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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 63**

**Draft opinion**  
**Brando Benifei**  
(PE623.654v01-00)

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections  
(2018/2046(BUD))



**Amendment 1**  
**Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. *Acknowledges* the increase in commitment appropriations for Heading 4, *although notes* that most of that increase is due to the larger contribution toward the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRiT);

*Amendment*

1. *Notes* the increase in commitment appropriations for Heading 4, *and regrets* that most of that increase is due to the larger contribution toward the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRiT); *calls for the termination of the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT*;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**James Carver**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. *Acknowledges* the increase in commitment appropriations for Heading 4, although notes that most of that increase is due to the larger contribution toward the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRiT);

*Amendment*

1. *Regrets* the increase in commitment appropriations for Heading 4, although notes that most of that increase is due to the larger contribution toward the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRiT);

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Acknowledges the increase in commitment appropriations for Heading 4, although notes that most of that increase is due to the larger contribution toward the

*Amendment*

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Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRiT);

Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRiT);  
*underlines that given the multiple challenges the EU is facing on the international scene, external action can only be credible if enough resources are provided;*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Geoffrey Van Orden**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1 a. Notes with regret the reduction in funding of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community; calls for the budget to be reinstated at current levels without any reduction;*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. *Notes* that the draft budget completely exhausts the margins for Heading 4, leaving the Union very little room for manoeuvre in the event of unforeseen external crises;

2. *Is concerned* that the draft budget completely exhausts the margins for Heading 4, leaving the Union very little room for manoeuvre in the event of unforeseen external crises;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Urmás Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Patricia Lalonde**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2 a. Welcomes the increase in funding for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) for the Union to better enforce its role on the global level;**

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Patricia Lalonde**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2 b. Underlines the importance of a progressive framing of the common EU's defence policy and the need to support further funding to ensure its implementation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3. Underlines the need for sufficient funding for the Western Balkans and regrets, in this regard, the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million;**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the need for *sufficient* funding for the Western Balkans and *regrets, in this regard, the proposal* to cut *the allocation for political reform* in the *Western Balkans by EUR 10 million*;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the need for *decreased* funding for the Western Balkans and to cut *all the funds allocated to the illegal entity of Kosovo, until its full reintegration* in the *Republic of Serbia and also the funds allocated to Albania and Montenegro, until these countries have real results in the fight against organized crime*;

Or. en

**Amendment 10  
James Carver**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. *Underlines the need for sufficient funding for the Western Balkans and regrets, in this regard,* the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million;

*Amendment*

3. *Welcomes* the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million;

Or. en

**Amendment 11  
Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the *need for* sufficient funding for the Western Balkans and *regrets, in this regard,* the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the *strategic importance of providing* sufficient funding for the Western Balkans *in order to consolidate their path toward accession* and *regrets, in this regard,* the proposal to

cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the need for sufficient funding for the Western Balkans and regrets, in this regard, the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the need for sufficient funding for the Western Balkans, ***a key priority area for the EU***, and regrets, in this regard, the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million; ***stresses the need for sufficient funding to implement the 2018-2020 Action Plan of the Western Balkans Strategy, prioritising support to the rule of law and regional integration; calls for the contribution of IPA II to Erasmus+ to be doubled, as foreseen by the Strategy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines the need for sufficient funding for the Western Balkans and regrets, in this regard, the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines the need for sufficient funding for the Western Balkans and regrets, in this regard, the proposal to cut the allocation for political reform in the Western Balkans by EUR 10 million; ***requests for this trend to be reversed, taking into account that political reforms are the backbone of any democratic transformation and implicitly of the EU accession process;***

**Amendment 14**  
**Geoffrey Van Orden**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

**4. Supports the reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey and the reorientation toward civil society in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;**

*Amendment*

**deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

**4. Supports the reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey and the reorientation toward civil society in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;**

*Amendment*

**4. Calls for the cut of all the funds allocated to Turkey until the occupation withdrawal of the North of the Republic of Cyprus;**

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Anders Primdahl Vistisen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

**4. Supports the reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey and the**  
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*Amendment*

**4. Calls for an immediate suspension**

*reorientation toward civil society in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;*

*of all funds* allocated to Turkey;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. *Supports* the reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey *and the reorientation toward civil society* in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;

*Amendment*

4. *Recognizes* the reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey; *notes with concern the substantial increase for HUMA and IPA; proposes that funding for Turkey is terminated* in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**James Carver**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Supports the reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey *and the reorientation toward civil society* in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;

*Amendment*

4. Supports the reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**

## Paragraph 4

### *Draft opinion*

4. Supports *the* reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey *and the reorientation toward civil society* in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights;

### *Amendment*

4. *In line with the principle of conditionality*, supports *a* reduction in the amount allocated to Turkey *in all budget lines*, in view of the continuing backsliding on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights; *at the same time, direct support to civil society, as well as people-to-people contacts should be further strengthened in the context of the growing polarisation of the Turkish society and measures taken by the authorities against fundamental rights and freedoms as well as against human rights defenders in the aftermath of the coup attempt; in this sense, special emphasis should be paid to media freedom and LGBTI rights;*

Or. en

## Amendment 20

Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5

### *Draft opinion*

5. *Takes the view that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT;*

### *Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

## Amendment 21

Charles Tannock

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5

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*Draft opinion*

5. ***Takes the view*** that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) ***should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT;***

*Amendment*

5. ***Notes*** that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) ***would be altered by these proposals;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Takes the view that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT;

*Amendment*

5. Takes the view that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT, ***in line with Parliament's position expressed in its Report on the mandate for the budgetary trilogue; in addition, it must be ensured that any contribution from heading 4 to the FRiT will not lead to a reduction in the funds available for the existing programmes; furthermore, insists on the need to closely monitor the use of funds of the FRiT and the full compliance of the disbursements with its legal basis;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Takes the view that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT;

*Amendment*

5. Takes the view that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT; ***insists that the Commission reinforces the monitoring of the use of the FRiT and that it reports regularly in adequate detail to the budgetary authorities on the compatibility of the actions financed with the underlying legal basis in general and the types of actions listed in article 3.2. of the FRiT in particular;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Sabine Lösing, Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Takes the view that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT;

*Amendment*

5. Takes the view that the current ratio of contributions to the FRiT from the Union budget (EUR 1 billion) and Member States (EUR 2 billion) should be maintained; calls for a corresponding reduction in the proposed 2019 contribution to the FRiT; ***calls on the Commission to effectively monitor that these funds are accurately targeting refugee projects and not used for any other purposes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**James Carver**

**Draft opinion**

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## Paragraph 6

### *Draft opinion*

6. ***Is concerned by the fact*** that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; ***calls for these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements;***

### *Amendment*

6. ***Notes*** that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa;

Or. en

## Amendment 26

Geoffrey Van Orden

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 6

### *Draft opinion*

6. ***Is concerned by*** the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; ***calls for these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements;***

### *Amendment*

6. ***Acknowledges*** the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa;

Or. en

## Amendment 27

Anders Primdahl Vistisen

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 6

### *Draft opinion*

6. Is concerned by the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under

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considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for *these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements*;

considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for *a more efficient allocation and usage of funds*;

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. *Is concerned by* the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements;

*Amendment*

6. *Notes* the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Is concerned by the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements;

*Amendment*

6. *Highlights that the situation in the southern neighborhood continues to represent a significant challenge for the Union*; is concerned by the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for

these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements;

Or. en

### **Amendment 30**

**Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Patricia Lalonde**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 6**

###### *Draft opinion*

6. Is concerned by the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements;

###### *Amendment*

6. Is ***deeply*** concerned by the fact that the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) will continue to be under considerable stress in 2019, exacerbated by the use of ENI funds to finance the Syria pledge and projects under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa; calls for these new commitments to be fully compensated by reinforcements; ***stresses the strategic importance of the Eastern and Southern near neighbourhood of the EU;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 31**

**Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 7**

###### *Draft opinion*

7. ***Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine and Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya;***

###### *Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

### **Amendment 32**

**James Carver**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to *Ukraine and Tunisia*; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya;

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 33  
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to *Ukraine and Tunisia*; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya; *calls for the suspension of all financial support provided to Ukraine until the full implementation of paragraphs 4 to 8 of the package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk Agreements of 11th February 2015;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34  
Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine *and* Tunisia; calls for

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine, *in particular as*

more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya;

*regards the persisting conflict in Eastern Ukraine, and to Tunisia, in particular in its fight against poverty and youth unemployment; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya, in light of recent political developments on the ground; in this sense, particular attention should be paid to ensuring EU funding to Libya is not used to finance arbitrary detentions and detention of vulnerable persons, in particular children, in line with the EU Guidelines for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child, and that migrants are treated in full respect of international human rights standards; insists on the need for proper monitoring of implementation and reform progress in the partner countries concerned;*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine and Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of *the stabilisation of* Libya;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine and Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of Libya, *while noting that the stabilization of the country will only be a first step and further efforts will be needed for reconstruction and reforms;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine and Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine and Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya; ***calls for increased support for political reforms and democratic processes in Georgia and the Republic of Moldova;***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine and Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide increased support to Ukraine and Tunisia; calls for more funding in support of the stabilisation of Libya, ***including with regard to supporting civil society and upholding human rights standards and international law;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**

**Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

***8. Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Geoffrey Van Orden**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8.** *Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8.** *Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**James Carver**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8.** *Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Charles Tannock**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. *Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders;*

*Amendment*

8. *Welcomes the approach to link development goals with wider security concerns; welcomes in this regard the 6% increase to the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the significant increase of funding within this directed to the Middle East;*

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders;

*Amendment*

8. Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders *at risk, including through the Human Rights Defenders Mechanism (ProtectDefenders.eu), given the increased crackdowns in a number of countries; moreover, sufficient funding for EU electoral observation missions must be ensured, as a means to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions and building of public confidence in electoral processes, thus promoting stability and reinforcing other foreign policy objectives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 44**

**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders;

*Amendment*

8. Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights **and the ProtectDefenders Mechanism** for the protection of human rights defenders;

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8 a. Regrets the cuts in the EU contribution to the European-Inter University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) and its Global Campus of Human Rights, that will seriously undermine the functioning of this flagship EU academic programme; calls on the Commission to maintain its financial allocation to EIUC at a consistent level compared to past contributions;**

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**James Carver**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

9. *Calls for Union support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be strengthened.* *deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Anders Primdahl Vistisen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. *Calls for Union support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be strengthened.*

*Amendment*

9. *Notes the Union's support for the Middle East Peace Process, calls for ensuring that funds are not used in any way towards terrorist activity, incitement or murder;*

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. *Calls for Union support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be strengthened.*

*Amendment*

9. *Calls for Union support for the security of Israel to be strengthened.*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls for **Union** support for the **Middle East Peace Process**, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA **to be strengthened**.

*Amendment*

9. Calls for **enhanced EU** support for the **viability of a two-state solution**, the Palestinian Authority, **civil society in both Israel and Palestine** and UNRWA; **expresses alarm at the increase in destruction and confiscation of EU-funded humanitarian assistance in the West Bank; deplores the lack of resolve of the EEAS and the Commission, as highlighted by the European Court of Auditors, to secure compensation from and guarantees of non-repetition by the Israeli authorities; expects the Commission to deduct the equivalent of these losses from bilateral EU assistance to Israel;**

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Charles Tannock**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls for **Union** support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority **and UNRWA to be strengthened**.

*Amendment*

9. Calls for **a strengthening of the Union's support for conflict resolution and mediation of international conflicts, including the Middle East Peace Process; notes the 3% increase for funding to UNRWA and the Palestinian Authority; whilst recognising its importance and necessity, calls for more oversight to ensure that funds do not reach recognised terrorist groups;**

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls for **Union support** for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be **strengthened**.

*Amendment*

9. Calls for **funding** for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be **ceased to avoid the financing of terrorist groups such as Hamas**;

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Geoffrey Van Orden**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls for Union support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be **strengthened**.

*Amendment*

9. Calls for Union support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be **reviewed following a full audit**;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Brando Benifei, Arne Lietz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls for Union support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be strengthened.

*Amendment*

9. Calls for Union support for the Middle East Peace Process, the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA to be strengthened **in line with the European Parliament resolution of 8 February 2018 on the situation of UNRWA<sup>1a</sup>, in view of the worsening situation on the ground and the decision of the United States to drastically reduce its engagement**;

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<sup>1a</sup> **Texts adopted, P8\_TA-PROV(2018)0042.**

**Amendment 54**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Considers the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) budget to be still under heavy pressure, with the expansion of a number of Common Security and Defence (CSDP) missions risking to exacerbate the problem in 2019; calls for a reversal of the reduction proposed by the Council for other crisis management measures and operations, which would result in less flexibility in dealing with unexpected crises, and to increase CFSP budget commensurably; underlines the importance of continued implementation of the development and security nexus in the Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace and calls for additional funds which are to be implemented under the existing IcSP components;**

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Urmas Paet, Petras Auštrevičius**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Welcomes the increase in commitment appropriations for confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts in Mediterranean countries; underlines in this context the need for appropriate support of vulnerable groups, in**

*particular (unaccompanied) children, women and victims of sexual violence in and outside armed conflict;*

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Sabine Lösing, Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Strongly rejects the establishment of the so-called European Peace Facility since it shall be used to finance training and equipment for the military in third countries as well as EU military operations and will be off-budget and therefore by-passing parliamentary scrutiny and oversight;**

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Marcel de Graaff, Mario Borghezio**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Notes the substantial increase in the 2019 budget for humanitarian aid; stresses that Member States themselves should decide whether humanitarian and/or emergency aid is provided and to which countries; proposes that humanitarian aid is excluded from the 2019 EU budget;**

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

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**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Welcomes the recent adoption of the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) in order to support European Defence cooperation and innovation and stresses the importance of cross-border participation of SMEs and Mid-Caps;**

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Calls for additional funds for the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, given its significant role in crisis response, crisis preparedness, conflict prevention and peace-building;**

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 b. Welcomes the integration of the European Defence Industrial Programme in the 2019 draft budget; considers that, together with the on-going preparatory action for the EU defence research, this programme will contribute to the**

*development of a European defence industry;*

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 b.** *Calls for increased support to non-proliferation and disarmament, in line with the obligations stemming from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and in line with the European Parliament resolution of 27 October 2016 on nuclear security and non-proliferation<sup>1a</sup>;*

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<sup>1a</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2016)0424.*

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Brando Benifei**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9 c.** *Calls for Erasmus+ contributions from all external financing instruments to be increased, as people-to-people contacts and youth mobility are one of the key strategies to enhance the impact of EU external action and its visibility among the public of our partner countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Brando Benifei, Arne Lietz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9 d. Recalls that the effects of climate change have a tangible impact on several aspects of human life and are increasingly being felt in developing countries; calls for an increased allocation for climate action, which better reflects the EU's strong commitment to and increased engagement in climate diplomacy.***

Or. en