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Amendment 1
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership; ***having regard*** to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, ***to the General Affairs and External Relations Council conclusions of December 2008 and the General Affairs Council conclusions of December 2014, as well as, to the General Affairs Council conclusions of 15 December 2015,*** and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations ***and reiterated its unequivocal commitment to the EU accession process of the Republic of Macedonia,***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Cristian Dan Preda, Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations ***and expressed its strong commitment to the EU integration of the Republic of Macedonia,***

Or. en

Amendment 4
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations, ***and reiterated its unequivocal commitment to the EU accession process,***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, ***to the Council conclusions of December 2012***, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Or. en

Amendment 6

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, ***to the European Council conclusions of December 2015***, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Or. en

Amendment 7

Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council's decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the country the status of candidate for EU membership, to the European Council

conclusions of June 2008, and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

conclusions of June 2008, *to the conclusions of December 2012* and to the conclusions of 13 December 2016, which received the support of the overwhelming majority of delegations,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Recommendations of the Senior Experts' Group on Systematic Rule of Law issues relating to the communications interception revealed in Spring 2015,*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the political agreement (the so-called '*Przhino* Agreement') reached between the four main political parties in Skopje on 2 June and 15 July 2015, and the four-party agreement on its implementation of 20 July and 31 August 2016,

— having regard to the political agreement (the so-called '*Pržino* Agreement') reached between the four main political parties in Skopje on 2 June and 15 July 2015, and the four-party agreement on its implementation of 20 July and 31 August 2016,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to UN Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993),

Amendment

— having regard to UN Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), *as well as to UN General Assembly resolution 47/225 and the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995,*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12

Motion for a resolution

— *having regard to the judgment of the International Court of Justice on the Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995,*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 12
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12

Motion for a resolution

— *having regard to the judgment of the International Court of Justice on the Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995,*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 13
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the June 2016 European Court of Auditors Special Report on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,***

Or. en

Amendment 14
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***whereas the title "former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" is used in the title of the report and in Recital A but all other references to the country's name in the text and agreed amendments are changed to "its," "the country," "it" and similar non-specific terms; the title "Republic of Macedonia" is not used in the text but the word "Macedonian" is retained;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***replace "Macedonia" and "Macedonian" with "the country('s)"***
(Horizontal amendment applying throughout the text)

Amendment 16
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Recital -A (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-A. *whereas the crisis was aggravated by revelations concerning telephone tapping with the involvement of senior government officials, alleged wrongdoing, human rights infringements, interference with the judiciary, freedom of the media and the electoral process, political encroachment and corruption in various sectors; whereas the crisis further exacerbated by the President's attempt to pardon individuals charged or allegedly involved in the wiretaps; whereas the Pržino agreement is partially implemented and limited progress was made in terms of concrete implementation of the 'Urgent Reform Priorities';*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Recital -A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-A a. *whereas the country experienced the continuation of its worst political crisis since 2001; whereas the divisive political mentality, the lack of compromise and the collapse of dialogue took the form of a protracted political crisis which led to the boycott of Parliament by the major opposition parties, as well as, the two unsuccessful attempts to hold early parliamentary*

elections, further undermined confidence in public institutions; whereas it is the shared responsibility of all political forces in the country to overcome the divisive political mentality and the lack of compromise by ensuring sustainable political dialogue and cooperation, which are essential for the country's democratic development and stability, the safeguard of Rule of Law, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas *early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a very high turnout;*

Amendment

A. whereas *voters participated in large numbers in the early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas *early* parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a very high turnout;

Amendment

A. whereas parliamentary elections held in Macedonia *were held in an ordinary and calm atmosphere, in accordance with international standards and in line with OSCE/ODIHR recommendations and* had a very high turnout;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in *Macedonia* had a very high turnout;

Amendment

A. whereas early parliamentary elections *in Macedonia were* held in *an ordinary and calm atmosphere, in accordance with international standards and in line with OSCE/ODIHR recommendations and* had a very high turnout;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a *very* high turnout;

Amendment

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a high turnout;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a *very* high turnout;

Amendment

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a high turnout;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a very high turnout;

Amendment

A. ***whereas after two unsuccessful attempts to hold early parliamentary elections, the main political forces agreed to dissolve the Parliament for the second time in 2016 and called for early parliamentary elections on 11 December; whereas early parliamentary elections held in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had a very high turnout;***

Or. en

Amendment 24

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a very high turnout;

Amendment

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a very high turnout ***and election day was generally well-administered and proceeded without major incidents, in line with OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;***

Or. en

Amendment 25

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a very high turnout;

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in ***the former Yugoslav Republic of*** Macedonia had a very high turnout;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in Macedonia had a very high turnout;

Amendment

A. whereas early parliamentary elections held in ***the former Yugoslav Republic of*** Macedonia had a very high turnout;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political ***polarisation***; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be observed;

Amendment

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political ***polarization, deep mutual mistrust and lack of a genuine dialogue between the parties***; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be observed;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political polarisation; whereas backsliding in *some* important areas can be observed;

Amendment

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political polarisation; whereas backsliding in *many* important areas can be observed;

Or. el

Amendment 29

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political polarisation; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be observed;

Amendment

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political polarisation; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be observed; *whereas democracy and the rule of law have been constantly challenged, in particular due to state capture affecting the functioning of democratic institutions and key areas of society;*

Or. en

Amendment 30

Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas *reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political polarisation*; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be observed;

Amendment

B. whereas *political polarisation also adversely affects economic development and hampers reforms and accession preparations*; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be observed;

Or. nl

Amendment 31
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political polarisation; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be observed;

Amendment

B. whereas reforms and accession preparations are being hampered by political polarisation; whereas backsliding in some important areas can be *continuously* observed;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment *and a review of the OFA*;

Amendment

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment and *a* review of the OFA;

Amendment

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment and review *on the implementation* of the OFA;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment and a review of the OFA;

Amendment

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment and a review of the OFA, ***as well as the issue concerning the name of the country;***

Or. el

Amendment 35
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment and a review of the OFA;

Amendment

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment, ***women empowerment*** and a review of the OFA;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment and a review of the

Amendment

C. whereas some of the key issues in the reform process include reform of the judiciary, public administration and media, youth unemployment and a review of the

OFA;

implementation of OFA;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas there is common understanding between the Commission, the Council and the Parliament that the maintenance of the positive recommendation to open accession negotiations with the country is dependent/conditional on progress with the implementation of the Pržino Agreement and substantial progress in the implementation of the Urgent Reform Priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the rule of law, media freedom, regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are key elements in the EU enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct the swift start of negotiations with the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for ***the country to return to its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;***

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for ***robust reforms marked by tangible results in order to maintain the country on its EU integration and Euro-Atlantic path;***

Or. en

Amendment 41

László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to ***return to*** its EU integration ***path***; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to ***continue*** its EU integration ***process***; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Tunne Kelam, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to **return to** its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;

Amendment

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to ***maintain*** its EU integration ***and euro-atlantic*** path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to return to its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;

Amendment

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to return to its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms ***and bring stability to the country***;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to return to its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;

Amendment

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to return to its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to ***take ownership and to honour its undertaking***

to fully adopt and implement robust reforms in order to address systemic failures in the areas of rule of law, justice, corruption, fundamental rights, and home affairs;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to return to its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms;

Amendment

D. whereas a serious commitment by all political forces is required for the country to return to its EU integration path; whereas a new government needs to adopt and implement robust reforms ***and work towards strengthening the good neighbourly relations;***

Or. en

Amendment 46
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas EU the accession process is a major incentive for further reforms, particularly with regard to the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas (potential) candidate countries are judged on their own merits and the speed and quality of the necessary reforms determines the timetable for accession;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the ***fulfilment*** of required conditions; whereas the country has been ***considered*** for many years ***as one of the most advanced countries in terms*** of alignment with the *acquis*;

E. ***whereas candidate countries are judged on their own merits and the quality of the necessary reforms determines the timetable for accession;*** whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the ***full and constructive implementation*** of required conditions; whereas the country has been ***an EU candidate*** for many years ***and has a relatively good level*** of alignment with the *acquis*;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country has been ***considered*** for many years ***as one of the most advanced countries in terms*** of

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country has been ***an EU candidate*** for many years ***and has a relative good level of alignment***

alignment with the acquis;

of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country ***has been*** considered for many years as ***one of the most*** advanced ***countries*** in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country ***was*** considered for many years as advanced in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas accession negotiations should be ***opened*** upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country has been considered for many years as one of the most advanced countries in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

E. whereas ***opening the*** accession negotiations should be ***guaranteed*** upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country has been considered for many years as one of the most advanced countries in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Georgios Epitideios

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

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Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country has been considered for many years as one of the most advanced countries in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions ***and once a jointly acceptable solution has been found to the question of the name***; whereas the country has been considered for many years as one of the most advanced countries in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Or. el

Amendment 53

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country has been considered for many years as one of the most advanced countries in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

E. whereas accession negotiations should be opened upon the fulfilment of required conditions; whereas the country has been ***wrongly*** considered for many years as one of the most advanced countries in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas on 20 July and 31 August 2016, leaders of the four main political parties reached an agreement on the implementation of the Pržino Agreement, including on 11 December 2016 as the

date for early parliamentary elections and declaring their support to the work of the Special Prosecutor; whereas they also reiterated their commitment to implement the 'Urgent Reform Priorities';

Or. en

Amendment 55

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas the recent political crisis has shown the lack of an effective system of checks and balances in the Macedonian institutions and the necessity to increase transparency and public accountability including adequate mechanisms of oversight of the main services and internal structures;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations form an essential part of the country's process of moving towards the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Sofia Sakorafa

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Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas *bilateral disputes* should be duly addressed in *compliance with EU and UN standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations*;

Amendment

F. whereas *open issues* should be duly addressed in *a constructive spirit as early as possible and preferably before the opening of accession negotiations taking into account the principles and values of the UN and EU*;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in *compliance with EU and UN standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations*;

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in *a constructive spirit as early as possible in the accession process in compliance with EU and UN standards*;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN *standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations*;

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards ***and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;***

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards ***and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;***

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Maria Spyraiki, Manolis Kefalogiannis

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and ***should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;***

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and ***with due regards to the need for good neighbourly relations and the improvement of regional cooperation***

*between EU Member States and the
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
as an EU candidate country;*

Or. en

Amendment 63

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should *be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards* and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should *not be used to obstruct the EU accession process* and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations, *but be duly addressed in a constructive spirit and compliance with EU and UN standards as early as possible in the accession process; whereas all efforts should be done to maintain good neighbourly and inter-ethnic relations;*

Or. en

Amendment 64

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Recital ΣΤ

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations; *whereas the exception to this should be resolution of the the dispute concerning country's name in agreement with Greece, which is international and not bilateral in nature;*

Or. el

Amendment 65

Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes, ***in particular deadlock within the Council as regards the country's name***, should be duly ***and promptly*** addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;

Or. fr

Amendment 66

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;

Amendment

F. whereas bilateral disputes should be duly addressed in compliance with EU and UN standards and ***in the framework of international organs of arbitration and*** should not represent an obstacle to the opening of accession negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas fighting organised crime

and corruption remains fundamental to countering criminal infiltration of the political, legal and economic systems;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are essential elements of the enlargement process and the Stabilisation and Association Process;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the Commission has given an undertaking to temporarily suspend the enlargement process;

Or. fr

Amendment 70

Sofia Sakorafa

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Recital F b (new)

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F b. whereas during the first visit of the Greek Foreign Minister to Skopje in 11

years and following this initiative, eleven Confidence-Building Measures were agreed between the two countries, mainly in the fields of political and EU affairs, education and culture, trade and economic cooperation, connectivity, justice and home affairs, as well as health cooperation; whereas the Confidence Building Measures have already started to produce tangible results;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Georgios Epitideios

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;*

Amendment

1. *urges all political parties to to examine every possibility and available option for the creation of a government in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no continuation of the political crisis;*

Or. el

Amendment 72

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. ***Welcomes*** the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; ***calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;***

1. ***Notes*** the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis;

Or. fr

Amendment 73 **Dubravka Šuica**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the ***respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis;*** calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the ***successfully conducted elections of 11 December 2016 which were well administered and proceeded without major incidents in competitive and calm manner, fundamental freedoms were respected and contestants were able to campaign freely; welcomes that all political parties accepted its results;*** calls for a swift formation of a new government ***in line with the Constitutional and legal requirements and procedures*** in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 74 **László Tóké**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes *the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the* elections of 11 December 2016; *urges all political parties to accept* its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes *that the early* elections of 11 December 2016 *were held in a transparent and inclusive manner and that* its results *were accepted by all political parties, which is* in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Alojz Peterle, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the *respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the* elections *of* 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the *implementation of the political agreement leading to early parliamentary* elections *on* 11 December 2016 *and the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections*; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Helmut Scholz, Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers **cross-party** cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to **fully implement the agreements under the so-called Pržino Agreement and to** carry on with necessary reforms; considers **that intensive** cooperation **beyond the borders of the four major parties including civil society and representatives of the various minorities of the country** is essential for addressing pressing **social**, domestic and EU-related challenges; **points out, that the solution of these challenges are closely interlinked with the elaboration of a viable basic consensus by all political parties as well as social and ethnic parts of the society as regards the fundamental direction of the development of the country;**

Or. en

Amendment 77
Tunne Kelam, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; **urges** all

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; **welcomes**

political parties *to accept* its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

that all political parties *accepted* its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls *on all parties to refrain from any obstruction in regard to the effective functioning of the parliament*; calls for a swift formation of a new government *in line with the constitutional and legal requirements and procedures* in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 78
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic *and EU-related* challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; ***notes that OSCE/ODIHR considers that the elections were competitive, but took place in an environment characterised by widespread public mistrust in institutions and the political establishment***; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability[AI] and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms ***to ensure the country's Euro-Atlantic integration and a European perspective for the benefit of the country and its citizens***; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges, ***also in order to maintain the positive recommendation to open EU membership negotiations***;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into ***another*** political crisis ***that might slow down the EU accession process***; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary

pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

reforms *and advance the country on its EU path*; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges, *amongst others improving the relations with EU and non-EU neighbouring countries*;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new, *stable and accountable* government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party *and inter-ethnic* cooperation, *as well as a strong reformist consensus, to be* essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the

interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms ***and expect the President to play a neutral role in this process***; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 83 **Philippe Juvin**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation, ***especially with parties representing the Albanian minority, to be*** essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. fr

Amendment 84 **Javi López**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for

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fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government **and a transparent transition** in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the **overall peaceful conduct and the** respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the elections of 11 December 2016; urges all political parties to accept its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls for a swift formation of a new government in order to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms; considers cross-party cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

2. Notes ***that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged*** irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, ***will also*** be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Amendment

2. Notes ***with concern that the conduct of the elections is rife with*** irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying ***and*** abuse of public resources, ***which must be*** be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. el

Amendment 87
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; ***hopes*** that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, ***will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities*** in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Amendment

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; ***urges the competent authorities to effectively address*** that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and *the* media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need *for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration* in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Amendment

2. Notes that *by implementing the Pržino agreements as well as recommendations made by OSCE/ODIR and the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe* the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, *the Election Administration* voters' lists and *in some cases the public* media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively *and if necessary legally in a transparent manner and free from influence of political parties* by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; *underlines the conviction that the ongoing mistrust regarding the accuracy of the voters' registration data can be solved in a sustainable way only by a population census*; stresses the need *to establish a track record of effective scrutiny of political party and electoral campaign financing*; *stresses that in accordance with the principles of good governance the electoral administrations must be de-politicized and any attempt at political influence on the electoral authorities has to be banned by law* in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' *lists and the* media *environment*; hopes that the alleged irregularities and

Amendment

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' *list and a more balanced* media *coverage* hopes that the alleged

shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; ***urges the national authorities to address the recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission***; stresses the need for a de-politicisation ***of the work*** of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Tunne Kelam, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. ***Notes*** that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, ***abuse of public*** resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for ***a*** de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Amendment

2. ***Welcomes*** that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; ***and welcomes civil society representatives observing the elections in a large majority of the polling stations***; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, ***misuse of administrative*** resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for ***further*** de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. en

Amendment 91

László Tőkés

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Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, **vote buying**, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Amendment

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for **a** de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Amendment

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; **reiterates its view that ensuring separation of state and party activities, balanced media reporting and continuously updating voters' list are essential for holding credible elections;** stresses the need for **greater transparency and** de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. en

Amendment 93

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Amendment

2. ***Notes that OSCE/ODIHR considers that the early parliamentary elections were competitive, but took place in an environment characterised by widespread public mistrust in institutions and the political establishment;*** notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, ***political pressure on media, as well as, inflammatory language and verbal attacks on journalists*** will also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; ***calls on the competent authorities to establish a credible track record of effective scrutiny of political party and electoral campaign financing;*** stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration ***and media*** in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the electoral process has improved, including the legal framework, voters' lists and the media environment; hopes that the alleged irregularities and shortcomings, including voter intimidation, vote buying, abuse of public resources, will

Amendment

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also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections;

also be addressed effectively by the competent authorities in view of the local elections in May 2017; stresses the need for a de-politicisation of the electoral administration in order to increase the public's trust in future elections ***and guarantee the legitimacy of the results;***

Or. en

Amendment 95
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Considers it important to conduct a population census (last census was conducted in 2002) provided that there is a country-wide consensus in the methodology to be applied, in order to obtain an updated and realistic picture of the constellation of Macedonian population to better meet the needs of and offer services for the Macedonian citizens, and to further update the voters list and minimize any irregularities and shortcomings for the future;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate ***EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino***

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate ***the reforms needed to strengthen the State and the country's independence and sovereignty;***

Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Or. fr

Amendment 97
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; ***reiterates its support for the opening of*** accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; ***continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;***

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to ***take ownership and to honour its undertaking to*** accelerate ***and implement*** EU-related reforms; ***notes that the Commission is prepared to extend its recommendation to open*** accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and ***substantial progress in*** the Urgent Reform Priorities, ***including measures to strengthen good neighbourly relations, in line with previous Council Conclusions and established conditionality;***

Or. en

Amendment 98
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; ***reiterates its support for the opening of*** accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; ***takes positive note that the Commission is prepared to extend its recommendation to*** accession negotiations, conditional on the

Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; *continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;*

progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and *substantial progress in* the Urgent Reform Priorities, *in line with previous Council Conclusions and established conditionality;*

Or. en

Amendment 99
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; *continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;*

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities *and resolution of the name issue that has remained outstanding for many years;*

Or. el

Amendment 100
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; *reiterates its support for the opening of* accession negotiations, *conditional on the progress of* the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; *calls on the Commission and Council to give recommendation to start the negotiations, and to propose the starting date of the accession negotiations respectively, taking into account the pace of* the implementation of the Przhino Agreement

reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the ***Pržino*** Agreement ***and*** the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, ***as a first priority***, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the ***Pržino*** Agreement ***to ensure its full, tangible and sustainable implementation and substantial progress in the implementation of*** the Urgent Reform Priorities ***on systemic reforms on the rule of law including in relation to breaches of fundamental rights, judicial independence, media freedom, elections, corruption, politicisation of state institutions and state/party blurring and failures of oversight***; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for ***the opening of accession negotiations***, conditional on ***the*** progress ***of the*** implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for ***a privileged partnership***, conditional on progress ***with*** implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes, ***which should be resolved at the earliest convenience in order not to hamper the EU accession process***;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
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3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Amendment

3. Expects the new government, in cooperation with other parties, to accelerate EU-related reforms; reiterates its support for the opening of accession negotiations, conditional on the progress of the implementation of the Przhino Agreement and the Urgent Reform Priorities; continues to be convinced that negotiations can ***create a new dynamic, revitalize the European perspective and*** generate much-needed reforms and positively influence the resolution of bilateral disputes;

Or. en

Amendment 105

James Carver

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 106

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to **fully** implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the *Przhino* Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; ***while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented***, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to **substantially** implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the *Przhino* Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the *Przhino* Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, ***at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017***, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; ***while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented***, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the *Przhino* Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, ***when appropriate***, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; ***encourages the country to further consolidate reforms, to reverse policies and practices which could still constitute obstacles for its European future and to secure progress in the implementation of EU-related reform priorities***; supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in

country's accession process;

this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, ***at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017***, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, ***when appropriate***, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the ***Przhino*** Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will ***and ownership*** be shown ***by all the parties*** to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the ***Pržino*** Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but

progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 110 **Željana Zovko**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the *country's* accession process;

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; ***reiterates that despite the Commission's recommendation to open negotiation was first presented in 2009 and taking into account the progress achieved, the opening of the negotiations still has not commenced;*** draws attention to the potential negative ***political and security*** consequences of further delays in the ***Macedonia's Euro-Atlantic*** accession process, ***in the country and the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 111
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; ***underlines that the implementation of the Przhino agreement is vital also beyond the elections to ensure political stability and sustainability in the future***; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament ***and to the Council***; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process ***and reiterates the strategic importance to provide tangible progress in the EU accession process of the country; further calls on the Commission and the EEAS to increase the visibility of EU-funded projects in the country in order to bring the European Union closer to the citizens of the country***;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the

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Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process; ***considers that, as things stand at present, Macedonia will not be ready for EU accession within the next few years;***

Or. fr

Amendment 113
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; ***regrets that no meeting was held under HLAD and that there was little progress on meeting previous targets;*** draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment 114

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Alojz Peterle, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tóké, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 4***Motion for a resolution*

4. *Urges* once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment

4. *Underlines the strategic importance of supporting further progress in the process of EU integration and* urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 4***Motion for a resolution*

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement *and resolve the name issue that has been outstanding for many years*; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of

back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Or. el

Amendment 116
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Amendment

4. Urges once again that the political will be shown to fully implement the Urgent Reform Priorities and the Przhino Agreement; calls on the Commission to assess, at its earliest convenience but before the end of 2017, the country's progress on implementation and to report back to Parliament; while recalling that long overdue reforms need to be launched and implemented, supports the continuation of the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) for systematically assisting the country in this endeavour; draws attention to the potential negative ***social, political and economic*** consequences of further delays in the country's accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tőkés, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

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Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. *Takes note of the recommendation by the Commission to open accession negotiations with Macedonia and calls on the Council to address the issue at the earliest convenience after the early parliamentary elections have been held;*

Or. en

Amendment 118

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tókéš, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. *Underlines the significant progress country has made in the process of EU integration and emphasizes the negative consequences of further delaying the process of integration, including the threat to the credibility of the EU enlargement policy and the risk of instability in the region;*

Or. en

Amendment 119

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tókéš, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 c. *Points out that the current challenges the European Union is facing (BREXIT, migration, radicalism, etc.) should not hinder the enlargement process, rather these challenges have*

demonstrated the necessity to fully integrate the Western Balkans into EU structures in order to enhance and deepen partnership to overcome international crises;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Alojz Peterle, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tőkés, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*4 d. Welcomes the high level of legislative alignment with the *acquis communautaire* and acknowledges the priority given to the effective implementation and enforcement of existing legal and policy frameworks, as in the case of countries already engaged in the accession negotiations;*

Or. en

Amendment 121

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Alojz Peterle, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tőkés, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 e. Congratulates Macedonia for its continuous fulfilment of its commitments under the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA); calls on the Council to adopt the Commission's 2009 proposal to move to the second stage of the SAA, in line with the relevant provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment and **re-engage in** dialogue; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services;

Amendment

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will **and responsibility** to overcome the divisive political environment and **the lack of capacity for compromise by re-engaging in sustainable political dialogue and cooperation, which are essential for the country's democratic development and stability, the safeguard of Rule of Law, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens**; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment and re-engage in dialogue; emphasises again the key role of

Amendment

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parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services;

parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened ***and for ending the practice of frequent legislative changes to laws and the use of shortened procedures for adoption, without sufficient consultation or impact assessment***; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services; ***regrets that in the previous mandate of the parliament, the inquiry committee failed to deliver on political accountability over the illegal wiretaps because members of the main ruling party either did not participate in hearings or would not answer questions***;

Or. en

Amendment 124
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment and re-engage in dialogue; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant

Amendment

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment and re-engage in dialogue; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services; ***acknowledges the constructive***

services;

role civil society plays in supporting and improving democratic processes;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Georgios Epitideios

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment and re-engage in dialogue; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services;

Amendment

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment and re-engage in dialogue; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened ***under the national constitution***; urges the smooth operation ***without interference*** of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services;

Or. el

Amendment 126

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment and re-engage in

Amendment

5. Urges all parties to demonstrate the political will to overcome the divisive political environment, ***polarisation, lack of***

dialogue; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services;

culture of compromise and re-engage in dialogue; emphasises again the key role of parliament in the democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls for its oversight functions to be strengthened; urges the smooth operation of the parliamentary committees on the interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence, their unhindered access to the necessary data and testimonies in order to provide credible parliamentary control over relevant services;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes *some* progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; *remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure*; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Amendment

6. Notes *promising* progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned ***about the politicisation of*** public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Amendment

6. Notes some progress, ***although limited***, in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned ***that the country's*** public administration ***remains fragmented and politicised*** and that civil servants are subject to political pressure ***and intimidation***; urges the new government to ***demonstrate a strong political commitment in order to*** enhance professionalism, ***transparency, accountability, meritocracy, equal representation***, neutrality and independence at all levels; ***calls in this context for the suspension and review of the implementation of the law on transformation of temporary positions into permanent contracts until the principle of merit is fully observed***; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. ***Notes*** some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism,

Amendment

6. ***Welcomes*** some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; ***calls for further commitment to implement the Commission recommendations***; remains concerned about the politicisation of public

neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels ***including via merit-based recruitment earned through competitive procedures***; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity; ***calls for the incoming government to establish transparent and effective lines of accountability between and within institutions***;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Amendment

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains ***greatly*** concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure, ***intimidation and threats to their employment***; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels ***by implementing the new merit-based recruitment and appraisal procedure and by suspending the practice of transforming temporary contracts into permanent ones without open competition***; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity; ***recommends fair representation of all communities in all levels of the public***

Amendment 131
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Amendment

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels ***and within all public administrations, including the electoral authorities;*** stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Amendment 132
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism,

Amendment

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism,

neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity *so as to implement fully the principles of the rule of law*;

Or. el

Amendment 133

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Amendment

6. Notes some progress, *although limited*, in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 134

László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to

implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the *alleged* politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are *allegedly* subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Amendment

6. Notes some progress in reforming public administration including the steps to implement the new legal framework on human resources management; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration and that civil servants are subject to political pressure; urges the new government to enhance professionalism, *merit*, neutrality and independence at all levels; stresses the need to complete the 2017-2022 public administration reform strategy, including by making sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, and to strengthen relevant administrative capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
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6 a. Recommends the incoming government to develop a comprehensive e-governance strategy accompanied by further developing e-services for citizens and businesses in order to reduce bureaucratic burden for the state, citizens and business-making; underlines that e-governance and e-services would enhance the country's economic performance and increase transparency and efficiency of the public administration and services; stresses citizens' right to access public information and calls on further efforts to ensure that this right is not impeded in any way; encourages finding innovative e-solutions to ensure easy access to public information and reduce related bureaucracy;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again ***that the political will be demonstrated*** to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Amendment

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again ***the responsible authorities to address effectively the underlying issues as identified in the 'Urgent Reform Priorities', and demonstrate political will*** to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Amendment 138**Tunne Kelam, Cristian Dan Preda****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 7***Motion for a resolution*

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures **and by reducing the length of court proceedings**; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Amendment

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; ***calls for greater political will to ensure the full independence of the judiciary***; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures; ***acknowledges that some efforts were made to improve transparency***; ***furthermore***, calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Amendment 139**Sofia Sakorafa****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 7***Motion for a resolution*

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment

Amendment

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; ***remains concerned that the competent authorities failed to demonstrate necessary political will to address effectively the underlying issues as identified in the 'Urgent Reform Priorities***; ***strongly believes that the adoption and implementation of a new judicial reform strategy is key to***

and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

preventing further setbacks and addressing remaining systemic shortcomings; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the *lack of independence and accountability, and the* cases of selective justice; *strongly deplores, in this context, President Ivanov's attempt to pardon individuals charged or allegedly involved in the wiretaps*; stresses that, *decisions of this type, only serve to deteriorate the divisive political environment and the lack of capacity for compromise, and to further undermine peoples confidence in country's institutions*; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving, *in law and in practice*, transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; *calls on the relevant authorities to work on the establishment of a solid framework in order to protect judges against external pressure*; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing

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7. Regrets the *continuous* backsliding in the reform of the judiciary *and the lack of progress on previous recommendations or on the outstanding issues and the "Urgent Reform Priorities"*; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice *in certain high-profile and politically*

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the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

sensitive court cases; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council ***and the functional independence of the justice system as a whole***;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Amendment

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice ***that infringe the necessary independence of the judiciary***; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council ***so as to enable judges effectively to fulfil their task***;

Or. el

Amendment 142
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Amendment

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary, ***which should be allowed to function independently***; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial ***Council and the Prosecutors*** Council;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets the backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Amendment

7. Regrets the ***continuing*** backsliding in the reform of the judiciary; deplores recurrent political interference in its work including in the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors, as well as the cases of selective justice; urges once again that the political will be demonstrated to progress in judicial reform including by improving transparency in the appointment and promotion procedures and by reducing the length of court proceedings; calls on the authorities to ensure the professionalism of the Judicial Council;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Tunne Kelam

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Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; ***is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions***; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; ***calls for Special Prosecutor and her team to be allowed to do their work unhindered; calls on the criminal courts not adhering to official requests from the Special Prosecutor's Office (SPO) that they have a legal obligation to assist the SPO***; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy; ***furthermore, highlights the need to adopt amendments on the Law on Witness Protection***;

Or. en

Amendment 145
László Tóké

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to ***carry out thorough investigations*** in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to ***fulfill all its functions*** in full autonomy;

Or. en

Amendment 146

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and **obstruction** against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about **the political attacks and the administrative and judicial obstructions** against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy **and prolong its mandate till the alleged wrongdoings are fully investigated**;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. **Notes** that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. **Reiterates the importance of a thorough and independent investigation, without hindrance, of the allegations of wrong-doing brought to the fore by the wiretaps, and the related failures of oversight; recalls the importance of the mandate and the work of both the Special Prosecutor and the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry to look, respectively, into legal accountability and political responsibility**; notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the

Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy, *unhindered; calls for the Office to be given full support, the conditions and time necessary to complete their important work; calls for obstructions in the courts for referring evidence to the Special Prosecutor to be ended, and for support for amendments to the law to ensure her autonomous authority for witness protection with respect to the cases for which her office is responsible;*

Or. en

Amendment 148
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to *fully support and* enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy *and independence without hindrance, of the allegations of wrong-doing brought to the fore by the wiretaps, and the related failures of oversight; strongly believes that the outcomes of the investigations constitute an important step towards restoring trust in national institutions;*

Or. en

Amendment 149
Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is ***strongly*** concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to ***continue to*** carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy, ***and looks forward to a prolongation of the mandate***;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy; ***calls for the Office to be given the conditions and time necessary to complete its important work***;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy ***and to oblige all state authorities to cooperate with the Special Prosecutor's Office at any time in full;***

Or. en

Amendment 152

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against ***her work*** and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against ***the work of the Special Prosecutor's Office (SPO)*** and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy;

Amendment

8. Notes that the Special Prosecutor has raised the first criminal indictments concerning wrongdoings arising from the wiretaps; is concerned about attacks and obstruction against her work and the lack of cooperation from other institutions; considers it essential for the democratic process to enable the Special Prosecutor's Office to carry out thorough investigations in full autonomy ***and with the necessary adequate means***;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Remains concerned that combating*** corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

Amendment

9. ***Notes that action to combat*** corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

Or. fr

Amendment 155

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency **in the** selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

Amendment

9. Remains **seriously** concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference **and that it remains prevalent in many areas and continues to be a serious problem**; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency **and ensure merit-based** selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption, **including asset recovery**;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

Amendment

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; **regrets the lack of progress over the past years with respect to the outstanding issues of corruption that had been identified**; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption; **encourages once again independent CSOs and the media to bring to light corruption and support independent and impartial**

investigations and trials; calls on the competent authorities to implement an effective legal framework for the protection of whistle-blowers, in line with European standards, 'Urgent Reform Priorities', and Venice Commission recommendations; underlines the need to re-evaluate and enhance the EU mechanism for monitoring and assessing the use of funds in the country and their potential susceptibility to feeding corruption practices and networks;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Remains* concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

Amendment

9. *Notes, that the Index of perceived corruption of officials and politicians in the country recently published by Transparency International has deteriorated once more again significantly in 2016 which points to a disturbing vicious circle between corruption and an unequal distribution of power as well as of the wealth in the society;* remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption; *underlines the need to re-evaluate and to enhance the EU mechanism for monitoring and evaluating the use of EU funds in the country and their potential susceptibility to feeding*

Amendment 158

Tunne Kelam, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

Amendment

9. Remains concerned that ***corruption is prevalent in many areas and*** combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; ***highlights the need for strong political will to tackle corruption;*** stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption ***including the implementation of the legal framework for the protection of whistle-blowers; calls on the authorities to support the work of the Ombudsman with adequate staffing and budgetary measures;***

Amendment 159

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen

Amendment

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen

the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption; ***calls for strengthening the enforcement of the Law on Prevention of Corruption and combating impunity for corruption, particularly in cases involving high-level officials;***

Or. en

Amendment 160

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference; stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption;

Amendment

9. Remains concerned that combating corruption is being undermined by political interference ***and continues to be a serious problem;*** stresses the need to strengthen the independence of the police, the prosecution and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC); calls for improving transparency in the selection and appointment of SCPC members; calls, as a matter of urgency, for efforts to be made to ensure the effective prevention and punishment of conflicts of interest and to establish a credible track record on high-level corruption ***cases;***

Or. en

Amendment 161

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. *Is concerned by the merging of media, political and government activities, particularly regarding public spending; strongly condemns the existence of unlawful links between economic, political and family ties in relation to the spending of public funds; calls on the government to adopt a legislative framework regulating conflicts of interest and making public the assets of persons occupying high state positions as an additional measure to fight corruption;*

Or. en

Amendment 162

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Welcomes the fact* that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; *encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it important to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;*

Amendment

10. *Notes* that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; *notes that there has been little movement on combating organised crime and deplores the fact that there may be links between some NGOs and organised crime;*

Or. fr

Amendment 163

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it **important** to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it **essential** to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it important to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; **welcomes the dismantling of criminal networks and routes related to people smuggling, human trafficking and drug trafficking and calls for further stepping up the efforts in fighting organised crime;** encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it important to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it important to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it important to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets ***where infringements punishable by this penalty are committed;***

Or. el

Amendment 166

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it important to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the legislative framework and strategies for fighting organised crime are in place; encourages further improvement of cooperation between law enforcement agencies ***both within the country and with neighbouring countries*** and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts; considers it important to further develop the law enforcement capacity to investigate financial crimes and confiscate assets;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

10 a. *Points out that corruption and organized crime are widespread in the region and also represent an obstacle to Macedonia's democratic, social and economic development; considers that a regional strategy and enhanced cooperation between all the countries in the region are essential to tackle these issues more effectively;*

Or. en

Amendment 168

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; **welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;**

Amendment

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; **calls for cooperation to be stepped up between Macedonia's security services and relevant Member State services on combating Islamist terrorism; notes that radicalisation is taking place alongside the emergence of violent and intolerant Albanian separatism;**

Or. fr

Amendment 169

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight **Islamic radicalisation**; welcomes the

Amendment

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight **radicalization and foreign terrorist**

adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) **and local communities**; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

fighters; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for **its implementation by a new national counter terrorism coordinator who should be appointed as soon as possible and who should foresee** more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs), **local communities and other state institutions in education and social services**; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. **Appreciates** the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies **and civil society organisations (CSOs)** and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Amendment

11. **Approves** the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Or. el

Amendment 171
Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) **and local communities**; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs), **local communities and religious leaders**; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services **and improve the capacity to detect and stop financial flows feeding terrorism**;

Or. en

Amendment 172

László Tóké, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities **in addressing the different stages of radicalisation and in elaborating tools for reintegration and rehabilitation**; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services ***and a steady exchange of information with the authorities of the EU and neighbouring Member States;***

Or. it

Amendment 174

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services;

Amendment

11. Appreciates the continued efforts to fight Islamic radicalisation; welcomes the adoption of the 2013-2019 strategy to fight terrorism, which also defines the concepts of violent extremism, radicalisation, prevention and reintegration; calls for more cooperation between security agencies and civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities; further calls for continued monitoring of returning foreign fighters by security services ***and proper reintegration into society - where appropriate;***

Or. en

Amendment 175

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 176
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment *and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;*

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment *to combating this*

Or. el

Amendment 177
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. ***Remains concerned about radical*** and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and ***the*** media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

12. ***Deplores the harsh*** and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by ***some*** politicians and media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; ***highlights the importance of a regular and constructive dialogue with the civil society and*** urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Remains concerned about ***radical and unjustified*** public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about ***limited*** government commitment and ***insufficient*** cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

Amendment

12. Remains concerned about public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about ***insufficient*** government commitment and ***lack of*** cooperation with CSOs at all levels; ***highlights that both government and CSOs should cooperate more constructively***; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and

Amendment

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and

foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular *and structured* manner;

foreign representatives by politicians and the media; *deplores the use of targeted investigations and infringement of privacy by law enforcement agencies on CSOs opposing the government*; is concerned about limited government commitment *to dialogue* and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular, *structured and unbiased* manner; *calls on the authorities not to discriminate CSOs on any grounds such as political affiliation, religious views or ethnic composition*; *believes that freedom of assembly and association should not be denied to any group of people without a serious justification*;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

Amendment

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner; *calls on the authorities to encourage CSOs to actively participate in overview of whole electoral process*;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

Amendment

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include, ***in practice***, CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner; ***calls on the new government to adopt binding legal, financial and policy frameworks to ensure the functioning of civil society***;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

Amendment

12. Remains concerned about radical and unjustified public attacks on CSOs and foreign representatives by politicians and the media; ***acknowledges and encourages the important role played by CSOs in monitoring, supporting and improving democratic processes***; is concerned about limited government commitment and insufficient cooperation with CSOs at all levels; urges the competent authorities to include CSOs in policymaking in a regular and structured manner;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Encourages the authorities to undertake again the interrupted census which would provide accurate statistics on population data to serve as basis for government development programmes and adequate budget planning; notes with concern that citizens of Bulgarian ethnicity were never represented in legislature, state documentation, official forms or census entries, while at the same time more than 100 000 citizens of the Republic of Macedonia are holders of a Bulgarian passport;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Is convinced that civil society plays an important role in supporting democratic processes and ensuring checks and balances; is concerned about signals coming from civil society organizations referring to deterioration of the climate in which they operate, limited government commitment to dialogue, as well as, public attacks by politicians and selected media;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the

deleted

national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 186

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Alojz Peterle, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; *is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the*

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups;

education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; *is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation*; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups *such as those who express divergent sexual preferences*; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Or. el

Amendment 188
László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; ***is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation***; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; ***reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists***; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis ***as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation***; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination ***and calls for a transparent selection process of its members; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups***; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions ***and overcrowding*** in prisons, despite a

education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

significant increase in the prison budget;
calls for increasing the state support to the Ombudsman's office and calls for respect of the Ombudsman's recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of ***hate speech*** against ***discriminated groups***; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its ***concern about the fact that the LGBTI community continues to face discrimination and homophobic content from the media, both online and offline; reiterates its*** condemnation of ***any kind of violence*** against ***the LGBTI community and reiterates its request that those responsible to be brought to justice***; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; ***reminds the government and political parties of their responsibility in shaping, in law and in practice, a culture of inclusion and tolerance***; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Amendment 191
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite **a significant** increase in the prison budget;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; ***calls on the government to address the situation of stateless persons in line with the requirements of the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 1954***; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite ***an*** increase in the prison budget; ***expresses concern over the great number of consistent allegations of deliberate ill-treatment of inmates by custodial staff particularly at Idrizovo Prison; urges the competent authorities to set up a comprehensive policy for the identification and investigation of allegations of inmates ill-treatment***;

Amendment 192

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020, ***however, is concerned that their implementation is out of focus of social and political dialogue due to the political crisis in the country***; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Or. en

Amendment 193
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated

groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

groups; is concerned that intolerance, ***discrimination and attacks*** against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists, ***including the ban on same-sex marriage***; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Or. en

Amendment 194 **Philippe Juvin**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 13**

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, ***more than 10 000 of whom applied for asylum in EU Member States in 2016***, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant

increase in the prison budget;

Or. fr

Amendment 195
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the adoption of the national strategy for equality and non-discrimination 2016-2020; is concerned about impartiality and the independence of the Commission for Protection from Discrimination; reiterates its condemnation of hate speech against discriminated groups; is concerned that intolerance against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people persists; reiterates its call for the Anti-Discrimination Law to be aligned with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines again the need to combat ***prejudices and*** discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their integration and their access to the education system and the labour market; is concerned about the inhumane physical conditions in prisons, despite a significant increase in the prison budget;

Or. cs

Amendment 196
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Is concerned about the lack of*** implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and ***the limited effectiveness***

Amendment

14. ***Calls on the authorities to improve*** ***the*** implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and ***to strengthen the***

of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Is concerned about the lack of*** implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and ***the limited*** effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Amendment

14. ***Encourages the authorities to improve the*** implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and ***to strengthen the*** effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 198

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation ***and to improve support services to victims of*** domestic violence;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation. ***deplores the lack of progress regarding measures to prevent and combat cases of*** domestic violence. ***stresses the need for staffing to***

ensure that the relevant services provide adequate logistical and psychological victim support;

Or. el

Amendment 199

Helmut Scholz, Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Is* concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Amendment

14. *calls for further efforts to promote gender equality and increase the participation of women in political life and employment, to improve their socio-economic situation and to strengthen women's rights on the whole;* is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; *points out that the economic reality in female-dominated industries like the textile and the shoe industries are marked by alarmingly low wages under the overall minimum wage in the country of 160 EUR (in 2016) and a grave disrespect of workers' rights which basically counteract the implementation of this law;* urges the competent authorities *to initiate appropriate economic policy adjustments for an sensitive increase of the wages in gender-segregated industries,* to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 200

Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities, ***the underrepresentation of women in key decision-making positions on all levels*** and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence; ***is concerned about the lack of women's access to the basic services, like public gynaecological services, which protect their sexual and reproductive health rights, and persistently high infant mortality rate; is extremely concerned about the restrictive and discriminatory law on termination of pregnancy that compels women to resort to illegal abortions and violates human rights; calls on swift repeal of restrictive abortion laws and policies as urged and by UN Human Rights Office of High Commissioner;***

Or. en

Amendment 201
László Tóké

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and ***further strengthen efforts to increase the participation of women in the political and public sectors, in particular in decision-making positions; furthermore,***

urges to improve support services to victims of domestic violence, including to provide an adequate number of shelters; furthermore, urges to ensure that cases of domestic violence are thoroughly investigated and perpetrators prosecuted and to continue carrying out awareness-raising campaigns to sensitize the population on the prevention and protection against domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence; ***urges the government to take measures to review the Law on Prevention and Protection against Domestic Violence and other relevant laws in order to provide appropriate protection to all victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence with a view to preparing its ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention);***

Or. en

Amendment 203
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance gender equality; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation, ***to develop preventive measures against gender-based violence***, and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance ***gender equality***; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about the lack of implementation of the Law on Equal Opportunities and the limited effectiveness of institutional mechanisms to advance ***equality between men and women***; urges the competent authorities to make sufficient budget allocations for its implementation and to improve support services to victims of domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; ***urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue***; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Or. el

Amendment 206
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, ***including policy recommendations***;

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, ***in a transparent and inclusive manner***;

Or. en

Amendment 207
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an

inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA ***in an inclusive and transparent manner*** and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; ***is concerned about minorities representing less than 20% of the population, who are left outside the mainstream policy and decision-making process; believes that specific measures are needed in order to guarantee the rights and freedoms of all citizens and achieve social cohesion among the various ethnic, national and religious communities;*** urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; ***believes that separation along ethnic lines in schools and segregated education has adversely affected social cohesion and integration of communities;*** reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations; ***condemns any form of irredentism and any attempt to disintegrate different social groups;***

Or. en

Amendment 209
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations; ***remains concerned by what is violent and intolerant Albanian separatism, however, as was demonstrated by the events in Kumanovo in May 2015;***

Or. fr

Amendment 210
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review ***with no further delay, in a transparent and inclusive manner and to ensure sufficient budget for its implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 211

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic, ***multi-cultural*** and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations; ***stresses the importance to start the long-awaited census without further delay;***

Or. en

Amendment 212

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its review, including policy recommendations;

Amendment

15. Reiterates that the interethnic situation remains fragile; urges all political parties and CSOs to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society and to strengthen coexistence and dialogue; reminds the ***new*** government and party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the OFA and to complete its ***overdue*** review ***at the earliest, in an inclusive and transparent manner,*** including policy recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 213
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Reiterates that the authorities and civil society should take appropriate measures for achieving historical reconciliation in order to overcome the divide between and within different ethnic and national groups, including citizens of Bulgarian identity;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Notes with concern the phenomenon of 'antiquisation' and false historical interpretations; is convinced that culture and art should be used to bring people closer together rather than divide them; urges the government to send clear signals to the public and media that discrimination on the basis of national identity is not tolerated in the country, including in relation to the justice system, media, employment and social opportunities; underlines the importance of these actions for the integration of the various ethnic communities and the stability and European integration of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Encourages the authorities to retrieve the relevant Yugoslav secret service archives from Serbia; takes the view that transparent handling of the totalitarian past, including the opening-up of the archives of the secret services, is a step towards further democratisation, accountability and institutional strength;

Or. en

Amendment 216
Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, **including through** government **advertising**; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure **as well as unbalanced reporting of** government **activities**; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, ***including through*** government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, ***the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic*** political interference and pressure ***in the editorial policies and the absence of investigative and balanced reporting; urges the new government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on public service announcements to replace*** government advertising; calls on the ***new*** government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned ***over*** freedom of expression ***and*** the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. Is concerned ***at the lack of*** freedom of expression ***in*** the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. el

Amendment 219
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

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Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation ***or violence*** against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation against journalists is ***duly*** investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast; ***notes the polarisation of private media; calls on establishing a professional code of conduct accepted both by public and private media; encourages joint work between government officials and journalist organisations on the media reform;***

Or. en

Amendment 220
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. ***Is*** concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. ***Reiterates the importance of media freedom and independence as one of the core EU values and a cornerstone of any democracy; remains*** concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; ***regrets in this context that in the index compiled by Reporters Without Borders the country has ranked last in Europe and the Balkans falling from 34th place in 2009 to 118th in 2016, while according Freedom House 2016 report on the country's Press Freedom, the country's status changed from "partly free" to "Not Free";*** calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is

investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; ***underlines the need to ensure full transparency on government advertising, in particular the spending of public finances, its recipients and contents;*** calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast ***to ensure its financial and editorial independence;***

Or. en

Amendment 222

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; ***reiterates its call for objective and accurate reporting and a variety of***

is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

viewpoints through the mainstream media, particularly the public service broadcaster; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. en

Amendment 223
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; *urges all political parties in the country to denounce hate speeches and call on their members and followers to abstain from using them;* calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate

speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is ***prevented and*** investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast ***and the right of access to impartial information generated in accordance with well-practice principles of journalism;***

Or. en

Amendment 225
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising ***and the mass illegal surveillance of journalists;*** calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and ***political and financial*** autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of
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16. Is concerned over freedom of

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expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls *for inclusive media interest representation bodies and calls* on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Amendment

16. Is concerned over freedom of expression and the media, *media surveillance*, the use of hate speech, political interference and pressure, including through government advertising; calls on the government to ensure that intimidation or violence against journalists is investigated and that those responsible be brought to justice; underlines the need for the sustainability and autonomy of the public service broadcast;

Or. fr

Amendment 228
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Notes that Macedonia lies on the so-called 'Western Balkan route' and that approximately 600.000 refugees and

migrants, including vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly, have so far travelled through Macedonia on their way to Europe; regrets to note that the Macedonian asylum and migration policies continue to fail to provide adequate protection and safeguards and that refugees and migrants are regularly, with the use of excessive force, pushed back into Greece or unlawfully detained and face ill-treatment in detention facilities; urges Macedonian authorities to ensure migrants and refugees applying for asylum in Macedonia or traveling through Macedonian territory, are treated in accordance with international and EU law, including the 1951 Refugee Conventions and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the **Macedonian** economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Amendment

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the **former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 230

Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the *Macedonian* economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Amendment

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the Macedonian economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Amendment

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the Macedonian economy; *given the ongoing amalgamation of state and party political structures, which finds its reflection in the deteriorated corruption index, calls for the plans to privatize state property, particularly in the field of energy, to be stopped*; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the Macedonian economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Amendment

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the Macedonian economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; ***stresses the need to take measures to enhance competitiveness and job creation in the private sector, and*** calls on ***the*** competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Or. nl

Amendment 233
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the Macedonian economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Amendment

17. Remains concerned that the political situation represents a serious risk to the Macedonian economy; continues to be concerned about weak contract enforcement, the size of the informal economy, ***venality at every hierarchical level*** and the difficulty in obtaining access to finance; stresses that the sizeable shadow economy is an important obstacle to business; calls on competent authorities to also address judicial efficiency;

Or. el

Amendment 234
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability *but is concerned that* unemployment *remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;*

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability, *the reduction of the* unemployment *rate and that the government remains committed to promoting growth and employment by market-based economic policies; calls on improving fiscal discipline and transparency and increasing the budget planning capacity; encourages the principle of balanced budget; notes that reliable and predictable regulatory environment for businesses leads to increased macro-economic stability and growth; calls on proper consultation with all stakeholders in this regard;*

Or. en

Amendment 235
Helmut Scholz, Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. *Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic* stability *but is concerned that* unemployment *remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women;* further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the

Amendment

18. *Notes that the macro-economic situation of the country is characterized by low inflation, balanced public finances and relatively low public debt; notes, however, that a macroeconomic stability cannot be said to be the case for a constant unemployment rate of about 30 per cent for years and an equally widespread poverty within the country; is concerned that the employment rate, with about 15 per cent among young people and almost 38 per cent among women, is very low and thus far from the EU's own target of 75 per cent; calls on the Commission to define employment rates*

government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

as an explicit criteria of accession and integration; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; ***believes that this policy should also aim to prevent any forms of employment through clientelistic networks by law, to consistently enforce the existing labor law, to penalize any kind of attempts to undermine its application as well as to improve the provision of and access to social services, especially for women***; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Or. en

Amendment 236
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the

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Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; ***is concerned that employment is heavily influenced by political affiliation and is often used for pressure and intimidation of citizens during election campaigns***; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is

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perspectives of youth;

concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Or. en

Amendment 237

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth ***and to develop programmes to allow highly educated young professionals to return and participate in the political and decision-making processes;***

Or. en

Amendment 238

Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth; ***calls on authorities to adopt a strategy promoting women's entrepreneurship, a strategy for SMEs and a strategy for tourism;***

Or. en

Amendment 239

Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the

perspectives of youth;

perspectives of youth *in order to avert the country's twenty-thousand-strong annual exodus*;

Or. fr

Amendment 240
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability *and the reduction of the unemployment rate* but is concerned that unemployment *still* remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Or. en

Amendment 241
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned *about the sustainability of public debt and*

low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Or. en

Amendment 242

Cristian Dan Preda, Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability **and the reduction of the unemployment rate**, but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Or. en

Amendment 243
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that ***despite seeing the overall rate fall*** unemployment ***still*** remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is

Amendment

18. Welcomes the maintenance of macro-economic stability but is concerned that unemployment remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth and women; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is

concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth, *in particular of ethnic minorities*;

Or. en

Amendment 245
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Welcomes the progress made in modernising transport, energy and telecommunications networks and, in particular, the efforts to complete Corridor X[1]; in view of the importance of the railway links in the framework of a sustainable system of transport, welcomes the government's intention to upgrade or construct railway links from Skopje to the capitals of the neighbouring countries and calls for greater progress, especially in the finalisation of the railway and road connections within Corridor VIII[2];

[1] Corridor X is one of the pan-European transport corridors and runs from Salzburg (Austria) to Thessaloniki (Greece).

[2] Corridor VIII is one of the pan-European transport corridors and runs from Durrës (Albania) to Varna (Bulgaria). It also passes through Skopje.

Or. en

Amendment 246
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

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Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Is concerned that unemployment still remains high with very low labour market participation, especially among youth, women and people with disabilities; further urges competent authorities to tackle long-term and structural unemployment, to promote economic policy cooperation, to better align education with labour market demands and to develop a targeted strategy on how to better integrate young people and women into the labour market; is concerned about the outflow of highly educated young professionals; strongly calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspectives of youth;

Or. en

Amendment 247

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. Commends the good level of preparation in the field of electronic communications and information society; calls on further advancement in the area of cyber security and underlines the need to develop and adopt a national cyber security strategy in order to increase cyber resilience;

Or. en

Amendment 248

Helmut Scholz, Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Amendment

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework; ***points out the need for the implementation of environmental policy objectives and targets to be in line with the rights and living conditions of the employees of companies concerned in order to avoid conflicts such as those at Jugohrom in Tetovo when the employees of the company, which could not satisfy environmental constraints, were forced to take unpaid leave;***

Or. en

Amendment 249

Louis Michel, Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Amendment

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of ***industrial pollution and*** air and water pollution; ***stresses the need to develop and implement a sustainable waste policy and*** calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Or. nl

Amendment 250

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Amendment

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; ***notes that the current condition of the water-supply system is generally poor resulting in high water loss and water quality issues***; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Amendment

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework ***for climate policy and for the ratification and implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement***;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution, ***principally with regard to the River Axios, causing groundwater pollution in neighbouring countries also***; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Or. el

Amendment 253
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Amendment

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution, ***especially in Skopje, which is regarded as Europe's most polluted city***; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in line with the EU 2030 framework;

Or. fr

Amendment 254
Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Is concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in

Amendment

19. Is ***extremely*** concerned about the significant shortcomings in the field of the environment, in particular in the area of air and water pollution; calls for a comprehensive policy and strategy on climate action to be developed that is in

line with the EU 2030 framework;

line with the EU 2030 framework;

Or. en

Amendment 255

Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional cooperation, particularly in Western Balkans six initiative and connectivity agenda; notes however that transport and energy infrastructure linkages to the regional neighbours and the connection to the TEN-T are still limited; calls on authorities to strengthen the financial and technical capacity of the national accident investigation body for air and rail transport particularly, and administrative capacity for all modes of transport; is concerned that no progress was made on the opening of the electricity market; is of opinion that in this regard the government should focus on full implementation of Energy Community Treaty obligations and should adopt legislation compliant with the third energy package and unbundling of the electricity and gas system operators, as well as opening of the market;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Welcomes the progress that was

made on the security of supply as well as in the area of electricity transmission interconnectors and gas interconnections; notes the agreement signed with the Western Balkans countries on the development of a regional electricity market; highlights the need to progress on the opening of the electricity market and to align the country's legislation with the EU's third energy package;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Expresses its concern at the alarming level of air pollution that according to a recent study of the Public Health Institute of Macedonia causes annually 30% - 35% of the diseases in the country and over 1300 deaths; draws the attention, in particular, to Skopje urban area and calls on the state and local authorities to urgently take adequate measures to cope with this emergency;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. In light of the preparation for the Western Balkans summit in Italy 2017, calls on Macedonian authorities to increase efforts to implement legal and

regulatory measures in the field of transport and energy sector (soft measures), in order to fulfil the Connectivity Agenda of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 259

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 b. Takes note of a number of planned infrastructure project within protected areas that would be likely to cause significant impacts on future Natura 2000 sites (current Emerald site); calls, in this regard, for respecting the recommendation of the Bern Convention's Standing Committee (No. 184(2015)) by suspending the implementation of the projects within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park until a Strategic Environmental Assessment is completed in full compliance with the EU environment legislation; further calls for respecting the Decision (40 COM 7B.68) concerning the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region to prepare an overall Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) before any further work is undertaken; urges the development of a hydropower strategy for the Western Balkans as a whole in line with EU environmental legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 260

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 c. Encourages Macedonia to develop competition in the gas and energy market towards the unbundling of utilities in line with the EU Third Energy Package; calls for a substantial improvement as regards energy efficiency, the production of renewable energy and the fight against climate change; calls for the ratification of the Paris Climate agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. ***Urges the*** authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner; ***notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;***

20. ***Calls on the Commission to support Macedonian*** authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner;

Or. en

Amendment 262
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen

the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner;
notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner;

Or. en

Amendment 263

Georgios Epitideios

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner;
notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

Amendment

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly, *effectively* and in a timely manner;

Or. el

Amendment 264

Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner;
notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

Amendment

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner
whilst at the same time providing regular detailed reports regarding the programming and use of EU funds; notes that the Commission has yet again reduced

the IPA financial assistance by
approximately EUR 27 million;

Or. it

Amendment 265
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to *procure* and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner; notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

Amendment

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to *ensure transparent, efficient and effective public procurement regime, prevent any irregularities* and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner; notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

Or. en

Amendment 266
Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner; notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

Amendment

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner; *is concerned about the findings of the Special Report of the European Court of Auditors of June 2016, which concluded that limited progress was made in strengthening the country's administrative capacity using IPA funds mainly due to the insufficient political will of the national authorities*; notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced

the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million *due to the inability of the government to deliver on necessary reforms in public financial management; calls on the Commission to include information about IPA support for FYRoM and the effectiveness of implemented measures in its reports, in particular the IPA support allocated to implementation of the key priorities and relevant projects;*

Or. en

Amendment 267

László Tóké

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner; notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

Amendment

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner; notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million *as a consequence of lack of political commitment to deliver on reforms in public financial management;*

Or. en

Amendment 268

Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner;

Amendment

20. Urges the authorities to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities in order to procure and implement EU funds properly and in a timely manner;

notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million;

notes with concern that the Commission has yet again reduced the IPA financial assistance by approximately EUR 27 million *and calls for the reversal of that decision*;

Or. en

Amendment 269
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis*; recommends further actions to *ensure capacities to* combat human trafficking *and* migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. *Remains concerned about the imposed restrictions on the borders regarding refugee entry and limiting the numbers able to cross*; recommends further actions to combat human trafficking, *to prevent* migrant smuggling *and to improve its asylum system*;

Or. en

Amendment 270
Georgios Epitideios
on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Commends* the country *for constructive cooperation* in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. *Urges* the country *to collaborate a constructively with neighbouring countries* in addressing the migration crisis *and normalising migratory flows*; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Or. el

Amendment 271

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Commends the country* for constructive cooperation *in addressing* the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. *Notes the country's efforts* for constructive cooperation *to address* the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Or. en

Amendment 272

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Edouard Ferrand

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for *constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis*; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for *managing the migration crisis; welcomes the closing of its border with Greece on 20 January 2016, limiting the influx of illegal migrants into the rest of Europe*; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Or. fr

Amendment 273

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Alojz Peterle, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country *for constructive cooperation in addressing* the migration crisis; recommends further

Amendment

21. Commends the *constructive role the country has played in dealing with the challenges of* the migration crisis *and*

actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

adhering to the decision of the European Council to close the Western Balkan migration route in March 2016;
recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Or. en

Amendment 274

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; ***recommends further actions to ensure*** capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis, ***noting that Macedonia successfully managed a huge refugee influx through so called Balkan route; calls on the Commission to support Macedonian authorities, financially and technically, in order to further enhance*** capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Or. en

Amendment 275

Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Nicola Caputo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling; ***recommends the European Council to open negotiations with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in order to allow deployments of the***

*European Boarder and Coast Guard and
make the Agency fully operational as
soon as possible;*

Or. en

Amendment 276
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis *thus substantially contributing to the security and stability of the European Union; in this regard, calls on the Commission to provide the country with all necessary tools to alleviate the crisis*; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Or. en

Amendment 277
Raffaele Fitto

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further *measures and* actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling, *including cooperation agreements with neighbouring countries in relation to crime-fighting, aimed at strengthening the operational activity of the respective police forces in border areas*;

Amendment 278

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis ***thus substantially contributing to the security and stability of the European Union***; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling; ***calls for the respect of international humanitarian law***;

Or. en

Amendment 279

Angel Dzhambazki, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling; ***calls for ensuring effective border management and welcomes the cooperation with neighbouring countries in dealing with the mixed migration flows***;

Or. en

Amendment 280

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling; ***takes notes of the government's decision to close its border completely to refugees and immigrants on 8 March 2016;***

Or. en

Amendment 281
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further actions to ensure capacities to ***prevent and*** combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling, ***and to provide proper humanitarian assistance for those in need;***

Or. en

Amendment 282
László Tóké

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation in addressing the migration crisis; recommends further

Amendment

21. Commends the country for constructive cooperation ***and tremendous efforts*** in addressing the migration crisis;

actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

recommends further actions to ensure capacities to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling;

Or. en

Amendment 283

Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Calls on the European Commission to continue the work on migration related issues with all the countries of the Western Balkans, in order to make sure that European and international norms and standards are followed; welcomes the work done so far and underlines that adequate IPA funding should be set aside to this end;

Or. en

Amendment 284

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tóké, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Emphasizes the importance of regional cooperation as a tool to drive the process of EU integration forward and commends country's constructive efforts and proactive contributions in promoting bilateral relations with all countries from the region;

Or. en

Amendment 285
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;***

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation ***and its participation in civil and military crisis management operations; believes that regional cooperation is an essential element in the EU accession process bringing stability and prosperity to the region and should be a priority for the government; calls on the government to focus on transnational projects such as the Pan-European Transport Corridors, the railway link Sofia-Skopje and other infrastructural projects with Member States including border-crossing points; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %);***

Or. en

Amendment 286
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;***

Amendment

22. ***Underlines the importance of regional cooperation in line with the European agenda and European values and calls for further progress in this regard;*** reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 287

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation***; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. ***Underlines the importance of regional cooperation in line with the European agenda and European values and calls for further progress in this regard***; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 288

Georgios Epitideios

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased*** alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. ***underlines the importance of a stable and constructive role for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*** in regional and international cooperation; ***notes the*** alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria; ***reiterates the importance of resolving the name issue in the interest of good neighbourly relations with Greece***;

Or. el

Amendment 289

Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. ***Welcomes Macedonia's continued*** constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***commends*** the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. ***Calls former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to have a*** constructive role in regional and international cooperation ***in line with European values; notes*** the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 290 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %)***; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***welcomes the modest steps taken by Macedonian authorities to align its foreign policy with that of the EU; calls on Macedonian authorities to also align itself with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia following the illegal annexation of Crimea***; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 291 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued

constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %)***; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

constructive role in regional and international cooperation; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 292

James Carver

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %)***; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 293

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić, László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); ***reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with*** Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); ***commends also the positive focus on bilateral projects in areas of infrastructure, economy and interconnectivity and country's efforts to hold European standards and values at the heart of bilateral relations; encourages the continuation and***

finalization of the talks on the Treaty of Friendship, Good-Neighbourliness and Cooperation; emphasizes the necessity to respect the history, sovereignty and national and linguistic identity of both Macedonia and Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 294
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a ***bilateral treaty*** with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a ***treaty on friendship and good neighbourliness*** with Bulgaria; ***notes that open issues still remain, such as the long overdue restoration of the Bulgarian military cemeteries, the need to jointly celebrate common historical figures and events and to establishment cross-border cooperation in the areas of history, culture and education;***

Or. en

Amendment 295
Georgios Epitideios
on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
Eleftherios Synadinos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes ***Macedonia's*** continued constructive role in regional and

Amendment

22. Welcomes ***the*** continued constructive role ***of the former Yugoslav***

international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Republic of Macedonia in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. el

Amendment 296

Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); ***urges authorities to swiftly align its foreign policy with the Council decisions including the EU restrictive measures related to Russia; reminds about the need to align with the EU Directive on Defence and Sensitive Security Procurement and the 2014 EU rules on public procurement; urges authorities to finalise a Cyber-Security Strategy and reminds about the need to align it with the European Cyber Security Strategy***; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 297

Tunne Kelam, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued
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Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued

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constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

constructive ***and proactive*** role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); ***however encourages the country to align its foreign policy with the EU on restrictive measures related to Russian invasion to Ukraine and occupation of Crimea***; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 298
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***reiterates the importance of active participation in the regional youth-related initiatives, such as the Regional Youth Cooperation Office of the Western Balkans***; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 299
Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign

Amendment

22. Welcomes Macedonia's continued constructive role in regional and international cooperation; commends the increased alignment with EU foreign

policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria;

policy (73 %); reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria, *aimed at strengthening good neighbourly relations*;

Or. en

Amendment 300
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Notes that there are still open issues in relations with Bulgaria; reiterates the importance of finalising the negotiations on a bilateral treaty with Bulgaria based on the 1999 declaration; strongly encourages joint celebrations of events and figures of the common history; believes that the introduction of educational materials free of ideological interpretations of history and hate speech, the academic cooperation and the promotion of positive attitudes in young people towards their neighbouring countries will have positive impact and improve mutual understanding;

Or. en

Amendment 301
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Expresses its disappointment regarding the lack of progress in joint celebrations of common historic events and figures with neighbouring EU Member States, which would contribute to

a better understanding of history and good neighbourly relations; encourages the establishment of joint expert committees on history and education with neighbouring countries, with the aim of contributing to an objective, fact-based interpretation of history, strengthening academic cooperation and promoting positive attitudes in young people towards their neighbours;

Or. en

Amendment 302
Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Welcomes the activities in the framework of the Berlin Process, which demonstrate strong political support for the European perspective of Western Balkan countries; points out the importance of this Process for the promotion of the economic development of the countries in the Region through investments in core networks; welcomes the establishment of the RYCO (Regional Youth Cooperation Office) and the Western Balkans Fund and urges the Commission to take into account the initiatives and projects proposed by Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 303
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 b. Calls on the authorities not to mistreat and violate the political, social and cultural rights of citizens of the country, who identify themselves as Bulgarians; regrets that Bulgaria is often negatively portrayed in media, history books and films sponsored by the government in Skopje, which damages the bilateral relations;

Or. en

Amendment 304
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 b. Urges the authorities to adopt fact-based interpretation of history and to introduce educational materials free of ideological interpretations and hate speech against neighbouring countries deriving from the communist era;

Or. en

Amendment 305
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Welcomes the ***tangible results from the*** confidence-building measures with ***Greece; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable***

23. Welcomes the ***Greek initiative which resulted in*** confidence-building measures with ***the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; underlines the fact that maintaining good neighborly relations, including a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, under the auspices of the UN, remains essential, reiterates its full support to the UN***

solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

process which remains the key framework for a solution as it is recognized by both parties; recalls that a constructive approach to relations with neighboring EU Member States remains important while avoiding gestures, controversial actions and statements which negatively impact on good neighborly relations;

Or. en

Amendment 306

James Carver

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; *strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;*

Amendment

23. Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece;

Or. en

Amendment 307

Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures *with Greece; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining*

Amendment

23. Welcomes the *Greek initiative which resulted in* tangible results from the *eleven* confidence-building measures; *calls for a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, under the auspices of the UN and reiterates its full*

differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

support to the UN process;

Or. en

Amendment 308
Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; *strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;*

Amendment

23. Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; *believes that the constructive and positive results of the Greek initiative of the eleven confidence-building measures could contribute to a process of confidence building, that would eventually lead to a better understanding and stronger bilateral relations, paving the way for a mutually accepted solution to the name issue, at a later stage; underlines the fact that maintaining good neighbourly relations, including a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, under the auspices of the UN, remains essential; reiterates its full support to the UN process, which remains the key framework for a solution as it is recognised by both parties; recalls that a constructive approach to relations with neighbouring EU member states remains important while avoiding gestures, controversial actions and statements which negatively impact on good neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

Amendment 309

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Alojz Peterle, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. ***Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece***; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

Amendment

23. ***Commends the positive approach which has been applied to strengthen bilateral cooperation, especially in the context of European integration, for increasing mutual trust and promoting good neighborliness in concrete terms; acknowledges positive developments regarding the implementation of the confidence building measures, including the visit of Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs to Skopje in August 2016***; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon; ***calls upon the UN to intensify the mediation process in order to find a mutually acceptable solution regarding the naming dispute with Greece and to request that Greece respects International Law and the 2011 ICJ ruling***;

Or. en

Amendment 310
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. ***Welcomes the*** tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative

Amendment

23. ***Stresses the need for*** tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece, ***which have not yet been forthcoming***; strongly reiterates its

(VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon; ***notes that the continuation of accession negotiations will depend on progress achieved in this respect and on a mutually satisfactory solution regarding the name of the country.***

Or. el

Amendment 311

Tonino Picula, Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; ***strongly*** reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution ***on*** the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop, ***if asked by relevant parties***, new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution ***to*** the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

Or. en

Amendment 312

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. ***Welcomes*** the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

23. ***Reiterates that the Republic of Macedonia has remained constructively committed to bilateral relations with other enlargement countries and neighbouring EU Member States and positively notes its engagement in regional initiatives; welcomes the activities in the framework of the Berlin Process, which demonstrate strong political support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans countries;*** welcomes the tangible results from ***joint initiative for*** the confidence-building measures with Greece; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission ***as a matter of urgency*** to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

Or. en

Amendment 313

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. ***Welcomes*** the tangible results from the confidence-building measures with Greece; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

Amendment

23. ***Highlights the constructive commitment of Macedonia to bilateral relations with the neighbours and neighbouring EU Member States and positively notes its engagement in regional initiatives; welcomes the activities in the framework of the Berlin Process, which demonstrates the strong political support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans countries;*** welcomes the tangible results from the ***joint initiative for*** confidence-building measures with Greece; strongly reiterates its invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR)

and the Commission, to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;

Or. en

Amendment 314

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, László Tőkés, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Welcomes the efforts of the Berlin Process, which demonstrated strong political support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans and that will continue to encourage further reforms in key areas and promote economic developments through core connectivity investments, providing concrete results for the citizens and the entire region; welcomes the establishment of the RYCO (Regional Youth Cooperation Office) and the Western Balkans Fund and requests the EU to take into account the initiatives and projects which have been proposed by Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 315

Sofia Sakorafa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Reiterates its position

that outstanding open issues should be addressed as early as possible during the accession process in a constructive manner and in a spirit of good neighbourly relations through an intensive and open dialogue in the spirit of the common European future and, preferably, before the start of accession negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 316

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Recalls the ruling of the International Court of Justice of 5 December 2011; supports the proposal by UN envoy Nimetz of a composite name with geographical qualifier as long as Macedonian nationality, identity, culture and language are not affected;

Or. en

Amendment 317

Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Underlines the importance of a constructive approach to relations with neighbouring EU Member States, avoiding gestures, controversial actions and statements which can have a negative impact on good neighbourly relations;

Or. en

Amendment 318

Marijana Petir, Patricija Šulin, Miroslav Mikolášik, Željana Zovko, Ivica Tolić, Sandra Kalniete, Dubravka Šuica, Ivana Maletić, László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 b. Commends the country on its chairmanship of the CEI, focusing on economic cooperation and business opportunities, infrastructure and general economic development, including rural development and tourism, as well as on bridging macro-regions throughout 2015;

Or. en