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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Francisco Assis

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Addressing shrinking civil society space in developing countries
(2016/2324(INI))

Amendment 1

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

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1. ***Deplores*** the fact that ***certain*** states ***often*** limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Amendment

1. ***Denounces the phenomenon of shrinking civil society space, which is an integral part of a global authoritarian pushback against democracy and human rights; deplores*** the fact that ***a growing number of*** states limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association; ***notes that restrictions and threats on civil society may also originate from non-state actors, including from the business sector;***

Or. en

Amendment 2

Soraya Post

Draft opinion

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1. Deplores the fact that certain states often limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Amendment

1. Deplores the fact that certain states often limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; ***reminds that certain groups, such as women, youth, LGBTI, minorities, such as Roma, indigenous peoples, disabled persons suffer disproportionately under these restrictions;*** recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by

ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association, *including on the internet*;

Or. en

Amendment 3 Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion

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1. Deplores the fact that certain states often limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Amendment

1. Deplores the fact that certain states often limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism, *including online by blocking mobile internet, restricting social media and banning communication with foreign groups*; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Or. en

Amendment 4 Ádám Kósa, László Tőkés

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1. Deplores the fact that certain *states often limit or restrict* freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and

Amendment

1. Deplores the fact that *in* certain *developing countries the* freedom of expression *is often limited* in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and

association;

association; *notes that NGOs representing people with disabilities often face even stronger challenges;*

Or. en

Amendment 5

Louis Michel

Draft opinion

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1. Deplores the fact that certain states *often* limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Amendment

1. Deplores the fact that certain states limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability, *democratic values* and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring openness of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Or. nl

Amendment 6

Paulo Rangel

Draft opinion

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1. Deplores the fact that certain states often limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring *openness* of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Amendment

1. Deplores the fact that certain states often limit or restrict freedom of expression in order to silence dissent or criticism; recalls that the long-term stability and resilience of a society can only be achieved and maintained by ensuring *the autonomy* of the civic space and the rights to freedom of expression, opinion, peaceful assembly and association;

Or. pt

Amendment 7

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Amendment

1 a. Is deeply concerned by the increasing attacks against human rights defenders (HRDs) worldwide; calls on the EU, and the VP/HR in particular, to adopt a policy to denounce, systematically and unequivocally, the killing of human rights defenders and any attempt to subject them to any form of violence, persecution, threat, harassment, disappearance, imprisonment or arbitrary arrest, to condemn those who commit or tolerate such atrocities, and to step up public diplomacy in open and clear support of HRDs; encourages the EU Delegations and the Member States' diplomatic representations to continue actively to support HRDs, notably by systematically monitoring trials, visiting HRDs in jail and issuing statements on individual cases, where appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Renate Weber, Marietje Schaake, Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius

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Amendment

1 a. Condemns the shrinking of civil society space as a result of acts of harassment and intimidation against civil society organisations and individual activists, who are solely exercising their rights of freedom of expression, assembly and association; calls on governments to

*investigate and to ensure accountability
for this kind of actions and attacks
directed against NGOs,*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marietje Schaake

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Amendment

*1 a. Warns against the increase in the
use of unnecessary and excessive force by
security forces to repress assemblies,
including by surveillance, arbitrary
detention, torture and other ill-treatment,
and the imposition of the death penalty;*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marietje Schaake

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*1 b. Expresses its concern on severe
restrictions of the freedom of the press by
certain states which dismantle
independent media through harassment
and repressive legislation, causing
journalists and bloggers to choose
between self-censorship, harassment and
arrest, or exile;*

Or. en

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1 b. Underlines that the phenomenon of shrinking civil society space is a global phenomenon, which is not restricted to developing countries but also, and in an increasing manner, occurring in established democracies and middle and high-income countries, including in European Union Member States and some of its closest allies; calls on the European Union and its Member States to lead by example and strictly uphold the fundamental rights pertaining to civil society and to address any negative trends in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 12

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1 c. Denounces the prevailing sense of impunity enjoyed by a number of states in their assault against civil society and whose relations with the EU and standing in international fora are largely unaffected by such developments;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Andi Cristea

Draft opinion

1 a. Calls on the EU to acknowledge the necessity of providing guidance to governments, political parties, parliaments and administrations in beneficiary countries in developing strategies aimed at establishing the appropriate legal, administrative and political environment to enable the efficient work of CSOs;

Or. en

Amendment 14 **Georgios Epitideios**

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2. Considers that the EU should use its foreign policy instruments, including human rights and development instruments, to deal with the structural roots of the shrinking space problem and to design a multifaceted approach, ***since regimes are now using not only draconian NGO laws but also a wide range of direct and indirect tactics to limit the operation or financing of civil society organisations (CSOs), such as arbitrary registration and reporting requirements,*** distorted criminal charges, raids ***and*** audits, and counterterrorism measures;

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2. Considers that the EU should use its foreign policy instruments, including human rights and development instruments, to deal with the structural roots of the shrinking space problem and to design a multifaceted approach ***that will meet the requirements and resolve the problems facing society within these countries; great care will be needed regarding the functioning and funding thereof, especially with regard to NGOs and civil society organisations (CSOs), so as to ensure transparency, given that many of them are involved in unlawful activities; it is therefore necessary for the above organisations to submit activity reports and justification of costs incurred; in cases where certain Member States are bringing distorted criminal charges against NGOs and CSOs, subjecting them to raids, audits and counterterrorism measures, the EU should protect them by taking measures to prevent such arbitrary action by the Member States in question;***

Or. el

Amendment 15

James Carver

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2. Considers that ***the EU*** should ***use its foreign policy instruments, including human rights and development instruments, to*** deal with the structural roots of the shrinking space problem and to design a multifaceted approach, since regimes are now using not only draconian NGO laws but also a wide range of direct and indirect tactics to limit the operation or financing of civil society organisations (CSOs), such as arbitrary registration and reporting requirements, distorted criminal charges, raids and audits, and counterterrorism measures;

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2. Considers that ***international institutions*** should deal with the structural roots of the shrinking space problem and to design a multifaceted approach, since regimes are now using not only draconian NGO laws but also a wide range of direct and indirect tactics to limit the operation or financing of civil society organisations (CSOs), such as arbitrary registration and reporting requirements, distorted criminal charges, raids and audits, and counterterrorism measures;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Ádám Kósa, László Tőkés

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2. Considers that the EU should use its foreign policy instruments, including human rights and development instruments, to deal with the structural roots of the shrinking space problem and to design a multifaceted approach, since ***some regimes in developing countries are using restrictions*** such as arbitrary registration and reporting requirements, distorted criminal charges, raids and audits, and counterterrorism measures;

Amendment 17

Marietje Schaake

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Or. en

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design a multifaceted approach, since regimes are now using not only draconian NGO laws but also a wide range of direct and indirect tactics to limit the operation or financing of civil society organisations (CSOs), such as arbitrary registration and reporting requirements, distorted criminal charges, raids and audits, and counterterrorism measures; *recalls that these measures disproportionately affect CSOs working on human rights, including on women, youth, LGBTI, minorities, such as Roma, indigenous peoples, disabled persons and on peace and security;*

Or. en

Amendment 19

Javier Nart, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

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2. Considers that the EU should use its foreign policy instruments, including human rights and development instruments *and bilateral agreements with third countries*, to deal with the structural roots of the shrinking space problem and to design a multifaceted approach, since regimes are now using not only draconian NGO laws but also a wide range of direct and indirect tactics to limit the operation or financing of civil society organisations (CSOs), such as arbitrary registration and reporting requirements, distorted criminal charges, raids and audits, *defamation campaigns*, and counterterrorism measures;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Renate Weber, Marietje Schaake, Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius

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Or. en

Amendment 21

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Amendment 22**Louis Michel****Draft opinion***Draft opinion*

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Or. nl

Amendment 23**Soraya Post****Draft opinion***Draft opinion**Amendment*

2 a. Calls on the EU to reinforce its instruments and policies addressing institution building and rule of law to include strong benchmarks on accountability and fight against impunity for arbitrary arrest, police abuse, torture and other ill-treatment of human rights defenders, bearing in mind that women and men experience these differently; calls for conditionality which should be linked to overall performance assessments, and that support should not be limited to its

technical aspects, but should include political backing as necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Urmaz Paet

Draft opinion

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2a. Considers that there needs to be a clearer connection among the EU's various foreign policy instruments: for example, when determining development cooperation allocations for third countries, account should be taken of trends and the situation with regard to the defence of human rights and with regard to democratic freedoms in the country concerned and of how close the country's foreign policy positions are to the EU's;

Or. et

Amendment 25
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion

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2 a. Warns against the misuse by certain states of an excessively broad definition of terrorism to silence journalists, human rights defenders and political dissidents;

Or. en

Amendment 26
James Carver

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections to restrictive CSO laws and to exert effective and tailored pressure on the host governments in question and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues; considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society;

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Or. en

Amendment 27

Ruža Tomašić

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections to restrictive CSO laws and to exert effective and tailored pressure on the host governments in question and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues; considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society;

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Or. hr

Amendment 28

Ádám Kósa, László Tőkés

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections to restrictive CSO laws and ***to exert effective and tailored pressure on the host governments in question and*** raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues; ***considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society;***

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections to restrictive CSO laws and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Georgios Epitideios

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal ***and display the necessary determination in the face of any governments infringing the rights of CSOs;*** EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society;

civil society;

Or. el

Amendment 30

Javier Nart, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections *to* restrictive CSO laws and to exert effective and tailored pressure on the host governments in question and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues; considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society;

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States, ***the High Representative / Vice President*** and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections ***well ahead the adoption of*** restrictive CSO laws and to exert effective and tailored pressure ***at the highest level*** on the host governments in question and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues; ***private demarches are an important first step, but should they do not work, it is important to consider more public diplomacy***; considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society; ***considers that in cases of rapid and dramatic closing of the space EU Member States should grant public high-level recognition to affected human rights NGOs/individuals human rights defenders for their work, for example by visiting them during officials visits***;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Renate Weber, Marietje Schaake, Petras Auštrevičius

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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response to serious shrinking space developments, including through the restriction or even the suspension of assistance, trade or strategic relations;

Or. en

Amendment 33 **Soraya Post**

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections to restrictive CSO laws, *including those labelled as counterterrorism measures*, and to exert effective and tailored pressure on the host governments in question and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues; *considers that the establishment of youth militia as a red line that must not be crossed*; considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 34 **Marietje Schaake**

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Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections to restrictive CSO laws and to exert effective and tailored pressure on the host governments in question and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues;
calls on the EEAS to monitor trial proceedings of human rights defenders; considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments allowing a wider space for civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 35 **Paulo Rangel**

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3. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Member States and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights to be more vocal, consistent and timely in expressing objections to restrictive CSO laws and to exert effective and tailored pressure on the host governments in question and raise this issue systematically in political and human rights dialogues; considers that EU actors could exert more positive conditionality by allocating additional funds to those governments ***allowing a wider space for*** civil society;

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Or. pt

Amendment 36 **Louis Michel**

Draft opinion

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Or. nl

Amendment 37

Tokia Saïfi, Maurice Ponga

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3a. Recalls the importance to the Union of establishing an inclusive human rights dialogue with all partner States, with the participation of civil society organisations; calls on both the Union and Member States to step up their good governance programmes with third countries and to promote exchanges of good practices with regard to the inclusion and participation of civil society organisations in decision-making processes;

Or. fr

Amendment 38

James Carver

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4. Calls on all EU actors to advocate more effectively in multilateral fora the strengthening of the international legal framework underpinning democracy and human rights, inter alia by engaging with regional organisations such as the Organisation of American States (OAS), the African Union (AU), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Community of Democracies Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society;

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Or. pt

Amendment 42
Andi Cristea

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. *Considers that it is necessary to promote tripartite dialogues between government, EU and CSOs, including on difficult issues such as security and migration;*

Or. en

Amendment 43
Ruža Tomašić

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Stresses the need for additional monitoring and reviewing of the expenditure of EU funds earmarked for the actions of civil society organisations;*

Or. hr

Amendment 44
James Carver

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. *Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and*

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tangible manner;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Amendment

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space **Monitoring and** Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of **monitoring threats against civil society space and human rights defenders, and** issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Ádám Kósa, László Tőkés

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space **Early Warning**’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a **given government** is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to **respond in a** timelier, coordinated **and tangible** manner;

Amendment

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a **developing country** is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to **begin negotiations with the government in question to better understand the problem and to find a solution together with the government in** timelier, coordinated **tangible and democratic** manner;

Amendment 47**Renate Weber, Marietje Schaake, Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius****Draft opinion***Draft opinion*

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Amendment

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society, ***or when the government is using so-called government-organized non-governmental organisations (GONGOs) to simulate the existence of independent civil society***, so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Or. en

Amendment 48**Paulo Rangel****Draft opinion***Draft opinion*

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Amendment

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, ***in particular with the support of the EU delegations***, capable of issuing an alert when ***there are indications that*** a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Or. pt

Amendment 49
Georgios Epitideios

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious ***new restrictions against*** civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated ***and tangible*** manner;

Amendment

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious ***institutional changes affecting*** civil society so that the EU is able to ***examine them objectively and*** respond in a timelier, coordinated, ***open and impartial*** manner;

Or. el

Amendment 50
Soraya Post

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Amendment

5. Requests the establishment of a ‘Shrinking Space Early Warning’ mechanism, with the involvement of the relevant EU institutions, capable of issuing an alert when a given government, ***including a EU Member State government,*** is preparing serious new restrictions against civil society so that the EU is able to respond in a timelier, coordinated and tangible manner;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. *Commits to establish, on an annual basis and in close consultation with relevant institutional and NGO actors, a list of countries where civil society space is most under threat and to use it as a benchmark against which to assess the engagement of the EU and its Member States with these countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 52

James Carver

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. *Calls on the Commission to increase the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) funds relevant to the shrinking space, since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level;*

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Or. en

Amendment 53

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

6. ***Calls on the Commission to increase the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) funds relevant to the shrinking space, since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups;*** considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level;

Amendment

6. considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level;

Or. el

Amendment 54

Ruža Tomašić

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

6. ***Calls on the Commission to increase the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) funds relevant to the shrinking space, since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups;*** considers

Amendment

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Or. hr

Amendment 55

Ádám Kósa, László Tőkés

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to increase the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) funds relevant to the shrinking space, since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, ***including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups***; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced ***in a more real and acute way*** at local level;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to increase the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) funds relevant to the shrinking space, since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced at local level;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

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funds relevant to the shrinking space, *since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level*; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR *and* to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including *more significant exceptions* for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, *since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level*;

funds relevant to the shrinking space *and to human rights defenders*; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR, *to have a comprehensive approach to civil society organizations, which includes trade unions and social movements, and to continue its efforts* to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups; considers that greater emphasis should be put on *support to local groups and actors at local level; reiterates the importance of the EIDHR in providing urgent direct financial and material support for HRDs at risk and the emergency fund that allows the EU Delegations to give direct ad-hoc grants to defenders at risk*;

Or. en

Amendment 57 Soraya Post

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to increase the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) funds relevant to the shrinking space, since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level;

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6. Calls on the Commission to increase the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) funds relevant to the shrinking space, since the annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, *especially towards youth*, including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level; *while recognizing the*

importance of coalitions or consortiums of international and national civil society actors to facilitate and protect the work of local NGOs against repressive measures;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to **increase** the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) **funds relevant** to the shrinking space, **since the** annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to **allocate specific budget lines under** the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) to **address** the shrinking space, **deplores that** annual sums per country are at an extremely low level; calls on the Commission to identify new forms of activism to be funded by the EIDHR and to put in place a more flexible and simplified procedure for accessing EIDHR funding, including more significant exceptions for those CSOs in particular danger and support for unregistered groups; considers that greater emphasis should be put on local groups and actors, since human rights issues are often experienced in a more real and acute way at local level;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Javier Nart, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

6 a. Call on the Commission, the EEAS and the Member States to promote an effective, joint implementation of the

Amendment

*EU Guidelines for Human Rights
Defenders in all third countries where
civil society is at risk by adopting local
strategies for their full operationalization;*

Or. en

Amendment 60
James Carver

Draft opinion

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to establish best practices and to develop clear benchmarks and indicators related to shrinking space in the context of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy and the EIDHR mid-term review in order to measure tangible progress.

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Or. en

Amendment 61
Soraya Post

Draft opinion

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7. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to establish best practices and to develop clear benchmarks and indicators related to shrinking space in the context of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy and the EIDHR mid-term review in order to measure tangible progress.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to establish best practices and to develop clear *gender-inclusive* benchmarks and indicators related to shrinking space in the context of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy, *the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020*, and the EIDHR mid-term review in order to measure tangible progress.

