its swift implementation with the adoption of regulatory frameworks aimed at facilitating the absorption of European support and of all international financial institutions; welcomes the adoption of the new

regulatory stability and facilitate investments, and the tax reforms; calls for the modernisation of the public administration, which should operate in an efficient and transparent way, thus greatly facilitating the implementation of projects and the better use of funds;

investment code, which should create regulatory stability and facilitate investments, and the tax reforms; calls for the modernisation of the public administration, which should operate in an efficient and transparent way, thus greatly facilitating the implementation of projects and the better use of funds;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Tunisian Strategic Plan for Development 2016-2020 and calls for its swift implementation with the adoption of regulatory frameworks aimed at facilitating the absorption of European support and of all international financial institutions; welcomes the adoption of the new investment code, which should create regulatory stability and facilitate investments, and the tax reforms; calls for the modernisation of the public administration, which should operate in an efficient and transparent way, thus greatly facilitating the implementation of projects and the better use of funds;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Tunisian Strategic Plan for Development 2016-2020 and calls for its swift implementation, *in an inclusive way*, with the adoption of regulatory frameworks aimed at facilitating the absorption of European support and of all international financial institutions; welcomes the adoption of the new investment code, which should create regulatory stability and facilitate investments, and the tax reforms; calls for the modernisation of the public administration, which should operate in an efficient and transparent way, thus greatly facilitating the implementation of projects and the better use of funds;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Amjad Bashir
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

16 a. *supports the efforts of the Tunisian government to modernise and liberalise their economy to meet new domestic, regional and global demands and believes a strong and diverse Tunisian economy will create jobs, opportunity and prosperity, and allow the country to achieve its wider political and social ambitions;*

Or. en

Amendment 172

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls the strategic importance of the agricultural sector in Tunisia and welcomes in this regard the measures foreseen in the 2016 Tunisian budget, including the cancellation of debts for farmers, and the launch of a national consultation on the agricultural sector; considers it essential for this national consultation to involve civil society and the broadest possible number of actors, including small farmers from the south of the country as well as young farmers; ***believes that the agricultural sector requires a deep reform*** and a series of urgent practical measures, such as developing the capacities of desalination plants to tackle the water deficit issue and other emerging problems owing to climate change;

Amendment

17. Recalls the strategic importance of the agricultural sector in Tunisia and welcomes in this regard the measures foreseen in the 2016 Tunisian budget, including the cancellation of debts for farmers, and the launch of a national consultation on the agricultural sector; considers it essential for this national consultation to involve civil society and the broadest possible number of actors, including small farmers from the south of the country as well as young farmers; ***to ensure that the planned reforms are understood by interested parties and meet their expectations and so that*** a series of urgent practical measures ***are taken***, such as developing the capacities of desalination plants to tackle the water deficit issue and other emerging problems owing to climate change;

Or. fr

Amendment 173
Salvatore Domenico Pogliese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls the strategic importance of the agricultural sector in Tunisia and welcomes in this regard the measures foreseen in the 2016 Tunisian budget, including the cancellation of debts for farmers, and the launch of a national consultation on the agricultural sector; considers it essential for this national consultation to involve civil society and the broadest possible number of actors, including small farmers from the south of the country as well as young farmers; believes that the agricultural sector requires a deep reform and a series of urgent practical measures, such as developing the capacities of desalination plants to tackle the water deficit issue and other emerging problems owing to climate change;

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Or. it

Amendment 174
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

17 a. Calls on the EU to step up its support against desertification in Tunisia; Notes that Tunisians are experiencing a serious shortage of water; Calls on Tunisia to foster sustainable agriculture and eating habits; recommends a land reform to incite farmers to preserve

Amendment

forests and rivers; Recalls that a sustainable development of Tunisia's coastal tourism requires a strong reduction of hotel density in order to rationalize investments and manage the water front;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. While it is aware that, because of the terrorist attacks, the crisis and instability situation in Tunisia must be resolved, deplores the action taken by High Representative Federica Mogherini to ease the way for the import into Europe of an additional 70 000 tonnes of Tunisian oil duty-free, at the expense of some Member States (Italy, Spain, Greece and, in part, France)

Or. it

Amendment 176
Arne Lietz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Welcomes the launch of the project entitled ‘Youth mobility, food security and rural poverty reduction’ by APIA (Agents de promotion des investissements agricoles), in order to combat youth unemployment by offering alternatives in rural areas; calls on the Member States to

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support the EU actions by engaging, in partnership with Tunisian authorities, in sectorial or thematic projects that could have a direct and beneficial impact on Tunisian society;

support the EU actions by engaging, in partnership with Tunisian authorities, *civil society organisations and the private sector* in sectorial or thematic projects that could have a direct and beneficial impact on Tunisian society;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Welcomes programmes developed by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean such as Med4jobs to address the employability of young people in the Mediterranean; calls on the Member States of the Union for the Mediterranean to task its Secretariat General to focus on the economic and social development of Tunisia in support of the consolidation of its transition process;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls for a stronger fight against corruption (*for example by designating an independent authority to oversee the proper functioning of public administration and the regularity of public procurement*), particularly in the

19. Calls for a stronger fight against corruption (*by providing the future body for good governance and the fight against corruption with suitable resources*) particularly in the context of the growing underground economy with a view to

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achieving a more efficient and transparent decision-making process and to establishing a better environment for investment and business; ***calls on the Tunisian authorities to ensure that the steps that it takes against corruption are highly visible;***

Or. fr

Amendment 179
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls for a stronger fight against corruption (for example by ***designating an independent authority to oversee*** the proper functioning of public administration and the regularity of public procurement) particularly in the context of the growing underground economy with a view to achieving a more efficient and transparent decision-making process and to establishing a better environment for investment and business;

Amendment

19. Calls for a stronger fight against corruption (for example by ***strengthening the capacity and effectivity of the Tunisian Anti-Corruption Agency to ensure*** the proper functioning of public administration and the regularity of public procurement) particularly in the context of the growing underground economy with a view to achieving a more efficient and transparent decision-making process and to establishing a better environment for investment and business;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

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transparent decision-making process and to establishing a better environment for investment and business; *recognizes the efforts of the National Instance for Fight against Corruption and urges the government to provide it with all necessary competences, financial and logistic support to do its work, including overseeing the proper functioning of the administration and the regularity of the public procurement;*

Or. en

Amendment 181
Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Calls for the acceleration of the establishment of the National Social Dialogue Council decided on in 2013;*

Or. fr

Amendment 182
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Calls on the Member States to demonstrate support and political will in order to speed up the recovery of frozen Tunisian assets; welcomes the Council decision to extend the asset freeze of 48 persons by one year;

20. Calls on the Member States to demonstrate support and political will in order to speed up the recovery of frozen Tunisian assets; welcomes the Council decision to extend the asset freeze of 48 persons by one year; *Welcomes the creation of the National Authority against corruption; deplores its limited budget, calls for a more independent nomination*

of its chair; Recommends the urgent adoption of a law to enhance the Authority, which was created by decree; calls therefore for a full implementation of the Tunisian Constitution, particularly as regards the declaration of assets for certain public figures;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 184

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Expresses concern at Tunisia's lack of asset recovery, namely, owing to the lengthy and cumbersome processes involved in confiscating and repatriating assets; calls for specific technical capacity support to be provided to Tunisia in order to undertake investigations and collect the intelligence and evidence needed to build cases of assets recovery;

Amendment

21. Expresses concern at Tunisia's lack of *frozen* asset recovery, namely, owing to the lengthy and cumbersome processes involved in confiscating and repatriating assets; calls for specific technical capacity support to be provided to Tunisia in order to undertake investigations and collect the intelligence and evidence needed to build cases of assets recovery; *deplores the delay*

in establishing the ‘support for asset recovery by Arab Spring countries’; questions the actual results of that and calls on the Commission to swiftly provide the Council and the European Parliament an accurate assessment of the progress made with regard to proceedings;

Or. fr

Amendment 185
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Calls for the promotion of faster and safer transfers of remittances and of the investment potential -especially with regard to local and regional development- of Tunisians and North Africans already residing in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities;

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 187
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities;

Amendment

22. ***Is concerned about the difficulties that Tunisia has had in repaying its external debt, which has lead it to borrow on the financial markets at a rate which only serves to worsen its debt problems; supports the suspension of payment of that debt with a view to undertaking an audit on its legitimacy; calls for the cancellation of the illegitimate and odious part of the debt; calls on the Members States to convert the remaining*** Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities;

Or. fr

Amendment 188
Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Calls for the conversion of*** Tunisian debt into ***investment projects*** especially ***for*** building strategic infrastructures and ***reducing regional disparities***;

Amendment

22. ***Welcomes the initiatives to convert part of*** Tunisian debt into ***an investment project or development led by several Member States and encourages the Commission, through the EIB and Member States, to increase the number of these types of project, especially focusing on*** building strategic infrastructures and ***reducing*** regional disparities;

Or. fr

Amendment 189
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities;

Amendment

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities, ***and for the assessment of possible ways to make Tunisian debt more sustainable in light of the situation in the country, without prejudice to the access of Tunisia to the financial markets;***

Or. en

Amendment 190
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities;

Amendment

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities; ***Calls on EU Member States to allow for a preferential rescheduling of Tunisia's debt and a diversification of debt components;***

Or. en

Amendment 191
Lorenzo Cesa, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities;

22. Calls for the conversion of Tunisian debt *to the European Union* into investment projects especially for building strategic infrastructures and reducing regional disparities;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. *Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to further assist SMEs; recommends that Tunisia join the EU's COSME (Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) programme as soon as possible; encourages private lending to SMEs by reforming the undercapitalised banking sector; welcomes the recent twinning programme for the Tunisian Central Bank aimed at supporting the modernisation of the banking sector;*

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 193
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to

23. *Welcomes EU projects in the domain of job creations and vocational*

further assist SMEs; recommends that Tunisia join the EU's COSME (Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) programme as soon as possible; encourages private lending to SMEs by reforming the undercapitalised banking sector; welcomes the recent twinning programme for the Tunisian Central Bank aimed at supporting the modernisation of the banking sector;

training such as IRADA; Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to further assist SMEs; recommends that Tunisia join the EU's COSME (Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) programme as soon as possible; encourages private lending to SMEs by reforming the undercapitalised banking sector; welcomes the recent twinning programme for the Tunisian Central Bank aimed at supporting the modernisation of the banking sector;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

23. Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to further assist SMEs; recommends that Tunisia **take the appropriate measures to be able to benefit fully from** the EU's COSME (Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) programme as soon as possible; encourages private lending to SMEs, **including by enhancing the capability of the credit guarantee sector and** by reforming the undercapitalised banking sector; welcomes the recent twinning programme for the Tunisian Central Bank aimed at supporting the modernisation of the banking sector;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

23. Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to further assist SMEs; encourages lending to SMEs, ***particularly public SMEs; is concerned about any banking reform project which is not based on the real needs of the Tunisian economy;***

Or. fr

Amendment 196
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to further assist SMEs; recommends that Tunisia join the EU's COSME (Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) programme as soon as possible; encourages private lending to SMEs by reforming the undercapitalised banking sector; welcomes the recent twinning programme for the Tunisian Central Bank aimed at supporting the modernisation of the banking sector;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 197
Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to further assist SMEs; ***recommends that Tunisia join the EU's COSME (Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) programme as soon as possible;*** encourages private lending to SMEs by reforming the undercapitalised banking sector; welcomes the recent twinning programme for the Tunisian Central Bank aimed at supporting the modernisation of the banking sector;

Amendment

23. Recommends the use of European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) funds to further assist SMEs; encourages private lending to SMEs by reforming the undercapitalised banking sector; welcomes the recent twinning programme for the Tunisian Central Bank aimed at supporting the modernisation of the banking sector;

Or. de

Amendment 198
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Encourages the integration of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) with pan-EU initiatives such as the Energy Union; encourages, at the same time, more North African regional cooperation on specific issues such as afforestation and water management, as well as greater socioeconomic integration, with increased trade, across North Africa;

Amendment

25. Encourages the integration of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) with pan-EU initiatives such as the Energy Union; encourages, at the same time, more North African regional cooperation on specific issues such as afforestation and water management, as well as greater socioeconomic integration, with increased trade, across North Africa; ***points out that the Union for the Mediterranean supports the development of specific projects in the region and should, in that regard, be involved in***

Amendment 199

Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Encourages the integration of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) with pan-EU initiatives *such as the Energy Union*; encourages, at the same time, more North African regional cooperation on specific issues such as afforestation and water management, as well as greater socioeconomic integration, with increased trade, across North Africa;

Amendment

25. Encourages the integration of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) with pan-EU initiatives; encourages, at the same time, more North African regional cooperation on specific issues such as afforestation and water management, as well as greater socioeconomic integration, with increased trade, across North Africa;

Amendment 200

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Encourages the integration of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) with pan-EU initiatives *such as the Energy Union*; encourages, at the same time, more North African regional cooperation on specific issues such as afforestation and water management, as well as greater socioeconomic integration, with increased trade, across North Africa;

Amendment

25. encourages the integration of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument into pan-European projects, encourages, at the same time, more North African regional cooperation on specific issues such as afforestation and water management, as well as greater socioeconomic integration, with increased trade *and cultural exchange*, across North Africa;

Amendment 201
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for EU cooperation to focus more on the green economy and to increase the use of renewable energies, especially considering Tunisia's high potential in the renewable energy sector; welcomes projects such as the depollution of the Lake of Bizerte;

Amendment

26. Calls for EU cooperation to focus more on the green economy and to increase the use of renewable energies *as well as better water and waste treatment*, especially considering Tunisia's high potential in the renewable energy sector; welcomes projects such as the depollution of the Lake of Bizerte, *the plant roofs of Ghar el Melh or organic waste used for consumption in Beja*;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for EU cooperation to focus more on the green economy and to increase the use of renewable energies, especially considering Tunisia's high potential in the renewable energy sector; welcomes projects such as the depollution of the Lake of Bizerte;

Amendment

26. calls, *in line with the objectives of the Union for the Mediterranean*, for EU cooperation to focus more on the green economy and to increase the use of renewable energies, especially considering Tunisia's high potential in the renewable energy sector; welcomes projects *carried out by the Union for the Mediterranean* such as the depollution of the Lake of Bizerte;

Or. fr

Amendment 203
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for EU cooperation to focus more on ***the green economy*** and to increase the use of renewable energies, especially considering Tunisia's high potential in the renewable energy sector; welcomes projects such as the depollution of the Lake of Bizerte;

Amendment

26. Calls for EU cooperation to focus more on ***sustainable development*** and to increase the use of renewable energies, especially considering Tunisia's high potential in the renewable energy sector; welcomes projects such as the depollution of the Lake of Bizerte;

Or. fr

Amendment 204
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. Considers that the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) between the European Union and Tunisia has more than just a trade dimension, and that it should seek to contribute to the stability of Tunisia, to the consolidation of its democracy and to the reinvigoration of its economy; point out that the DCFTA should be a progressive and asymmetrical agreement which must benefit the economies and societies of Tunisia and the EU, while taking proper account of the significant economic disparities between the parties;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Lorenzo Cesa, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. Welcome the integration of the Euro-Mediterranean electricity markets as an important element of the energy cooperation with the southern neighbours. EIMed project would enable two-ways electricity trade between the North and the South of the Mediterranean, generating benefits for all partners in terms of security, stability and affordability of electricity supply;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Amjad Bashir
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. encourages the development of business start-up programmes targeting women and young people specifically in order to provide business management training and access to financial support as part of measures to enhance the SME sector;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 b. *Recalls its recommendations to the Commission and the Tunisian Government to implement a clear and detailed process for involving Tunisian and European civil society throughout the DCFTA negotiations; calls for the consultation process to be open and transparent and to take greater account of the diversity of Tunisian civil society, drawing on best practices employed in similar negotiations;*

Or. en

Amendment 208

Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. ***Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation*** in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Amendment

27. ***Is deeply concerned about the immediate security spillover in Tunisia originating from the instability*** in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Amendment

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened **among other reasons** by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 210
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; **notes** the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Amendment

27. recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; **denounces** the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Or. fr

Amendment 211
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; ***underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;***

Amendment

27. recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups;

Or. fr

Amendment 212

Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; ***underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;***

Amendment

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; ***underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions; stresses that combating arms-trafficking is an essential part of combating terrorism;***

Or. es

Amendment 213

Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining *Daesh* and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Amendment

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters *and Islamists* joining the *Islamic State* and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Or. de

Amendment 214

Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Amendment

27. Recognises that Tunisian security is weakened by the current internal situation in Libya; notes the building of a wall at *a very limited part of* the border with Libya; expresses concerns at the high number of Tunisian foreign fighters joining Daesh and other terrorist groups; underlines the necessity to reform the country's intelligence services while respecting the rule of law and human rights conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

27 a. *Expresses its deepest concern over the new draft law 22/2015 on counterterrorism, adopted on July 2015 by the Tunisia's Assembly of Representatives, which imposes the death penalty as a possible sentence for a range of "terror" offences.*

Stresses that this bill could seriously infringe civil liberties and the respect of human rights in Tunisia.

Recalls that the death penalty already exists under Tunisian law, for crimes such as murder and rape, even though no execution have occurred since 1991.

Underlines that, although Tunisia is one of the countries that are most vulnerable to the terrorism threat, States are obliged to fully respect human rights when fighting terrorism.

Underlines that the ENP is strongly linked with the respect of human rights and international law and recalls the EU position of zero tolerance on death penalty.

Or. en

Amendment 216
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

27 a. *Is worried about the terrorist attack in the border city of Ben Guerdane right after the bombing in Sabratha, which shows that Tunisian-Libyan border remains highly permeable; expresses concerns over the situation in Libya and calls upon all parties in Libya to engage*

constructively with the GNA; underlines that the EU stands ready to offer security support upon request by the GNA and that security coordination between Tunisia and Libya need to be re-established; suggests to assess, in partnership with Tunisian authorities, the possibility to establish an EU Border Assistance Mission in Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Calls on the Tunisian government to set up a strategy to deal with returning foreign fighters by for example coupling punitive and precautionary measures with de-radicalization and rehabilitation programs in order to give them the possibility re-integrate in the society, reducing future risks; calls for a more comprehensive strategy to prevent radicalization in prisons and detention centres;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Lorenzo Cesa, Cristian Dan Preda, Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Recognises that terrorism is a shared challenge that requires a joint response. Cooperation between the EU

and Tunisia in the field of security and the fight against terrorism has been stepped up recently, in particular with the launch of an ambitious programme to support security sector reform.

Or. en

Amendment 219

Amjad Bashir

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. supports the UN-led process of peace and political reconciliation in Libya as an essential vehicle towards stabilising the wider region and strengthening Tunisia's security and reform process;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27 a. Recalls that the ENP reflects a strong security component; stresses that the European Union should support Tunisia in building proper state structures to deal with security issues;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Calls for an increase in support*** for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia;

Amendment

28. ***welcomes the results achieved by the G7+3 on security cooperation; calls on the EU to maintain its support*** for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia;

Or. fr

Amendment 222

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia;

Amendment

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; ***strongly calls on the Tunisian Ministry of the Interior, to support the reform of the security sector and also*** calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia;

Amendment

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia; ***Calls for systematic human rights assessment of EU support to Tunisia in that field;***

Or. en

Amendment 224
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia;

Amendment

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia; ***calls for systematic human rights assessment in that field;***

Or. en

Amendment 225
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; ***calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia***; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia;

Amendment

28. calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field in Tunisia, ***focusing on the training of security personnel and respect for human rights***;

Or. fr

Amendment 226

Lorenzo Cesa, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field ***in*** Tunisia;

Amendment

28. Calls for an increase in support for security sector reform in Tunisia and calls for swift implementation of the programmes currently in place; calls for the establishment of a national security adviser in Tunisia; calls for the Member States to share best practices in the security field ***with*** Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 227

Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Welcomes the launch, in November 2015, of the EU programme of support for security sector reform in Tunisia – with particular focus on

restructuring the security services, border controls and intelligence services – and the commitment made by both parties at the EU-Tunisia Association Council of 18 April 2016 to implement the programme efficiently and swiftly;

Or. es

Amendment 228
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. Calls for the promotion of a logic of objectives, rather than mere support by policy instruments, within a clear strategic vision focusing on prevention, support for the PRA's drafting of legislation, and the establishment of a CT prosecutor's office;

Or. en

Amendment 229
Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. Welcomes the enhanced political dialogue between the EU and Tunisia in the fight against terrorism; reminds the importance of protecting human rights in the context of counter-terrorism measures.

Or. en

Amendment 230
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 a. Welcomes the inclusion, since the July Counter Terrorism law, of legal protection for journalists to protect their sources, and the criminalization of unauthorized government surveillance;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Marek Jurek, Anna Elżbieta Fotyga, Mirosław Piotrowski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. calls on the Tunisian authorities to cooperate closely with Member States to tackle organised forms of illegal immigration;

Or. pl

Amendment 232
Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa, Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 b. Welcomes the security assistance coordination process launched by Tunisia in which the EU plays an active role; strongly recommends the reinforcement of the security assistance to Tunisia in the

framework of the G7+3 process with a focus on border security, combatting extremism and protecting tourism infrastructures; believes that this coordinated security assistance has a positive effect on the efficiency of the security sector in Tunisia; underlines the importance of a long-term approach to sustain the reforms in the Tunisian security sector;

Or. en

Amendment 233
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28 b. Is highly concerned by a number of provisions in the Counter-Terrorism law which endanger basic defence rights, such as the right to see a lawyer from the start of the detention, prior to and during interrogations; Is of the view that Incommunicado detention for 15 days without a lawyer for individuals suspected of links to a terrorist organization is highly disproportionate and violated basic individual rights;

Or. en

Amendment 234
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Calls for increased cooperation with EU agencies like EUROPOL, while

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observing that Tunisia was not among the list of third states with which Europol will conclude agreements; calls on the Council to consider the inclusion of Tunisia on this list of third states; welcomes the fact that EUROJUST established a contact point with Tunisia and the invitation expressed by EUROJUST to step up its cooperation and to appoint a second contact point specifically in charge of terrorism;

observing that Tunisia was not among the list of third states with which Europol will conclude agreements; calls on the Council to consider the inclusion of Tunisia on this list of third states; ***requests that an impact study on this cooperation be made and presented in a joint Committee meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) and the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE) before approving the agreement;*** welcomes the fact that EUROJUST established a contact point with Tunisia and the invitation expressed by EUROJUST to step up its cooperation and to appoint a second contact point specifically in charge of terrorism;

Or. en

Amendment 235
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Calls for increased cooperation with EU agencies like EUROPOL, while observing that Tunisia was not among the list of third states with which Europol will conclude agreements; calls on the Council to consider the inclusion of Tunisia on this list of third states; welcomes the fact that EUROJUST established a contact point with Tunisia and the invitation expressed by EUROJUST to step up its cooperation and to appoint a second contact point specifically in charge of terrorism;

Amendment

29. Calls for increased cooperation with EU agencies like EUROPOL, while observing that Tunisia was not among the list of third states with which Europol will conclude agreements; calls on the Council to consider the inclusion of Tunisia on this list of third states; welcomes the fact that EUROJUST established a contact point with Tunisia and the invitation expressed by EUROJUST to step up its cooperation and to appoint a second contact point specifically in charge of terrorism; ***invites the Tunisian government to provide the appropriate follow-up to these propositions as soon as possible;***

Or. en

Amendment 236
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls therefore for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Amendment

30. ***Recognizes that poverty and social exclusion are among the major causes of radicalization;*** Calls therefore for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls therefore for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent ***the recruitment of new*** fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Amendment

30. Calls therefore for better social inclusion of young people to ***enable them to find stable employment and prevent them from becoming targets for recruitment as*** fighters ***for terrorist organisations***; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Or. fr

Amendment 238
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls *therefore* for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Amendment

30. Calls for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls therefore for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Amendment

30. Calls therefore for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations such as Hedayah to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia; **welcomes initiatives such as of "Tomorrow will be better", a government campaign to counter religious extremism among youth through awareness raising programmes and the promotion of Islam moderate values;**

Amendment 240
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Calls therefore for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations *such as Hedayah* to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Amendment

30. Calls therefore for a better social inclusion of young people to prevent the recruitment of new fighters; recommends using the expertise gathered through the initiative of international organisations to develop local and regional strategies for countering violent extremism; calls for awareness raising about these existing networks or similar initiatives in Tunisia;

Or. fr

Amendment 241
Amjad Bashir
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

30 a. supports efforts to enhance cooperation and coordination with the Tunisian authorities in order to combat the shared terrorist threat, including via capacity building measures; encourages the Tunisian authorities, however, to respond proportionately to such threats, including via new legislation, in order to safeguard newly-won democratic freedoms and fundamental rights;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 242
Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 243
Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; ***calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia***; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; ***stresses the importance of flexibility in the granting of visas***; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.; ***stresses the need for progress on preventing illegal migration – including efforts to tackle the organised crime***

groups responsible for it – and on the negotiations on the readmission agreement;

Or. es

Amendment 244
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; ***calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia***; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP ***and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers, etc.***;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP;

Or. el

Amendment 245
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs,

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation ***with a view to improving the mobility of the Tunisian people; hopes that the partnership will be expanded so that it does not focus as a matter of priority on young graduates***; calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national

students, researchers etc.;

competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, *artists*, researchers, etc.;

Or. fr

Amendment 246

Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. ***Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation;*** calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Amendment

31. Calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Or. en

Amendment 247

Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; ***calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia;*** notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences,

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and

they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States ***show their solidarity with*** Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers, *etc.*;

recommends that Member States ***assist*** Tunisia by facilitating visas ***which prioritise*** entrepreneurs, students ***and*** researchers;

Or. fr

Amendment 248

Hilde Vautmans, Urmas Paet, Norica Nicolai, Marielle de Sarnez, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the ***signature of a visa waiver for*** Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the ***swift negotiation of a readmission agreement between the EU and*** Tunisia ***and*** notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Or. en

Amendment 249

Tokia Saïfi, Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; ***calls for the signature of a visa waiver for*** Tunisia; notes that though mobility

Amendment

31. welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation ***with a view to facilitating the issuing of visas***; notes that though mobility partnerships rely

partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Or. fr

Amendment 250
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, **professors**, students, researchers, **artists**, etc.;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Cristian Dan Preda, Lorenzo Cesa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; **calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia**; notes that though mobility

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included

partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Or. en

Amendment 252

Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers etc.;

Amendment

31. Welcomes the EU and the Tunisia Mobility Partnership signed in March 2014 and calls for its rapid implementation; calls for the signature of a visa waiver for Tunisia; notes that though mobility partnerships rely on national competences, they are included in the EU proposal within the ENP and recommends that Member States show their solidarity with Tunisia by facilitating visas for entrepreneurs, students, researchers, **artists**, etc.;

Or. en

Amendment 253

Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. ***Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly***

Amendment

32. condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

for students, young people, artists and researchers; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Or. de

Amendment 254
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. *Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly for students, young people, artists and researchers; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;*

Amendment

32. calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Or. fr

Amendment 255
Tokia Saïfi, Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. ***Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly for students, young people, artists and researchers***; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Amendment

32. ***Encourages the EU to sign mobility partnerships with its closest southern partners in an effort to clear the way for visa facilitation and liberalisation combined with readmission agreements***; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Or. fr

Amendment 256

Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly for students, young people, artists and researchers; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Amendment

32. Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly for students, young people, artists and researchers; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;
Notes that the delivery of long-term visas

with several entries, instead of short-term visas, are best to decrease irregular migration, including through smuggling and human trafficking; Recommends Tunisia amends the 2004 law on the criminalization of individuals who have left its territory without authorization, in accordance with international law;

Or. en

Amendment 257
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, *through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly for students, young people, artists and researchers; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants*; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Amendment

32. Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Or. el

Amendment 258
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly for students, young people, artists and researchers; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Amendment

32. Stresses the importance of the free movement of people, and supports enhancing mobility within the neighbourhood, in a secure and well managed environment, through visa facilitation and liberalisation, particularly for **families**, students, young people, artists and researchers; calls on the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to develop possibilities for circular migration schemes which would open up safe and legal routes for migrants; **also calls on the Commission to support a programme that would enable Tunisia to put in place legislation to protect migrant rights, including the rapid establishment of an asylum regime in compliance with international law**; condemns trafficking in human beings, most of the victims of which are women, and stresses the importance of reinforcing cooperation with partner countries in order to combat it;

Or. fr

Amendment 259
Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32a (new)

Motion for a resolution

32a. Stresses that missions such as EURONAVFOR MED are a positive and effective way to tackle human trafficking; calls on the EU to continue to intensify operations of that type, and to involve partner countries such as Tunisia;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 260
Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Welcomes *the* EU-Tunisian partnership in the field of research and innovation, the participation of Tunisia in the Horizon 2020 Framework programme; underlines that Tunisia should become a full participant in the Erasmus + programme in order to develop the further exchange of university students; calls for a 'positive discrimination policy' to be implemented for young students coming from less developed regions with incentives to allow their participation in such programmes;

Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 261
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Welcomes *the* EU-Tunisian partnership in the field of research and innovation, the participation of Tunisia *in the* Horizon 2020 Framework programme; underlines that Tunisia should become a full participant in the Erasmus + programme in order to develop *the* further exchange of university students; calls for a 'positive discrimination policy' to be implemented for young students coming from less developed regions with incentives to allow their participation in such programmes;

Amendment

33. Welcomes EU-Tunisian partnership in the field of research and innovation, the participation of Tunisia *to* Horizon 2020 Framework programme; *emphasizes that a consistent scientific research and technological development policy would be an incentive to R&D investments, the transfer of research and innovation to the private sector and the creation of new businesses*; underlines that Tunisia should become a full participant in the Erasmus + programme in order to develop further *the* exchange of university students; calls for a "positive discrimination policy" to be implemented for young students coming

from less developed regions with incentives to allow their participation in such programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 262
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Welcomes the EU-Tunisian partnership in the field of research and innovation, the participation of Tunisia in the Horizon 2020 Framework programme; ***underlines that*** Tunisia ***should*** become a full participant in the Erasmus + programme in order to develop the further exchange of university students; calls for a ‘positive discrimination policy’ to be implemented for young students coming from less developed regions with incentives to allow their participation in such programmes;

Amendment

33. Welcomes the EU-Tunisian partnership in the field of research and innovation, the participation of Tunisia in the Horizon 2020 Framework programme; ***calls on*** Tunisia ***to*** become a full participant in the Erasmus + programme in order to develop the further exchange of university students; ***is concerned about the growing difficulties faced by Tunisian students wanting to study in Europe***; calls for a ‘positive discrimination policy’ to be implemented, ***particularly*** for young students coming from less developed regions with incentives to allow their participation in such programmes;

Or. fr

Amendment 263
Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Welcomes the EU-Tunisian partnership in the field of research and innovation, the participation of Tunisia in the Horizon 2020 Framework programme; ***underlines that*** Tunisia ***should*** become a

Amendment

33. Welcomes the EU-Tunisian partnership in the field of research and innovation, the participation of Tunisia in the Horizon 2020 Framework programme; ***underlines that*** Tunisia ***should*** become a

full participant in the Erasmus + programme in order to develop the further exchange of university students; calls for a 'positive discrimination policy' to be implemented for young students coming from less developed regions with incentives to allow their participation in such programmes;

full participant in the Erasmus + programme in order to develop the further exchange of university students; calls for a 'positive discrimination policy' to be implemented for young students coming from less developed regions with incentives to allow their participation in such programmes; ***Recalls that 40% of university graduates entering Tunisia's job market are unemployed; Calls on Tunisia to readjust and prioritize partnerships to develop skills in foreign languages, engineering, renewable energies, sciences and computer science which have the highest employment rates;***

Or. en

Amendment 264
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 a. Calls on the Commission to encourage the development of partnerships among schools, universities and research centres and to strengthen shared projects of lifelong learning, especially in the fields of language learning, new technologies, woman's education promotion and entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 265
Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Calls for a strengthened partnership in the creative, cultural and audiovisual sectors through the strengthening of networks as well as through initiatives for an increased intercultural dialogue, mobility of key players, the promotion and circulation of cultural and audiovisual content, including through festivals and exhibitions; encourages Tunisia to participate in the Creative Europe Programme;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 266

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Calls for a strengthened partnership in the creative, cultural and audiovisual sectors through the strengthening of networks as well as through initiatives for an increased intercultural dialogue, mobility of players, the promotion and circulation of cultural and audiovisual content, including through festivals and exhibitions; encourages Tunisia to participate in the Creative Europe Programme;

34. calls for a strengthened partnership in the creative, cultural, **sport, popular education, community life** and audiovisual sectors through the strengthening of networks as well as through initiatives for an increased intercultural dialogue mobility of players, the promotion and circulation of cultural and audiovisual content, including through festivals and exhibitions; encourages Tunisia to participate in the Creative Europe Programme;

Or. fr

Amendment 267

Salvatore Domenico Pogliese

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Calls for a strengthened partnership in the creative, cultural and audiovisual sectors through the strengthening of networks as well as through initiatives for an increased intercultural dialogue, mobility of players, the promotion and circulation of cultural and audiovisual content, including through festivals and exhibitions; encourages Tunisia to participate in the Creative Europe Programme;

Amendment

34. Calls for a strengthened partnership in the creative, cultural and audiovisual sectors through the strengthening of networks as well as through initiatives for an increased intercultural dialogue, ***the highlighting of common historical and archaeological heritage from the Roman era***, the mobility of players, the promotion and circulation of cultural and audiovisual content, including through festivals and exhibitions; encourages Tunisia to participate in the Creative Europe Programme;

Or. it

Amendment 268

Marietje Schaake, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34 a. Recommends the use of Arabic by EU institutions, and especially by the EU delegation in Tunis, when publishing calls for tenders, for expression of interest and also when communicating with the public; underlines the importance for the Tunisian government of informing its citizens about its actions; considers that the use of Arabic is helpful to ensure inclusive involvement of civil society in EU-Tunisia relations;

Or. en

Amendment 269

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34 a. Recommends the use of Arabic by the EU institutions, and especially the EU Delegation in Tunis, when publishing calls for tenders, for expression of interest and also when communicating with the public; underlines the importance for the Tunisian government of informing its citizens about its actions;

Or. en

Amendment 270
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34 a. considers that the use of Arabic is necessary to ensure involvement of civil society in EU-Tunisia relations, in particular in the context of the free trade agreement negotiation;

Or. en