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European Parliament recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the negotiations on the EU-Azerbaijan Comprehensive Agreement
(2017/2056(INI))

Amendment 1
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to United Nations Security Council resolutions 882, 853, 874 and 884,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the United Nations Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), 884 (1993),*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to United Nations Security Council resolutions 882, 853, 874 and 884,*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the key principles enshrined in The Global Strategy for the EU's Foreign and Security Policy of June 2016, particularly those pertaining to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the inviolability of borders of states are equally respected by all participating states,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the key principles enshrined in The Global Strategy for the EU's Foreign and Security Policy of June 2016, particularly those pertaining to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the inviolability of borders of states are equally respected by all participating states,*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership between EU and Azerbaijan in the field of energy of 7 November 2006,***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership between EU and Azerbaijan in the field of energy of 7 November 2006,***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit (Brussels, 24 November 2017) where European Union and Member States confirm their commitment to support to the territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty of all their partners,***

Or. en

Amendment 9
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit (Brussels, 24 November 2017) where European Union and Member States confirm their commitment to support to the territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty of all their partners,***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the launch on 7 February 2017 of negotiations between the European Union and Azerbaijan on a new comprehensive agreement,

- having regard to the launch on 7 February 2017 of negotiations between the European Union and Azerbaijan on a new comprehensive agreement ***which ought to replace 1999 Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part and the republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part,***
[1] OJ L 246, 17.9.1999, p. 0003-0051

Or. en

Amendment 11
Charles Tannock, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Joint **Declaration** of the **Brussels** Eastern Partnership **Summit** of 24 November 2017,

Amendment

– having regard to the Joint **Declarations** of the Eastern Partnership **Summits, including that** of 24 November 2017,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its resolution of 23 October 2013 on European Neighbourhood Policy as well as resolution of 9 July 2015 on the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy,*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its resolution of 23 October 2013 on European Neighbourhood Policy as well as resolution of 9 July 2015 on the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy,*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its Annual report on the implementation of CFSP of 13 December 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its Annual report on the implementation of CFSP of 13 December 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the 13 December 2017 Annual report on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy,*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Charles Tannock, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament's resolution of 15 November 2017 to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS on the Eastern Partnership,*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the report on EU-Azerbaijan relations in the framework of the revised ENP of 19 December 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the main results of the 15th European Union - Azerbaijan Cooperation Council meeting of 9 February 2018,*

Or. en

Amendment 20

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the **notification on 25 October 2017** by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe **of the launch of infringement proceedings** due to the Azerbaijani authorities' continued refusal to implement the Ilgar Mammadov v. Azerbaijan judgment from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR),

Amendment

– having regard to the **launch of infringement proceedings on 5 December 2017** by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe due to the Azerbaijani authorities' continued refusal to implement the Ilgar Mammadov v. Azerbaijan judgment from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR),

Or. en

Amendment 21

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 22

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Statement of 14 January 2018 of the Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations on the sentencing of journalist Afgan Mukhtarli in Azerbaijan,***

Or. en

Amendment 23
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the OSCE/ODIHR Needs Assessment Mission report of 2 March 2018 on Azerbaijan's early presidential election,***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Andrea Bocskor

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the important role Azerbaijan plays in a very sensitive region,***

Or. en

Amendment 25
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Recital A (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. *whereas the Eastern Partnership is based on a shared commitment between Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and the European Union to deepen their relations and adhere to international law and core values, including democracy, the rule of law, good governance, the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. *whereas Azerbaijan is part of both the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the Eastern Partnership framework, which are based on a shared commitment with the EU to deepen bilateral relations and to uphold international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. *whereas the new comprehensive agreement between EU and Azerbaijan should prefer and encourage Union's interest in the region as well as promote Union's values;*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Recital B (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. *whereas the European Parliament favours a deepening of relations with all Eastern Partnership members insofar as they respect these core values; whereas, within the EaP policy, the attractive longer-term 'EaP+' model proposed by the European Parliament in its 15 November 2017 resolution on the Eastern Partnership, that could eventually lead to joining the customs union, energy union, digital union and Schengen area among others, should also be open to countries that do not have an association agreement with the EU - such as Azerbaijan - once they are ready for such enhanced commitments and have made significant progress towards implementing mutually agreed reforms;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Recital C (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas Azerbaijan is an important partner for the EU; whereas the EU and Azerbaijan are strong economic partners, with bilateral trade amounting to approximately EUR 16 billion; whereas the EU is Azerbaijan's first trading partner and its biggest export and import market; whereas Azerbaijan is a strategic energy partner for the EU, allowing for a diversification of the EU's energy sources;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas Azerbaijan is considered as an important partner of the EU, especially in the field of energy cooperation, in a very volatile region caught up in conflicts, hostilities and foreign influences;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Bernd Lange
on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas since 1999 EU-Azerbaijan relations have been regulated by the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement; whereas negotiations on the new EU-Azerbaijan Comprehensive Agreement were launched in February 2017 and will include a title on trade and related matters, including chapters on trade in goods, customs, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, transparency, dispute settlement, competition, public procurement, intellectual property rights, technical barriers to trade, state-owned enterprises, energy and trade, and a sustainable development chapter;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas the EU is by far the biggest trading partner of Azerbaijan, in terms of both imports and exports, accounting for 48.6% of its total trade and constituting the largest source of foreign direct investment;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cd. whereas the economy of Azerbaijan relies heavily on the oil and gas sector, which accounts for around 30% of GDP and around 90% of exports, making it vulnerable to external shocks and fluctuations in global oil prices; whereas the diversification and modernisation of the Azerbaijani economy remains important in ensuring sustainable long-term growth; whereas Azerbaijan was initially downgraded from the status of an Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)-compliant country to an EITI candidate country in April 2015, before having its membership suspended in March 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Recital D (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas the geographic situation of Azerbaijan between Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East and neighbouring regional powers, notably Russia, Iran and Turkey, is both strategic and challenging; whereas protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus, affecting also Armenia and Georgia pose a major threat to all partners' independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity; whereas the Nagorno Karabakh conflict can only be solved peacefully in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles, notably through the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Recital E (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas the EU and Azerbaijan underlined in the Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit of 24 November 2017 that “in a differentiated way, the EU will continue to jointly discuss with each of the partner countries, including Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus, attractive and realistic options to strengthen mutual trade and encourage investment to reflect common interests, the reformed investment policy as regards investment protection, as well as international trade rules and trade-related international standards, including in the area of intellectual property, and contribute to the modernisation and diversification of economies”;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Recital F (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the negotiations on the new agreement are progressing positively, at a steady pace and have made good progress; whereas the new agreement is expected to have a positive impact on Azerbaijan in terms of promoting democratic standards, growth and economic development; whereby such prospects are particularly important for

Azerbaijan's youth in view of fostering a new generation of educated Azerbaijani, to uphold our core values and aim for the modernisation of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas despite having officially applied in 1997, Azerbaijan is not yet a Member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and its trade relations with the EU currently fall under Most Favoured Nation Treatment, having graduated from GSP+ in 2014 on the basis of its income level; whereas until Azerbaijan does join the WTO, serious tariff and non-tariff barriers will continue to hamper its trade and business relations with its economic partners;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Recital G (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas a fully functioning civil society is a vital precondition for securing economic diversification by means of enhanced trade and economic integration, with a view to benefiting the whole of

Azerbaijani society;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the Commission, the European External Action Service and the Member States should take the lead internationally to promote the fight against corruption among the EU's partner countries, including under the Neighbourhood Programming Instrument, with a view to establishing and consolidating independent and effective anti-corruption institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recommends the following to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service:

Or. en

Amendment 41

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to ***ensure that the deepening of*** relations between the EU and Azerbaijan ***is undertaken*** on the basis of mutually agreed ambitions and the upholding of the core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Amendment

(a) to ***deepen*** relations between the EU and Azerbaijan on the basis of mutually agreed ambitions and the upholding of the core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Or. de

Amendment 42
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to ***ensure that the*** deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan ***is undertaken on the basis of*** mutually agreed ambitions ***and the upholding of the*** core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Amendment

(a) to ***only proceed with the ongoing*** deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan ***if*** mutually agreed ambitions, core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms ***are respected and upheld***, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė, Charles Tannock, Roberta Metsola, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to ensure that the deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan is ***undertaken on the basis of mutually agreed ambitions and the upholding of*** the core values and principles of democracy, ***the rule of law***, good governance, ***respect for*** human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Amendment

(a) to ensure that the deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan is ***conditional on*** upholding the core values and principles of democracy ***and*** good governance, ***as well as on providing solid legal guarantees in the areas of the rule of law***, human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to ensure that the deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan is undertaken on the basis of mutually agreed ambitions and the upholding of the core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Amendment

(a) to ensure that the deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan is ***linked to and*** undertaken on the basis of mutually agreed ambitions and the upholding of the core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to ensure that the deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan is undertaken on the basis of mutually agreed ambitions and the upholding of the core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens;

Amendment

(a) to ensure that the deepening of relations between the EU and Azerbaijan is undertaken on the basis of mutually agreed ambitions and ***is conditional on*** the upholding of the core values and principles of democracy, the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights, ***including the rights of minorities***, and fundamental freedoms, ***including freedom of expression and association, gender equality***, in the interest of both parties and especially their citizens; ***to reaffirm the EU's support for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan***;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and the harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, ***NGOs*** and journalists; to ensure that significant steps are taken as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to

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Or. el

Amendment 47

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, ***which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values***, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights ***and the*** harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to ensure that significant steps are taken as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan ***before*** any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; ***to ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to human rights and fundamental freedoms is included in the new agreement;***

Amendment

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, ***that call for overall compliance of the country with its international commitments***, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights ***end of*** harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to ensure that significant steps are taken as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan ***are key requirements / incentives for swift ratification of*** any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, ***which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values***, in particular with regard to the ***non-implementation*** of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights ***and the*** harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; ***to ensure that significant steps are taken*** as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan ***before*** any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; ***to ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to human rights and fundamental freedoms is included in the new agreement***;

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(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, ***that call for overall compliance of the country with its international commitments***, in particular with regard to the ***implementation*** of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights, ***end of*** harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan ***are key requirements / incentives for swift ratification of*** any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, which ***unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values***, in particular with regard to the ***non-implementation*** of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights ***and the*** harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders,

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(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, which states that ***the full respect for the country's international commitments***, in particular with regard to the ***implementation*** of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights, ***end of*** the harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs, journalists, ***environmental***

NGOs *and* journalists; *to ensure that* significant steps *are taken* as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan *before* any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to human rights and fundamental freedoms is included in the new agreement;

activists; concrete and significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan *are indispensable conditions for* any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to human rights and fundamental freedoms is included in the new agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 50 **Helmut Scholz**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1 – point b**

Motion for a resolution

(b) to *remind* the Azerbaijani authorities *about* the European Parliament's *position as expressed in its* resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, which unambiguously states that *no* comprehensive agreement *will be ratified* with a country that does not respect EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and *the* harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to ensure that significant steps are taken as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to *ensure a dedicated* suspension *mechanism related to* human rights and fundamental freedoms *is included in the new agreement*;

Amendment

(b) to *draw the attention of* the Azerbaijani authorities *to* the European Parliament's resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, *in* which *Parliament* unambiguously states that *it cannot ratify any* comprehensive agreement with a country that does not respect EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and *continued* harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to ensure that significant steps are taken as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement *is concluded*; to *include in the new agreement a provision concerning the possibility of* suspension *in the event of violations of* human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. de

Amendment 51

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and the harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to **ensure that significant steps are taken as regards** the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience **in Azerbaijan** before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to human rights and fundamental freedoms is included in the new agreement;

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(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect **fundamental** EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and the harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to **guarantee** the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, **as it was announced by Azerbaijani authorities**, before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement **is concluded**; to ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to human rights and fundamental freedoms is included in the new agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens, Monika Hohlmeier, Kati Piri

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Eastern Partnership, ***which unambiguously states*** that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and the harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to ensure that ***significant steps are taken as regards the release of*** political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to ***ensure*** a dedicated suspension mechanism ***related to*** human rights and fundamental freedoms ***is included in the new agreement***;

Eastern Partnership ***and clearly state*** that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and the harassment, intimidation and persecution of human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to ***urge the Azerbaijani authorities to implement the ECtHR decisions***; to ensure that ***all*** political prisoners, ***including journalists, activists*** and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan ***are released*** before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to ***include in the new agreement*** a dedicated suspension mechanism ***with clear provisions on respect for*** human rights, ***rule of law*** and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

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dedicated suspension mechanism *related to* human rights and fundamental freedoms *is included in the new agreement*;

Azerbaijan before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to *include clearly defined provisions on a suspension mechanism of the agreement in case of continued* human rights and fundamental freedoms *violations*;

Or. en

Amendment 54 **Marietje Schaake**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1 – point b**

Motion for a resolution

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities *about* the European Parliament's position *as expressed* in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership, which *unambiguously* states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights and the *harassment, intimidation and persecution of* human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to *ensure that significant steps are taken as regards the release of* political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement; to *ensure a dedicated suspension mechanism related to* human rights and *fundamental freedoms is included in the new agreement*;

Amendment

(b) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities *that the European Parliament will have the final say over the ratification of any agreement and to remind them of* the European Parliament's position in its resolution of 15 November 2017 on the Eastern Partnership which *clearly* states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect *fundamental* EU values *and rights*, in particular with regard to the non-implementation of decisions by the European Court of Human Rights, *constricts space for civil society, violates human rights, including those of the LGBTI community, principles of democracy and the rule of law and continues to harass, intimidate and persecute* human rights defenders, NGOs and journalists; to *stress that all* political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Azerbaijan *need to be released* before any new EU-Azerbaijan agreement *will be concluded*; to *include in the agreement under negotiation a mechanism that allows for the suspension of the agreement if* human rights, *democracy and the rule of law are not adhered to*;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ba) to include clearly defined provisions on suspension mechanism of the agreement in case of continued human rights violations;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution according to which the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict must be made conditional on meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

(c) to remind previous resolutions according to which meaningful commitments by both sides to and substantial progress towards settlement of Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict through the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to remind ***the Azerbaijani authorities about*** the European Parliament position expressed in ***the same resolution*** according to which ***the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict must be made conditional on*** meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards ***solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and*** the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Amendment

(c) to remind the European Parliament position expressed in ***previous resolutions*** according to which meaningful commitments ***by both sides*** to and substantial progress towards ***settlement of Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno Karabakh conflict through*** the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution according to which ***the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict must be made conditional on*** meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Amendment

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution according to which meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs ***would facilitate the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh;***

Or. en

Amendment 59

Lars Adaktusson, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution according to which the ratification of new agreements between the EU and ***each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict*** must be made conditional on meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the ***OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs***;

Amendment

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution according to which the ratification of new agreements between the EU and ***Azerbaijan*** must be made conditional on meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting ***as well as*** the implementation of the 2009 Basic Principles;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to ***remind*** the Azerbaijani authorities ***about*** the European Parliament position ***expressed in the same resolution according to which*** the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict ***must be made conditional on meaningful*** commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire ***and supporting the implementation of*** the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the

Amendment

(c) to ***draw the attention of*** the Azerbaijani authorities ***to*** the European Parliament position ***that, on the basis of the three central principles of the Helsinki Final Act - refraining from the threat or use of force, territorial integrity and equal rights of self-determination -*** the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict ***requires binding*** commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as

efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

maintaining the ceasefire, *implementing* the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and *actively supporting* the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs *in this regard*;

Or. de

Amendment 61

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution according to which the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict must be made conditional on meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards *solving* the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Amendment

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution according to which the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict must be made conditional on meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards *the peaceful resolution of* the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution

Amendment

(c) to remind the Azerbaijani authorities about the European Parliament position expressed in the same resolution

according to which the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict must be made conditional on meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

according to which the ratification of new agreements between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno Karabakh conflict must be made conditional on meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the conflict, such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, *as well as to empower and include the civil society of both Armenia and Azerbaijan in any negotiation process*;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) to ensure that the future agreement with Azerbaijan is ambitious, comprehensive and forward-looking, delivering tangible and concrete benefits not only for large companies but also for SMEs and for the citizens of the EU and of Azerbaijan;

Amendment

(d) to ensure that the future agreement with Azerbaijan is ambitious, comprehensive and forward-looking, *based on shared values and shared interest for a strong, reliable, sustainable and equal-to-equal partnership*, delivering tangible and concrete benefits not only for large companies but also for SMEs and for the citizens of the EU and of Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Marietje Schaake, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Roberta Metsola, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) to ensure that the future agreement with Azerbaijan is ***ambitious, comprehensive and*** forward-looking, ***delivering*** tangible and concrete benefits not only for large companies but also for SMEs and for the citizens of the EU and of Azerbaijan;

Amendment

(d) to ensure that the future agreement with Azerbaijan is forward-looking ***and will deliver*** tangible and concrete benefits not only for large companies but also for SMEs and for the citizens of the EU and of Azerbaijan; ***to include in the new agreement specific supervision and control mechanisms against money laundering schemes, fraud and corruption;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) to ensure that the future agreement with Azerbaijan is ambitious, comprehensive and forward-looking, ***delivering*** tangible and concrete benefits not only for large companies but also for SMEs and for the citizens of the EU and of Azerbaijan;

Amendment

(d) to ensure that the future agreement with Azerbaijan is ambitious, comprehensive and forward-looking, ***is accordingly based on the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, while taking into account the specific conditions of the contracting parties, delivers*** tangible and concrete benefits ***to both sides***, not only for large companies but also for SMEs and for the citizens of the EU and of Azerbaijan;

Or. de

Amendment 66
Bernd Lange
on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(da) to take into account the specific characteristics of SMEs, with the aim of improving their business climate, fostering their internationalisation and unlocking their export potential;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e) to ensure, *in so far as the above conditions are fulfilled, speedy and steady progress in the negotiations with the objective of signing this new agreement before the next Eastern Partnership Summit in 2019;*

(e) to *refrain from mentioning a date for the signing of this new agreement, which can only be signed when all conditions mentioned above are fulfilled;*

Or. en

Amendment 68
Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Charles Tannock, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e) to ensure, *in so far as the above conditions are fulfilled*, speedy and steady progress in the negotiations with the objective of signing this new agreement before the next Eastern Partnership Summit in 2019;

(e) to ensure speedy and steady progress in the negotiations with the objective of signing this new agreement before the next Eastern Partnership Summit in 2019, *only in so far as the above conditions are fulfilled;*

Amendment 69

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) *to ensure, in so far as* the above conditions are fulfilled, speedy and steady progress in the negotiations *with the objective of signing* this new agreement before the next Eastern Partnership Summit in 2019;

Amendment

(e) *if* the above conditions are fulfilled, *to respond to* speedy and steady progress in the negotiations *accordingly, in such a way that* this new agreement *can be signed* before the next Eastern Partnership Summit in 2019;

Or. de

Amendment 70

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to actively communicate about the aims of the new agreement to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, *thereby countering all disinformation campaigns*;

Amendment

(f) to actively communicate about the aims of the new agreement to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to actively communicate about the aims of the new agreement to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, ***thereby countering all disinformation campaigns***;

Amendment

(f) to actively communicate about the aims of the new agreement to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to ***actively communicate*** about the aims of the new agreement ***to improve public awareness***, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, ***about the expected*** opportunities and benefits that ***would*** arise from ***its*** conclusion, thereby countering ***all*** disinformation campaigns;

Amendment

(f) to ***achieve transparency regarding*** the aims of the new agreement ***and the current negotiating process so that all stakeholders in society and civil-society bodies in the EU and Azerbaijan can have their say and thus seek to make the public,*** both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, ***more aware of, and persuade them to consider,*** opportunities and benefits - ***and also challenges and practical tasks to be undertaken*** - that ***may*** arise from ***the conclusion of the agreement***, thereby ***successfully*** countering ***both political apathy and*** disinformation campaigns;

Or. de

Amendment 73
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to actively communicate about ***the aims of*** the new agreement ***to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about*** the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, thereby countering all disinformation campaigns;

Amendment

(f) to actively communicate ***and to raise public awareness*** about ***EU values, the objectives of the conditionality principles included in*** the new agreement ***as well as*** the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, thereby countering all disinformation campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Charles Tannock, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to actively communicate about the aims of the new agreement to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, thereby countering all disinformation campaigns;

Amendment

(f) to actively ***and clearly*** communicate about the ***conditions and aims*** of the new agreement, ***in order*** to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, thereby countering all disinformation campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to actively communicate about the

Amendment

(f) to ***inform and consult with the***

aims of the new agreement to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, thereby countering all disinformation campaigns;

main stakeholders about the ongoing negotiations and actively communicate about the aims of the new agreement to improve public awareness, both in Azerbaijan and in the EU, about the expected opportunities and benefits that would arise from its conclusion, thereby countering all disinformation campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to ***provide for*** regular and in-depth dialogue, ***notably on*** political reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary in order to make them more democratic and independent, ***on*** upholding of human rights, ***and on*** fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Amendment

(g) to ***insist on*** regular and in-depth dialogue ***in order to encourage and monitor*** political reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary in order to make them more democratic and independent, ***the*** upholding of human rights, ***including LGBTI rights, the*** fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process ***as well as the liberalization of the regulatory environment for NGO's;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at ***bolstering*** institutions, such as the judiciary ***in order to make them more***

Amendment

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political ***and democratic*** reforms aimed at ***establishing more independent*** institutions, such as the

democratic and independent, on upholding of human rights, and on *fostering* a strong civil society *and* ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

judiciary, *on protecting* human rights, *media freedom* and on *creating such an environment in which* a strong civil society *can operate without any undue interference, as well as* ensuring its involvement in the reform process *and in the dialogue with the EU*;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at *bolstering* institutions, such as the judiciary *in order to make them more democratic and independent, on upholding of* human rights, *and on fostering* a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Amendment

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political *and democratic* reforms aimed at *creating independent* institutions, such as the judiciary, *and an independent parliament and on protecting* human rights, *media, and creating an environment in which* a strong civil society *can operate without undue interference* and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at *bolstering* institutions, such as the judiciary *in order to make them more democratic and independent, on*

Amendment

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms *and democratic* aimed at *creating independent* institutions, such as the judiciary *and an effective parliament in compliance with*

upholding of human rights, and on fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

the principle of separation of powers in , on protecting human rights, *media freedom and creating environment in which* a strong civil society *can operate without undue interference* and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at *bolstering* institutions, such as the judiciary *in order to make them more democratic and independent, on upholding of* human rights, *and on fostering* a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Amendment

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political *and democratic* reforms aimed at *creating independent* institutions, such as the judiciary *and an effective parliament in compliance with the principle of the separation of powers, on protecting* human rights, *media freedom and creating environment in which* a strong civil society *can operate without undue interference* and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Roberta Metsola, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, *notably on political* reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, *such as the*

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(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, *pushing for solid* reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, in order to make

judiciary in order to make them more democratic and independent, *on* upholding *of* human rights, *and on* fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

them more democratic and independent, *with a strong focus on the judiciary*, upholding human rights, *protecting investigative journalism*, fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process; *to include in the new agreement regular reporting mechanisms on the status of the above-mentioned reforms*;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Andrea Bocskor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on *political* reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary in order to make them more democratic and independent, on upholding of human rights, and on fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Amendment

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth *political* dialogue, notably on reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary in order to make them more democratic and independent, on upholding of human rights, and on fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary in order to make them more democratic and independent, on upholding of human rights, and on fostering a strong

Amendment

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary in order to make them more *impartial*, democratic and independent, on upholding of human rights, and on

civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary in order to make them more **democratic and** independent, on upholding **of human rights**, and on fostering a strong civil society and ensuring its involvement in the reform process;

Amendment

(g) to provide for regular and in-depth dialogue, notably on political reforms aimed at **democratically** bolstering institutions, such as the judiciary, in order to make them more **independent and more capable of combating the widespread corruption, cronyism and the illegal enrichment of the elites**, on **fully upholding political and social rights in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights**, and on fostering a strong civil society, **including trade unions and their involvement in the necessary reform process to diversify the economy, overcome the complicated socioeconomic situation and further modernise the social system**;

Or. de

Amendment 85
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) to establish specific measures aimed at implementing the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR

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(Does not affect the English version.)

and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to ensuring progress towards elections and referenda that allow for a free and fair expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;

Or. de

Amendment 86
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) to establish specific measures aimed at implementing the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission *with a view to ensuring progress towards* elections and referenda *that allow for a* free and fair expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;

Amendment

(h) to establish specific measures aimed at implementing the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission *to make sure that all* elections and referenda *in Azerbaijan are* free and fair *and allow for the* expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Alojz Peterle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) to establish specific measures aimed at implementing the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to ensuring progress towards elections and referenda *that allow for a free and fair* expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;

Amendment

(h) to establish specific measures aimed at implementing the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to ensuring progress towards *free and credible* elections and referenda *which guarantee the free* expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;

Amendment 88

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) to establish specific measures aimed at implementing the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to ensuring progress towards elections and referenda ***that allow for a free and fair expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;***

Amendment

(h) to establish specific measures aimed at implementing the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to ensuring progress towards ***conducting the free, fair, competitive and transparent*** elections and referenda;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) to ***establish specific measures aimed at implementing*** the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to ensuring progress towards elections and referenda that allow for a free and fair expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;

Amendment

(h) to ***encourage electoral reforms that implement*** the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to ensuring progress towards elections and referenda ***in order to improve electoral frameworks without any bias towards ruling parties***, that allow for a free and fair expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations; ***to stress that the snap presidential elections of April 2018 fail to ensure the standards of free and fair elections, and that this failure will jeopardise the EU-Azerbaijani relations;***

Amendment 90

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Marietje Schaake, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1 – point h***Motion for a resolution*

(h) to **establish specific measures aimed at implementing** the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission with a view to **ensuring progress towards** elections and referenda that allow for a free and fair expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations;

Amendment

(h) to **ensure that** the recommendations by the OSCE/ODHIR and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission **are implemented**, with a view to **establish new legislation guaranteeing the organization of** elections and referenda that allow for a free and fair expression of Azerbaijani citizens' views and aspirations; **to put strong emphasis on the effectiveness and impartiality of the election administration, the conduct of the campaign and the respect for fundamental freedoms, media coverage of the elections and the administration of election day procedures, including the vote count and tabulation of results, as called for by the OSCE; to further monitor the organization of future elections until these requirements are met;**

Or. en

Amendment 91

Javi López

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1 – point i***Motion for a resolution*

(i) to aim for provisions that enhance

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(i) to aim for provisions that enhance

cooperation in promoting peace and international justice *and* in particular *for* Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC); to also seek strong cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

cooperation in promoting peace and international justice in particular *urge* Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC); to also seek strong cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i

Motion for a resolution

(i) to aim for provisions that enhance cooperation in promoting peace and international justice *and in particular for* Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC); to also seek strong cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

Amendment

(i) to aim for provisions that enhance cooperation in promoting peace and international justice; *to insist that Azerbaijan adhere to its international obligations, including as a member of the Council of Europe and to urge* Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC); to also seek strong cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Charles Tannock, Marietje Schaake, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens, Monika Hohlmeier, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i

Motion for a resolution

(i) to aim for provisions that enhance cooperation in promoting peace and international justice and in particular for Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC); to **also seek strong** cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

Amendment

(i) to aim for provisions that enhance cooperation in promoting peace and international justice and in particular for Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC); to **call upon Azerbaijan to respect its obligations as a member of the Council of Europe and abide by the decisions of the ECtHR; to seek stronger** cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i

Motion for a resolution

(i) **to aim for** provisions **that enhance cooperation in promoting peace and international justice and in particular for** Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC); to also seek strong cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

Amendment

(i) **in accordance with the commitment to actively promote the universality of the Rome Statute enshrined in Council Decision 2011/168/CFSP, to insist on the inclusion of** provisions **requiring** Azerbaijan to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), **including signing and ratifying promptly the ‘Kampala compromise’ agreed at the Review Conference in Uganda in 2010;** to also seek strong cooperation measures in countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as well as tackling illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

Or. de

Amendment 95
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

(j) to provide for close cooperation in foreign and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards responses to global threats, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation;

Amendment

(j) to provide for close cooperation in foreign and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards **active** responses to global threats, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation; **to respect Azerbaijan’s multivector foreign policy and therefore, in the interests of stability and to bolster regional and international peace, to take into account in a responsible manner the fact that shifts in the complex geopolitical identity as a country at the interface between East and West, between Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia, and between numerous large, competing parties in the region and their political, economic and military alliances, can result in serious domestic political upheavals and fresh conflicts with the neighbourhood or various strategic partners;**

Or. de

Amendment 96
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

(j) to provide for close cooperation in foreign and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards responses to global threats, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation;

Amendment

(j) to provide for close cooperation in foreign, **defence** and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards responses to global threats, **terrorisms and extremism**, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation; **to support the signing of the**

***Framework Participating Agreement
(FPA) between the EU and Azerbaijan in
order to regulate the Azerbaijani
participation in Common Security and
Defence Policy mission and operation;***

Or. en

Amendment 97

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

(j) to provide for close cooperation in foreign and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards responses to global threats, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation;

Amendment

(j) to provide for close cooperation in foreign and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards responses to global threats, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation; ***while also taking into account Azerbaijan's diversified foreign policy, involving relations with the regional actors;***

Or. en

Amendment 98

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Marietje Schaake, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

(j) to provide for ***close*** cooperation in foreign and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards responses to global threats, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation;

Amendment

(j) to provide for ***closer*** cooperation in foreign and security matters to ensure as much convergence as possible, in particular as regards responses to global threats, conflict prevention, crisis management and regional cooperation;

Amendment 99

Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point j a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ja) to support regional cooperation in the area of security and defence, such as projects pursued jointly by Azerbaijan with Georgia, as well as Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict *in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and* notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict ***in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and*** notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Amendment

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Charles Tannock, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) to ***ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving*** the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles ***and notably*** with the ***support*** of the ***OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building*** measures and ***exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;***

Amendment

(k) to ***underline the EU's full support for the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs in their efforts to peacefully solve*** the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles ***in accordance*** with the ***principles of the non-use of force or threat of force, territorial integrity, and the equal rights and self-determination of peoples;*** to ***urge all sides of the conflict to adhere to the ceasefire regime with full respect of the 1994 - 1995 ceasefire agreements, to implement confidence building*** measures and to ***reduce the tension on the Line of Contact, including the OSCE investigative mechanism;***

Or. en

Amendment 103
Lars Adaktusson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to ***an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and notably with the*** support of the OSCE Minsk Group *Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;*

Amendment

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to ***reaffirm full support for the efforts of the co-chairs*** of the OSCE Minsk Group ***regarding the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, based on the norms and principles of international law, in particular those concerning the non-use of force or threat of force, territorial integrity and the equal rights and self-determination of peoples; we ensure that all sides of the conflict adhere to the ceasefire regime with full respect to the 1994-1995 ceasefire agreements, to implement*** confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society, ***and to reduce tensions on the Line of Contact, including OSCE investigative mechanism and other measures agreed during the Summits in Vienna, St. Petersburg and Geneva;***

Or. en

Amendment 104
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia ***and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the***

Amendment

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia, to ***stronger EU support for a peaceful resolution of*** the Nagorno

Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Karabakh conflict *on the basis of the central principles of the Helsinki Final Act and*, in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as *direct* high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures *with a long-term impact as a precondition for overcoming the prevailing absolutely uncompromising attitudes on both sides, the conclusion of a binding agreement completely renouncing the use of violence, the introduction of an effective system for monitoring the ceasefire, measures to help the parties to the conflict to disengage and disarm, refraining from any activity on either side in the conflict region which would have an impact on a final resolution of the conflict, prosecution of those manifestly responsible for war crimes*, and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Or. de

Amendment 105

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between

Amendment

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and *deeper* exchanges between

Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society;

Amendment

(k) to ensure that high priority is given to dialogue between Azerbaijan and Armenia and to an enhanced EU participation in peacefully solving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the ***UN Security Council resolutions 822, 853, 874, and 884 of 1993***, OSCE 2009 Basic Principles and notably with the support of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs, promoting all initiatives conducive to peace-building such as high-level talks, genuine confidence-building measures and exchanges between Armenian and Azerbaijani civil society; ***emphasise the need to actively curb the hate speech and prepare Armenian and Azerbaijani societies for peaceful co-existence;***

Or. en

Amendment 107

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ka) to ensure coherence of EU policy on situations of occupation or annexation of territory and ensure, therefore, that no products from the occupied territories of

Azerbaijan are exported illegally to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ka) to call for the withdrawal of Armenian forces from occupied territories surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh and their return to Azerbaijani control;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kb) recalls EP position expressed in the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy of 9 July 2015 that the occupation of territory of a partner country violates the fundamental principles and objectives of the ENP;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kc) to call for immediate withdrawal of Armenian forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan to restore its territorial integrity, and to end the on-going conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan which unnecessarily claim the lives of civilians and soldiers whilst depriving hundreds of thousands IDPs of the right to return to their homelands, and hampering socioeconomic development;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kd) recalls its position that the occupation by one country of the Eastern Partnership of the territory of another violates the fundamental principles and objectives of the Eastern Partnership and that the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict should comply with UN Security Council resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884 of 1993 and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group Basic Principles;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ke) to underline that the on-going occupation of the Azerbaijani territories is a violation of international law and is contrary to the founding principles of the European Neighbourhood Policy, thereby jeopardising the whole Eastern Partnership project;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kf) to reiterate deep concerns on illegal activities exercised by Armenian troops on the occupied Azerbaijani territories, namely regular military manoeuvres, renewal of military hardware and personnel and the deepening of defensive echelons;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kg) to call for the withdrawal of Armenian forces from occupied territories surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh and their return to Azerbaijani control;

Amendment 115
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kg) to call for the withdrawal of Armenian forces from occupied territories surrounding Nagorno-Karabakh and their return to Azerbaijani control;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kh) recalls its position that the occupation by one country of the Eastern Partnership of the territory of another violates the fundamental principles and objectives of the Eastern Partnership and that the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict should comply with UN Security Council resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884 of 1993 and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group Basic Principles;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kh) recalls its position that the occupation by one country of the Eastern Partnership of the territory of another violates the fundamental principles and objectives of the Eastern Partnership and that the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict should comply with UN Security Council resolutions 822, 853, 874 and 884 of 1993 and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group Basic Principles;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ki) recalls the EP position expressed in the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy of 9 July 2015 that the occupation of territory of a partner country violates the fundamental principles and objectives of the ENP;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kj) to call for immediate withdrawal of Armenian forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan to restore its

territorial integrity, and to end the on-going conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan which unnecessarily claim the lives of civilians and soldiers whilst depriving hundreds of thousands IDPs of the right to return to their homelands, and hampering socioeconomic development;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kk) to underline that the on-going occupation of the Azerbaijani territories is a violation of international law and is contrary to the founding principles of the European Neighbourhood Policy, thereby jeopardising the whole Eastern Partnership project;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kl) to reiterate deep concerns on illegal activities exercised by Armenian troops on the occupied Azerbaijani territories, namely regular military manoeuvres, renewal of military hardware and personnel and the deepening of defensive echelons;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(km) recalls the EP position expressed in the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy of 9 July 2015 that the occupation of territory of a partner country violates the fundamental principles and objectives of the ENP;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kn) to reaffirm EU's commitment to support Azerbaijan's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity within internationally recognised borders;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kn) to reaffirm the EU's commitment to support Azerbaijan's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity within internationally recognised borders;

Amendment 125

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ko) to consider the best practices, from the recent post conflict areas in South-eastern Europe, to foster dialogue between prominent cultural and religious leaders on peace and reconciliation in order to ease the tensions in the area of conflicts;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Eleni Theocharous

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k p (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kp) to seek the commitment of the Azerbaijani authorities that the situations, similar to the glorification of the criminal Ramil Safarov never happen again; recalls that Safarov was convicted by a court of the European Union Member State for the heinous murder with an axe of an Armenian serviceman during a NATO-sponsored language course in Hungary on the basis of national hatred, and who was extradited to Azerbaijan as a result of false guarantees given to a Member State and immediately granted a pardon and presented as a national hero by the president of Azerbaijan; in this regard recalls the resolution of 13 September 2012 on Azerbaijan: the Ramil

Safarov case;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Lars Adaktusson, Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k q (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kq) to underline the importance of refraining from resorting to hate speech, war threats and inflammatory xenophobic rhetoric by Azerbaijani authorities, including at the highest level;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k r (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(kr) to ensure that Azerbaijani authorities immediately cease the practice of positioning military equipment in the civilian areas and thus endangering its own civilian population living in close vicinity to the conflict zone;

Or. en

Amendment 129

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k s (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ks) to express deep concern at the military build-up and the disproportionate defence-spending in the region and highlight the importance of defusing tension and prevent the risk of new fights with regard, in particular to a negotiated disengagement and disarmament around the ceasefire line; to support, in this regard, the enhancement of the OSCE mission and the substantial increase of the number of international observers;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Eleni Theocharous

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons ***and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;***

Amendment

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) to put in place specific provisions ***to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings*** of the *ECHR*;

Amendment

(1) to put in place specific provisions ***on EU's assistance in conflict resolution and confidence building in the framework or in support of existing agreed negotiating formats and processes, including when appropriate via assistance directed at mitigating the situation*** of the *civilian population, affected by the conflict*;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Amendment

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to ***insist that the rights of all persons living within the border of Azerbaijan, whether temporary or permanent are respected***; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to ***upholding their*** right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Amendment

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to ***inducing both parties to the conflict to uphold the right of Azerbaijani and Armenian civilians who have fled*** to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Or. de

Amendment 134

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Amendment

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons ***which is a consequence of the illegal occupation of Azerbaijani territories***, and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Amendment

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons ***resulting from the occupation of Azerbaijani territories by Armenian forces, as recognized by relevant UNSC resolutions as well as UNGA resolution of 2008*** and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Or. en

Amendment 136

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Amendment

(1) to put in place specific provisions to support the authorities' important efforts in aiding the large number of refugees and internally displaced persons ***resulting from the occupation of Azerbaijani territories by Armenian forces, as recognized by relevant UNSC resolutions as well as UNGA resolution of 2008*** and to support civilians living in conflict areas within Azerbaijan's internationally recognised borders; to contribute in particular to upholding their right to return to their homes and property and to be awarded

compensation in line with the rulings of the ECHR;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(la) to assist Azerbaijan in dealing with problems that the country has been facing as a result of massive forced internal displacement from Nagorno-Karabakh conflict area, and to act resolutely for the protection and restoration of the rights of displaced people, including their rights to return, property rights and the right to personal security;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(la) to assist Azerbaijan in dealing with problems that the country has been facing as a result of massive forced internal displacement from Nagorno-Karabakh conflict area, and to act resolutely for the protection and restoration of the rights of displaced people, including their rights to return, property rights and the right to personal security;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1b) to express concerns that hundreds of thousands of refugees and IDPs who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their rights, including the right to return, property rights and the right to personal security; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognize these rights, the need for their prompt realisation and for a prompt solution to this problem that respects the principles of international law; demands, in this regard, the withdrawal of Armenian forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan, accompanied by deployment of international forces to be organised with respect of the UN Charter in order to provide the necessary security guarantees in a period of transition, which will ensure the security of the population of Nagorno-Karabakh and allow the displaced persons to return to their homes and further conflicts caused by homelessness to be prevented; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons; considers that the situation of the IDPs and refugees should be dealt with according to international standards, including with regard to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(1b) to express concerns that hundreds of thousands of refugees and IDPs who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their rights, including the right to return, property rights and the right to personal security; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise these rights, the need for their prompt realisation and for a prompt solution to this problem that respects the principles of international law; demands, in this regard, the withdrawal of Armenian forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan, accompanied by deployment of international forces to be organised with respect of the UN Charter in order to provide the necessary security guarantees in a period of transition, which will ensure the security of the population of Nagorno-Karabakh and allow the displaced persons to return to their homes and further conflicts caused by homelessness to be prevented; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons; considers that the situation of the IDPs and refugees should be dealt with according to international standards, including with regard to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Amendment 141
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point I c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(lc) to reiterate its serious concern that hundreds of thousands of IDPs and refugees who fled their native lands in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict remain displaced and to reaffirm the right of all IDPs and refugees to return to their places of origin in safety and dignity;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point I c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(lc) to reiterate its serious concern that hundreds of thousands of IDPs and refugees who fled their native lands in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict remain displaced and to reaffirm the right of all IDPs and refugees to return to their places of origin in safety and dignity;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Eleni Theocharous

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point l d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ld) to call on the Azerbaijani authorities to immediately terminate the malpractice of keeping refugees and other conflict affected civilians in segregated facilities and dire conditions and without delay to take all the necessary measures to give them opportunities for development and for their eventual integration into the society;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its independence from the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality;

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its independence from the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights, *fundamental freedoms* and gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its

independence from the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality;

independence from ***and impartiality with regard to*** the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality;

Or. pt

Amendment 146

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its independence from the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality;

Amendment

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its ***impartiality and*** independence from the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 147

Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its independence from the executive and ***at strengthening*** the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality;

Amendment

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its ***impartiality as well as its*** independence from the executive and ***for legislative provisions that strengthen democracy and*** the rule of law, as well as developing a strong ***and sustainable*** framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality; ***to include views from civil society and NGO's in developing these provisions and***

frameworks;

Or. en

Amendment 148

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Marietje Schaake, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Roberta Metsola, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens, Monika Hohlmeier, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its independence from the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality;

Amendment

(m) to provide support for reform of the judiciary aimed at ensuring its independence from the executive and at strengthening the rule of law, as well as developing a strong framework for the protection of human rights and gender equality; ***to make sure that strong legislation is in place for preventing and sanctioning politically exposed persons' involvement in corruption, traffic of influence, money laundering, abuse of office and other related offences, particularly within the framework of the recent joint journalistic investigations revealing the involvement of a number of Azeri officials in such activities;***

Or. en

Amendment 149

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ma) to ensure independence of

judiciary by allowing independent practicing lawyers to continue practicing and representing clients under the notarized power of attorney and to put an end to arbitrary disbarment of lawyers;

Or. en

Amendment 150

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(mb) to ensure the independence of legal professionals by removing any undue interference in the work of lawyers, repealing the October 2017 amendments banning lawyers without Bar membership from representing clients in all courts, addressing the lack of independence of the Azerbaijani Bar and its arbitrary powers to deny admissions of new members and initiate bogus disciplinary proceedings against critical lawyers, as demonstrated by the recent cases of lawyers being disbarred or otherwise disciplined in recent years in retaliation for their legitimate work defending the government critics;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(mb) to ensure the independence of legal professionals by removing any

undue interference in the work of lawyers, repealing the October 2017 amendments banning lawyers without Bar membership from representing clients in all courts, addressing the lack of independence of the Azerbaijani Bar and its arbitrary powers to deny admissions of new members and initiate bogus disciplinary proceedings against critical lawyers, as demonstrated by the recent cases of lawyers being disbarred or otherwise disciplined in recent years in retaliation for their legitimate work defending the government critics;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(mb) to ensure the independence of legal professionals by removing any undue interference in the work of lawyers, repealing the October 2017 amendments banning lawyers without Bar membership from representing clients in all courts, addressing the lack of independence of the Azerbaijani Bar and its arbitrary powers to deny admissions of new members and initiate bogus disciplinary proceedings against critical lawyers, as demonstrated by the recent cases of lawyers being disbarred or otherwise disciplined in recent years in relation for their legitimate work defending the government critics;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(mc) to underline the importance of representation of women at all levels of government, and stresses the importance of women's equal, full and active participation in the prevention and resolution of conflicts;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(md) to urge Azerbaijan to sign the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting ***economic crime, including*** corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

Amendment 156

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) to ***put in place*** specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

Amendment

(n) to ***ensure that*** specific provisions are incorporated into the Agreement requiring both sides to cooperate and provide mutual support in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

Or. de

Amendment 157

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

Amendment

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion ***including greater transparency of beneficial owners of companies and trusts, transparency of large companies 'financial activities in terms of profits realised and tax paid and strengthening of the tax administration' and financial intelligence unit's capacities to prevent these crimes;***

Or. en

Amendment 158
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

Amendment

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting ***all forms of corruption, including the so-called “caviar diplomacy”, money laundering and tax evasion; to promote the transparency of the decision-making and over the resources ‘distribution, by fully involving the civil society in the process and enhancing women’s participation in politics;***

Or. en

Amendment 159
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

Amendment

(n) to put in place specific provisions to support Azerbaijan in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion; ***to make the signing and ratification of a new agreement conditional upon a full EU wide investigation on into the Azeri money laundering schemes disclosed by the OCCPR as well as the bribery by Azeri authorities of European politicians and officials, both within the Council of Europe and the European institutions;***

Or. en

Amendment 160

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Marietje Schaake, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) to *put* in place *specific provisions to support Azerbaijan* in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion;

Amendment

(n) to *closely monitor and evaluate, before any agreement is* in place, *Azerbaijan's progress* in fighting corruption, money laundering and tax evasion; *to take into account and push for the investigation of all recent disclosures related to the Azeri Laundromat, a money-laundering operation which, according to OCCRP, handled \$2.9 billion over a two-year period, between 2012 and 2014, through four shell companies registered in the United Kingdom, as well as for the investigation of the findings related to Azerbaijan in the PANA fact finding EP mission's report in Malta; to be aware that there is evidence revealing government ministries as the direct source of some of this money, as well as strong connections to high-ranking Azeri officials;*

Or. en

Amendment 161

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(na) *to include provisions on anti-corruption by setting up a framework for cooperation on transposing the relevant international standards;*

Amendment 162

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(nb) to support Azerbaijan in the fight against money laundering and to lend its cooperation in preventing tax evasion;

Or. en

Amendment 163

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(nc) to encourage Azerbaijan to resume its activities in the EITI;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikiėnė, Marietje Schaake, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(nd) to assist Azerbaijan in the fight

against corruption and organised crime by establishing mechanisms restricting access to the European banking system, particularly in the form of opening or use of bank accounts on the territory of the Union, for all Azeri individuals, companies and their subsequent partners involved in money laundering and fraud schemes, throughout investigations and Court proceedings;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point o

Motion for a resolution

(o) to allow for increased cooperation in the fight against terrorism, organised crime and cybercrime, the prevention of radicalisation and cross-border crime;

Amendment

(o) to allow for increased cooperation, *and as well as to support Azerbaijan* in the fight against terrorism *and extremism*, organised crime and cybercrime, the prevention of radicalisation and cross-border crime;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point o

Motion for a resolution

(o) to allow for increased cooperation in the fight against terrorism, organised crime and cybercrime, the prevention of radicalisation and cross-border crime;

Amendment

(o) to allow for increased cooperation in the fight against terrorism, organised crime and cybercrime, the prevention of radicalisation and cross-border crime; *by means of cooperation, to find ways of combating recruitment by terrorist groups such as ISIS;*

Amendment 167
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, *NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community*; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists *and* human rights defenders; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. el

Amendment 168
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of *some minority groups including the LGBTQ* community; to set

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of *the most vulnerable parts of* community; to set up a reinforced forum

up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Andrea Bocskor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups ***including the LGBTQ community***; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and

Amendment

(p) to include ***conditional*** provisions related to the protection of human rights

fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; *to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;*

and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms *aimed at ending* political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; *to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue* between the EU and Azerbaijan *to encourage* and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms *and ensure that* political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community *are put to an end by Azeri authorities and to reiterate that these practices are unacceptable for any potential partner country of the EU; to reinforce the dialogue on human rights and fundamental freedoms* between the EU and Azerbaijan and *to* support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for *a* human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to ***regret that the current format of the EU-Azerbaijan Subcommittee on Justice, Freedom, Security and Human Rights and Democracy did not produce substantial results and to*** set up a reinforced forum for ***an effective and result-oriented*** human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards; ***to prepare this dialogue in consultation with the main international and genuinely independent Azeri NGOs;***

Or. en

Amendment 173

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and

fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, *all in line with* EU standards;

fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, *which should be fully based on* EU standards;

Or. de

Amendment 174
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the *LGBTQ* community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the *LGBTQI* community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Hilde Vautmans, Soraya Post, Brando Benifei, Tanja Fajon, Terry Reintke, Daniele Viotti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the **LGBTQ** community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the **LGBTQI** community; **to ensure explicit naming of vulnerable groups, such as LGBTI people, journalists, NGO representatives, dissidents, in any provisions**; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the **LGBTQ** community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to

Amendment

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the **LGBTQI** community; **to ensure explicit naming of vulnerable groups, such as LGBTI people,**

encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

journalists, NGO representatives and political dissidents, in any provisions; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include *conditional* provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include **conditional** provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups **including** the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include **conditional** provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions, and abductions, **arbitrary travel bans**, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups **and community, such as the religious and the LGBTQ ones** community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to include provisions related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms *of the* judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Amendment

(p) to include provisions ***encouraging the implementation of legislation in Azerbaijan*** related to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms aimed at ending political prosecutions and abductions, the targeting of political dissidents, independent journalists, human rights defenders, NGO representatives and members of some minority groups including the LGBTQ community; to ***encourage the setting up of legal frameworks and provisions that allow for the prosecution of those violating these provisions and to make violations established in a court of law punishable;*** to set up a reinforced forum for a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms ***in the field of human rights, democracy, the rule of law, freedom of expression and an independent and impartial*** judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(pa) to create concrete benchmarks ahead of a human rights dialogue

between the EU and Azerbaijan and to evaluate the dialogues on the annual basis, based on deliverables; to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(pa) to create concrete benchmarks ahead of a human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan and to evaluate such dialogue on the annual basis, based on deliverables; to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(pb) to define clear benchmarks ahead of every round of the human rights dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan and to evaluate the dialogue on the annual basis, based on the deliverables; to encourage and support in particular the

implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards; to include clearly defined provisions on a suspension mechanism of the agreement in case of continued human rights violations;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(pc) to create concrete benchmarks ahead of a Human Rights Dialogue between the EU and Azerbaijan, aimed at reinforcing it, and to evaluate the dialogues on the annual basis, based on deliverables; to encourage and support in particular the implementation of comprehensive reforms of the judiciary, all in line with EU standards and the recommendations of the Venice Commission, as well as to ensure the independence of legal professionals by removing any undue interference in the work of lawyers, repealing the October 2017 amendments banning lawyers without Bar membership from representing clients in all courts, addressing the lack of independence of the Azerbaijani Bar and its arbitrary powers to deny admissions of new members and initiate bogus disciplinary proceedings against critical lawyers, as demonstrated by the recent cases of lawyers being disbarred or otherwise disciplined in recent years in retaliation for their legitimate work defending the government critics;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and a halting of measures that seek to curtail civil society's legitimate activities notably as regards ***their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration***, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Amendment

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and a halting of measures that seek to curtail civil society's legitimate activities notably as regards undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Or. el

Amendment 186
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and ***a halting of measures that seek to curtail*** civil society's legitimate activities ***notably as regards*** their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of ***their*** accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Amendment

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and ***the adoption of relevant amendments in the law to enable*** civil society's legitimate activities ***and remove undue restrictions to*** their registration requirements, ***the operations and their access to*** foreign funding and grants registration, ***in accordance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission and other regional and international human rights institutions, and to put an end to*** undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of ***the*** accounts and persecution of ***numerous NGOs of*** their leaders;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and ***a halting of measures that seek to curtail*** civil society's legitimate activities ***notably as regards*** their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of ***their*** accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Amendment

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and ***the adoption of relevant amendments in the law to enable*** civil society's legitimate activities ***and remove undue restrictions to*** their registration requirements, ***the operations and their access to*** foreign funding and grants registration, ***in accordance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission and other regional and international human rights institutions, and to put an end to*** undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of ***the*** accounts and persecution of ***numerous NGOs of*** their leaders;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and ***a halting of*** measures ***that seek to curtail*** civil society's legitimate activities ***notably as regards*** their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of ***their*** accounts and persecution of ***their*** leaders;

Amendment

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and measures ***aimed at ensuring*** civil society's legitimate activities, ***by removing undue restrictions to*** their registration requirements, ***the operations and their access to*** foreign funding and grants registration, ***in accordance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission and other regional and international human rights institutions, and to put an end to*** undue criminal

investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of accounts, *travel bans* and persecution of *numerous NGOs* leaders;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and a halting of measures that *seek to curtail civil society's* legitimate *activities* notably as regards *their* registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Amendment

(q) to ensure a review of legislation and a halting of measures that *currently have the purpose of curtailing* legitimate, *broad social participation by civil society*, notably as regards registration requirements *for political and social organisations, including* foreign funding and grants registration, *as regards the restoration of the corresponding transparency, and as regards* undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Or. de

Amendment 190

Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to *ensure a review of* legislation and *a halting of* measures that seek to curtail civil society's legitimate activities notably as regards their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their

Amendment

(q) to *insist that* legislation and measures that seek to curtail civil society's legitimate activities notably as regards their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their accounts and persecution

accounts and persecution of their leaders;

of their leaders *are put to and end immediately*;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Andrea Bocskor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to *ensure a review of* legislation and a halting of measures that seek to curtail civil society's legitimate activities notably as regards their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Amendment

(q) to *monitor* legislation and a halting of measures that seek to curtail civil society's legitimate activities notably as regards their registration requirements, foreign funding and grants registration, undue criminal investigations, raids of their offices, freezing of their accounts and persecution of their leaders;

Or. en

Amendment 192

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Marietje Schaake, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(qa) to ensure an immediate review of legislation decriminalising online defamation, in particular that of the president, especially as the penalty for this offence has recently been increased to up to 5 years of imprisonment; to urge Azerbaijan to move away from such dictatorial practices and align to EU standards;

Amendment 193

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience *which, in 2017, exceeded 150 persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova and Intigam Aliyev*; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience *which, in 2017, exceeded 150*

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; to secure the release and

persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova and Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan **takes significant steps as regards the release of** political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded 150 persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova and Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan **releases all** political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded 150 persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova and Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan **takes significant steps as regards the release of** political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded 150 persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, **the lifting of** their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova and Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan **releases the** political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded 150 persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, **and lifts** their travel bans, once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova and Intigam Aliyev; to **immediately** secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 197

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded 150

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded 150

persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova **and** Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of **journalist** Khadija Ismayilova, **lawyer** Intigam Aliyev **Aliyev and opposition party member Faig Amirli**; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 198 **Javi López**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1 – point r**

Motion for a resolution

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded **150** persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova and Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes significant steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded **140** persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, **Taleh Baghir-zade**, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the lifting of their travel bans once released, including those of **the journalist** Khadija Ismayilova and **the lawyer** Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Amendment 199**Kati Piri****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1 – point r***Motion for a resolution*

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes **significant** steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded **150** persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, the **lifting of their** travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova **and** Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes **specific** steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience which, in 2017, exceeded **140** persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, **to lift** the travel bans once released, including those of **journalist** Khadija Ismayilova, **lawyer** Intigam Aliyev **and opposition party member Faig Amirli**; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 200**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 1 – point r***Motion for a resolution*

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes **significant** steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of

Amendment

(r) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes **specific** steps as regards the release of political prisoners and prisoners of

conscience which, in 2017, exceeded **150** persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, **the lifting of** their travel bans once released, including those of Khadija Ismayilova **and** Intigam Aliyev; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

conscience which, in 2017, exceeded **140** persons, including, among the most emblematic cases, Ilgar Mammadov, Afgan Mukhtarli, Mehman Huseynov, Ilkin Rustamzada, Seymur Hazi, Rashad Ramazanov, Elchin Ismayilli, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Asif Yusifli, Fuad Gahramanli and Aziz Orujov, **to lift** their travel bans once released, including those of **journalist** Khadija Ismayilova, **lawyer** Intigam Aliyev **and opposition party member Faig Amirli**; to secure the release and improvement of the situation of these individuals via the judiciary and the application of the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Javi López

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ra) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations and the full implementation of all other judgements of the Court by paying the fines, but also undertaking all necessary general measures, including in the cases where the Court found violations of freedom of association;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ra) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan fully complies with the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights on Ilgar Mammadov's case and ensure his prompt and unconditional release; and the full implementation of all other judgements of the Court by paying the fines, but also undertaking all necessary general measures, including in the cases where the Court found violations of freedom of association;

Or. en

Amendment 203

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ra) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan fully complies with the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights on Ilgar Mammadov's case and ensure his prompt and unconditional release; and the full implementation of all other judgements of the Court by paying the fines, but also undertaking all necessary general measures, including in the cases where the Court found violations of freedom of association;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ra) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan fully complies with the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights on Ilgar Mammadov's case and ensure his prompt and unconditional release; and the full implementation of all other judgements of the Court by paying the fines, but also undertaking all necessary general measures, including in the cases where the Court found violations of freedom of association;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rb) to comply with the ECtHR ruling on Ilgar Mammadov's case and fully cooperate with the ECtHR on the cases involving allegations of violations of the right to freedom of association and execute the decisions handed down;

Or. en

Amendment 206
Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė, Marietje Schaake, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens, Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rc) to urge Azerbaijan to immediately address the unprecedented infringement proceedings launched by the Council of Europe in 2017 and ensure the unconditional release of opposition politician Ilgar Mammadov, thus complying with a judgment from the European Court of Human Rights from 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rd) to condemn, in particular, the recent sentencing of Afgan Mukhtarli to a 6 year prison term on trumped-up charges after his abduction from Georgia, to call firmly for his immediate release and to grant asylum and find ways to protect all the Azerbaijani dissidents entering the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(re) to ensure that Azerbaijan reinstates opposition supporters or their relatives who might have lost their jobs due to their or their family members' political activism and end alleged retaliatory harassment and arbitrary prosecution of activists' family members;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(re) to ensure that Azerbaijan reinstates opposition supporters or their relatives who might have lost their jobs due to their or their family members' political activism and end alleged retaliatory harassment and arbitrary prosecution of activists' family members;

Or. en

Amendment 210

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(re) to ensure that Azerbaijan reinstates opposition supporters or their relatives who might have lost their jobs due to their or their family members' political activism and end alleged retaliatory harassment and arbitrary

prosecution of activists' family members;

Or. en

Amendment 211

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rf) to ensure that Azerbaijan respects the right to freedom of peaceful assembly; refrains from restricting this right in ways that are not compatible with its obligations under international law, including the European Convention on Human Rights; and promptly and effectively investigates all cases of excessive use of force, arbitrary arrest and detention of peaceful protesters, including in connection with the sanctioned opposition rallies in September 2017 and March 2018, and bring the perpetrators to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rf) to ensure that Azerbaijan respects the right to freedom of peaceful assembly; refrains from restricting this right in ways that are not compatible with its obligations under international law, including the European Convention on Human Rights; and promptly and effectively investigates all cases of

excessive use of force, arbitrary arrest and detention of peaceful protesters, including in connection with the sanctioned opposition rallies in September 2017 and March 2018, and bring the perpetrators to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 213
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rf) to ensure that Azerbaijan respects the right to freedom of peaceful assembly; refrains from restricting this right in ways that are not compatible with its obligations under international law, including the European Convention on Human Rights; and promptly and effectively investigates all cases of excessive use of force, arbitrary arrest and detention of peaceful protesters, including in connection with the sanctioned opposition rallies in September 2017 and March 2018, and bring the perpetrators to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rf) to respect the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and refrain from

restricting this right in ways that are not compatible with its obligations under international law, including the European Convention on Human Rights; to promptly and effectively investigate all cases of excessive use of force, arbitrary arrest and detention of peaceful protesters, including in connection with the opposition rallies in September 2016 and September 2017 and bring the perpetrators to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(rg) to ensure, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan takes tangible measures to ease the operating environment for civil society by amending the legislation so that registration of non-governmental organisations and receiving foreign funding is possible without administrative and legal barriers; to ensure that NGOs are not subject to excessive and unnecessary reporting to various government agencies (including on various occasions to the Tax Agency, the Social Protection Fund, the State Statistical Committee and the Finance Ministry);

Or. en

Amendment 216

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that **Azerbaijan commits to investigations into** all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Amendment

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that **Azeri authorities investigate into and report on results concerning** all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to **seek**, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan **commits to** investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Amendment

(s) to **insist**, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan **starts** investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to **seek**, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan **commits to** investigations into all cases of

Amendment

(s) **to remind the Azerbaijani authorities that, as a signatory to the UN Convention against Torture, Azerbaijan**

mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

has committed itself under international law, not only on the basis of the amended criminal law but also nationally, to prevent the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and to prosecute and punish anyone guilty thereof; to insist, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan give a binding undertaking to comply with the demand of the UN Committee against Torture for a zero tolerance policy to be adopted with regard to the persistent problem of torture and with regard to terminating the impunity of those responsible, and to launch investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Or. de

Amendment 219
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Amendment

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody; *as well as to investigate alleged torture and ill-treatment of Taleh Bagirzade, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Mehman Huseynov; to investigate torture and ill-treatment allegations of the LGBTQ community members, who were arrested and harassed en masse (of around 150 people) in September 2017;*

Amendment 220

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to seek, before the *conclusion* of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Amendment

(s) to seek, before the *conclusions* of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody *as well as to investigate alleged torture and ill-treatment of Taleh Bagirzade, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Mehman Huseynov; to investigate torture and ill-treatment allegations of the LGBTQ community members, who were arrested and harassed en mass (around 150 people) in September 2017;*

Amendment 221

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Amendment

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody; *as well as to investigate alleged torture and ill-treatment of Taleh*

Bagirzade, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Mehman Huseynov; to investigate torture and ill-treatment allegations of the LGBTQ community members, who were arrested and harassed en masse (of around 150 people) in September 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 222

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Amendment

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody; *as well as to investigate alleged torture and ill-treatment of Taleh Bagirzade, Giyas Ibrahimov, Beyram Mammadov, Mehman Huseynov; to investigate torture and ill-treatment allegations of the LGBTQ community members, who were arrested and harassed en masse in September 2017;*

Or. en

Amendment 223

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to

Amendment

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to

investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody; ***and shall ensure that justice is done by bringing to justice those responsible for the above offences.***

Or. el

Amendment 224

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody;

Amendment

(s) to seek, before the conclusion of the negotiations, that Azerbaijan commits to investigations into all cases of mistreatment of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, notably in the case of the late Mehman Galandarov, who died in custody; ***in Azerbaijan under unclear circumstances in April 2017;***

Or. en

Amendment 225

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to underline ***the importance of a*** free and independent media, both off and on-line ***and to ensure a strengthened EU support for*** free ***and*** pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, ***with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the***

Amendment

(t) ***in political talks with partners,*** to underline ***that, with regard to media content,*** free and independent media, both off and on-line, ***which are very important for the functioning of a well informed civil society which participates consciously and actively in the country's development, must be guaranteed by***

form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

groups of oligarchs and clans, as well as dominant political groups, and that the EU is prepared to support free, pluralistic, editorially independent media in Azerbaijan;

Or. de

Amendment 226
Kati Piri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to ***underline the importance of*** a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, ***and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;***

Amendment

(t) to ***ensure that*** a free and independent media, both off and on-line, ***exists and operates in the country without undue interference, to unblock access to the websites of Azadliq, and of three news outlets that have to operate from abroad: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Azerbaijan Service, Meydan TV, and Azerbaijan Saati;*** and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to ***underline the importance of*** a free and independent media, both off and on-line ***and*** to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in

Amendment

(t) to ***ensure that*** free and independent media, both off and on-line ***can operate in the country without undue interference; to lift travel bans on 4 journalists of***

Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, *and* pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Meydan TV; to unblock access to the websites of Azadliq, and of three news outlets that have to operate from abroad (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Azerbaijan Service, Meydan TV, and Azerbaijan Saati); to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to ***underline the importance of a*** free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, *and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative* encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Amendment

(t) to ***ensure that*** free and independent media, both off and on-line, ***exists and that it operates in the country without undue interference, to unlock the access to access to the websites of Azadliq, and of three news outlets that have to operate from abroad: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Azerbaijan Service, Meydan TV, and Azerbaijan Saati;*** and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, ***including through the organization of regional initiatives*** encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Or. en

Amendment 229
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to ***underline the importance of*** a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, ***and*** pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Amendment

(t) to ***ensure that*** a free and independent media, both off and on-line, ***exists and operates in the country without undue interference, to unblock access to the websites of Azadliq, and of three news outlets that have to operate from abroad: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Azerbaijan Service, Meydan TV, and Azerbaijan Saati;*** and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, ***also*** pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Amendment

(t) ***to stress its concern over the current state of press freedom in Azerbaijan, including the prosecution and harassment of journalists and the blocking of media outlets;*** to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line ***as a core principle of democracy*** and to ensure a strengthened EU support, ***both political and financial,*** for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial

independence and in line with EU standards, and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Or. en

Amendment 231

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Ana Gomes, Jaromír Štětina, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, **and pointing** out that **a** reinforced attention to press and media freedom **could** take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Amendment

(t) to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, **in light of the fact that currently 5 major media outlets are permanently blocked by Azerbaijan under the pretext of national security and that for press freedom, Azerbaijan ranks 162 out of 180 countries, according to Reporters Without Borders; to point** out that reinforced attention to press and media freedom **should** take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Or. en

Amendment 232 Javi López

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Amendment

(t) to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line ***including an immediate end to the harassment and persecution of opposition and investigative journalists and ensuring accountability of the perpetrators***, and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries;

Amendment

(t) to underline the importance of a free and independent media, both off and on-line and to ensure a strengthened EU support for free and pluralistic media in Azerbaijan, with editorial independence and in line with EU standards, and pointing out that a reinforced attention to press and media freedom could take the form of a regional initiative encompassing all the Eastern Partnership countries; ***in this regard to make sure that independent media outlets such as Radio Free Europe are allowed to resume their operations in the country;***

Or. en

Amendment 234

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point u

Motion for a resolution

(u) to include fair and ambitious trade and investment provisions, in so far as is compatible with Azerbaijan's non-WTO-member status, that are fully in line with EU standards, notably sanitary, phytosanitary *and* environmental, and that ensure the protection of intellectual property rights including geographical indicators;

Amendment

(u) to include fair and ambitious trade and investment provisions, in so far as is compatible with Azerbaijan's non-WTO-member status, that are fully in line with EU standards, notably sanitary, phytosanitary, environmental, *labour, social, gender balance and non-discrimination*, and that ensure the protection of intellectual property rights including geographical indicators;

Or. en

Amendment 235

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point u

Motion for a resolution

(u) to include *fair and* ambitious trade and investment provisions, in so far as is compatible with Azerbaijan's *non-WTO-member status*, that are fully in line with EU standards, notably *sanitary, phytosanitary and* environmental, and *that ensure* the protection of *intellectual property rights including* geographical indicators;

Amendment

(u) to include *specific* ambitious *and fair* trade and investment provisions, in so far as is compatible with Azerbaijan's *status of not yet being a member of the WTO*, that are fully in line with EU standards *and do not undermine the relevant EU standards*, notably *with regard to SPS, IPR, plant health*, environmental *protection* and the protection of geographical indicators;

Or. de

Amendment 236

Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point v

Motion for a resolution

(v) to put in place robust measures that would ensure rapid progress towards improving the business and investment climate in Azerbaijan notably as regards taxation, the management of public finances and of public procurement, in order to allow for more transparency, better governance and accountability, equal access and fair competition;

Amendment

(v) to put in place robust measures that would ensure rapid progress towards improving the business and investment climate in Azerbaijan notably as regards taxation, the management of public finances and of public procurement, in order to allow for more transparency, better governance and accountability, equal access and fair competition; ***and to ensure measures to promote social rights, employment, education, transport and connectivity;***

Or. en

Amendment 237

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point u a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ua) to include strong and enforceable measures covering the recognition and protection of intellectual property rights, including geographical indications for wines, spirits and other agricultural and foodstuff products;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point u b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ub) to follow the principles of the revised ENP and to strive for an ambitious agreement compatible with the aspirations of both sides; to commit to rapid progress in negotiations that would help Azerbaijan to accelerate the structural reforms it needs to diversify its economy; to bear in mind that the agreement should serve to reduce the number of barriers to market access, facilitate trade and encourage sustainable development for the benefit of citizens; to take into account the gender impact and respect for human rights while boosting export opportunities for both sides of the agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 239

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point u c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(uc) to support Azerbaijan in its accession process to the WTO by providing technical support, so as to enable the country to harmonise with international standards and benefit from the rules-based multilateral trading system and trade facilitation;

Or. en

Amendment 240

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point u d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ud) to include in the public procurement chapter a reference to the rules set out in the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 241
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(v) to put in place robust measures that would ensure rapid progress towards improving the business and investment climate in Azerbaijan notably as regards taxation, the management of public finances and of public procurement, in order to allow for more transparency, better governance and accountability, equal access and fair competition;

(v) to **make the necessary reforms and** put in place robust measures that would ensure rapid progress towards improving the business and investment climate in Azerbaijan notably as regards taxation, the management of public finances and of public procurement, in order to allow for more transparency, better governance and accountability, equal access and fair competition;

Or. el

Amendment 242
Andrea Bocskor

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's strategic energy partnership;

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's **important** strategic energy partnership;

Amendment 243

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's strategic energy partnership;

Amendment

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's strategic energy partnership; *inter alia, to establish new energy interconnections between the EU and Azerbaijan and to increase the EU's energy security;*

Or. et

Amendment 244

Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's strategic energy partnership;

Amendment

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's strategic energy partnership, *taking into account Azerbaijan's track record as a reliable energy supplier and country's pivotal role in various projects of the Southern Gas Corridor;*

Or. en

Amendment 245

Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė, Marietje Schaake, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's strategic energy partnership;

Amendment

(w) to allow for increased cooperation in the energy sector in line with the EU's and Azerbaijan's strategic energy partnership, ***while taking into account that in March 2017, the EITI (The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) suspended Azerbaijan's membership for failing to comply with the group's civil society requirements; to push for Azerbaijan to realign to these requirements;***

Or. en

Amendment 246
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point x

Motion for a resolution

(x) to ***also*** support the diversification of Azerbaijan's energy mix, promoting non-carbon energy sources and preparing for the post-carbon age; to note the important dimension given to climate change and to the impact on local communities in the pending decision by the European Investment Bank on the funding of the Trans-Anatolian Gas Pipeline (TANAP);

Amendment

(x) to support the diversification of Azerbaijan's energy mix, promoting non-carbon energy sources and preparing for the post-carbon age, ***in the interests of energy security and the prevention of energy poverty;*** to note the important dimension given to climate change and to the impact on local communities in the pending decision by the European Investment Bank on the funding of the Trans-Anatolian Gas Pipeline (TANAP);

Or. de

Amendment 247
Javi López

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point x

Motion for a resolution

(x) to also support the diversification of Azerbaijan's energy mix, promoting non-carbon energy sources and preparing for the post-carbon age; to note the important dimension given to climate change and to the impact on local communities in the pending decision by the European Investment Bank on the funding of the Trans-Anatolian Gas Pipeline (TANAP);

Amendment

(x) to also support the diversification of Azerbaijan's energy mix, promoting non-carbon energy sources and preparing for the post-carbon age; ***reducing the dependence on fossil fuels and promoting the use of renewables***, to note the important dimension given to climate change and to the impact on local communities in the pending decision by the European Investment Bank on the funding of the Trans-Anatolian Gas Pipeline (TANAP);

Or. en

Amendment 248

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point x

Motion for a resolution

(x) to also support the diversification of Azerbaijan's energy mix, promoting non-carbon energy sources and preparing for the post-carbon age; to note the important dimension given to climate change and to the impact on local communities in the pending decision by the European Investment Bank on the funding of the Trans-Anatolian Gas Pipeline (TANAP);

Amendment

(x) to also support the diversification of Azerbaijan's energy mix, promoting non-carbon energy sources and preparing for the post-carbon age ***in line with the commitments of the Paris Agreement***; to note the important dimension given to climate change ***and the necessity, in this regard, to set ambitious targets*** and to the impact on local communities in the pending decision by the European Investment Bank on the funding of the Trans-Anatolian Gas Pipeline (TANAP);

Or. en

Amendment 249
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point x a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(xa) to assist effectively Azerbaijan in its efforts to diversify the economy currently over relying on hydrocarbons; to ensure, at the same time, that the EU assistance is not directed to those sectors of the Azeri economy exporting to the Russian Federation that could potentially damage the European firms affected by Russian sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point x a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(xa) to support the completion of the Southern Gas Corridor, a project of a strategic importance for the EU for its energy diversification and security;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Monica Macovei, Petras Auštrevičius, David Casa, Stelios Kouloglou, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Barbara Spinelli, Barbara Kudrycka, Benedek Jávor, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Javier Nart, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė, Marietje Schaake, Ignazio Corrao, Ana Gomes, Helga Stevens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) to put in place ambitious provisions on environmental protection and climate change reduction as part of the new agreement, including through a mainstreaming of these policies **as part of other sector policies**;

Amendment

(y) to put in place ambitious provisions on environmental protection and climate change reduction, **in line with the Union's climate change agenda**, as part of the new agreement, including through a mainstreaming of these policies;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Paulo Rangel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) to put in place ambitious provisions on environmental protection and climate change reduction as part of the new agreement, including through a mainstreaming of these **policies** as part of other sector policies;

Amendment

(y) to put in place ambitious provisions on environmental protection and climate change reduction, **in line with the Union's objectives in this matter**, as part of the new agreement, including through a mainstreaming of these **provisions** as part of other sector policies;

Or. pt

Amendment 253
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) to put in place ambitious provisions on environmental protection and climate change reduction as part of the new agreement, including through a mainstreaming of these policies as part of other sector policies;

Amendment

(y) to put in place ambitious provisions on environmental protection and climate change reduction **on the basis of the binding Paris Protocol, signed by both contracting parties**, as part of the new agreement, including through a mainstreaming of these policies as part of other sector policies;

Amendment 254

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point z

Motion for a resolution

(z) to provide new perspectives for enhanced cooperation in non-energy related areas in order to diversify the Azerbaijani economy, **boost job creation and** allow for more people-to people contacts both at a regional and European level, in particular in the fields of education, health, transport and tourism;

Amendment

(z) to provide new perspectives for enhanced cooperation in non-energy related areas in order **that efforts can be made** to diversify the Azerbaijani economy **with the aim of creating more jobs and modern industrial and service sectors and establishing structures in the economy and research which will bring about sustainable development, enabling these jobs and sectors to be belatedly created; to** allow for more people-to people contacts both at a regional and European level, in particular in the fields of education, health, transport and tourism;

Or. de

Amendment 255

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point z

Motion for a resolution

(z) to provide new perspectives for enhanced cooperation in non-energy related areas in order to diversify the Azerbaijani economy, boost job creation and allow for more people-to people contacts both at a regional and European level, in particular in the fields of education, health, transport **and** tourism;

Amendment

(z) to provide new perspectives for enhanced cooperation in non-energy related areas in order to diversify the Azerbaijani economy, boost job creation and allow for more people-to people contacts, **in particular youth**, both at a regional and European level, in particular in the fields of education, health, transport, tourism, **strengthening already existing successful programmes such as the**

'Young European Neighbours' network, created by the EU-funded 'OPEN Neighbourhood - Communicating for a Stronger Partnership: Connecting with citizens across the Eastern Neighbourhood' ('EU NEIGHBOURS east') project;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point z

Motion for a resolution

(z) to provide new perspectives for enhanced cooperation in non-energy related areas in order to diversify the Azerbaijani economy, boost job creation and allow for more people-to people contacts both at a regional and European level, in particular in the fields of education, health, transport and tourism;

Amendment

(z) to provide new perspectives for enhanced cooperation in non-energy related areas in order to diversify the Azerbaijani economy, boost job creation and allow for more people-to people contacts both at a regional and European level, in particular in the fields of education, health, transport and tourism; *to find ways, in this regard, to set up programmes aimed at facilitating meetings on specific issues and common problems between the representatives of Azeri and Armenians NGOs and youth organisations;*

Or. en

Amendment 257

Andrea Bocskor

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point a a

Motion for a resolution

(aa) to enhance cooperation with regard

Amendment

(aa) to enhance cooperation with regard

to youth and student exchanges and the development of new scholarship programmes and training courses, as well as a facilitated participation in the ERASMUS+ program which will ensure the development of skills and enable Azerbaijani people to become acquainted with the EU and vice-versa;

to youth and student exchanges and the development of new scholarship programmes and training courses, as well as a facilitated participation in the *fields of higher education and youth in the* ERASMUS+ program which will ensure the development of *mobility, of skills and language command* and enable Azerbaijani people to become acquainted with the EU and *its values and* vice-versa;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point a a

Motion for a resolution

(aa) to enhance cooperation with regard to youth and student exchanges and the development of new scholarship programmes and training courses, as well as a facilitated participation in the ERASMUS+ program which will ensure the development of skills and enable Azerbaijani people to become acquainted with the EU and vice-versa;

Amendment

(aa) to enhance cooperation with regard to youth and student exchanges and the development of new scholarship programmes and training courses, as well as a facilitated participation in the ERASMUS+ program which will ensure the development of skills and enable Azerbaijani people to become acquainted with the EU and vice-versa, *thus allowing for greater integration of societies*;

Or. en

Amendment 259

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point ab

Motion for a resolution

(ab) to also promote economic growth via transport and connectivity; to extend the Trans-European Transport Network

Amendment

(ab) to also promote economic growth via transport and connectivity; to extend the Trans-European Transport Network

(TEN-T) to *Eastern Partners*;

(TEN-T) to *Azerbaijan*;

Or. de

Amendment 260
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point ab a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aba) to take also appropriate steps towards opening a visa dialogue with Azerbaijan in line with the progress made in the implementation of Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point ab a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aba) to take also appropriate steps towards opening a visa dialogue with Azerbaijan in line with the progress made in the implementation of Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 262
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point ab b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(abb) to seek possibilities to initiate Visa Liberalisation Dialogue between EU and Azerbaijan as stated in the Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit of 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 263
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point ab b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(abb) to seek possibilities to initiate Visa Liberalisation Dialogue between EU and Azerbaijan as stated in the Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit of 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 264
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point AC

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(AC) to ensure that the agreement has a robust parliamentary dimension, strengthening the current provisions and mechanisms of cooperation to enable increased input into and scrutiny of its implementation, notably through the establishment of an upgraded interparliamentary structure;

(AC) to ***seek to*** ensure that the agreement has a robust parliamentary dimension, strengthening the current provisions and mechanisms of cooperation to enable increased input into and scrutiny of its implementation, notably through the establishment of an upgraded interparliamentary structure;

Or. el

Amendment 265

Alojz Peterle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point a c

Motion for a resolution

(ac) to ensure that the agreement has a robust parliamentary dimension, strengthening the current provisions and mechanisms of cooperation to enable increased input into and scrutiny of its implementation, notably through the establishment of an upgraded interparliamentary structure;

Amendment

(ac) to ensure that the agreement has a robust parliamentary dimension, strengthening the current provisions and mechanisms of cooperation to enable increased input into and scrutiny of its implementation, notably through the establishment of an upgraded interparliamentary structure ***encouraging regular and constructive dialogue between the European Parliament and the parliament of Azerbaijan to consider all aspects of relations and implementation of agreements;***

Or. en

Amendment 266

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point ac a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aca) to include a strong parliamentary dimension in the monitoring of the implementation of the agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 267

Bernd Lange

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point ac b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(acb) to conduct the negotiations as transparently as possible; reminds the Commission of its obligation to inform Parliament immediately and fully at all stages of the negotiations and urges the Council to publish the negotiating directives;

Or. en

Amendment 268

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point ad a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ada) to ensure that before any application or provisional application of the new EU-Azerbaijan Comprehensive Agreement, it should be first subjected to Parliaments consent;

Or. en