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EU Guidelines and the mandate of the EU Special Envoy on the promotion of
freedom of religion or belief outside the EU
(2018/2155(INI))

Amendment 1
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the international legal protection of freedom of **religion or belief** guaranteed by Article 18 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), Article 18 of the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the 1981 Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or Belief, Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Articles 10, 21 and 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Amendment

– having regard to the international legal protection of freedom of **thought, conscience and religion**, guaranteed by Article 18 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), Article 18 of the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the 1981 Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or Belief, Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Articles 10, 21 and 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmaz Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment

– having regard to the international legal protection of freedom of **thought, conscience**, religion or belief guaranteed by Article 18 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), Article 18 of the 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the 1981 Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or

the European Convention on Human Rights and Articles 10, 21 and 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Belief, Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Articles 10, 21 and 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the United Nations Human Rights Council Comment No 22 of 30 July 1993 on Article 18 of the 1948 UDHR and to its Resolution 16/18 of 12 April 2011 on combating intolerance, negative stereotyping and stigmatisation of, and discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against, persons based on religion or belief,

Amendment

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not apply to English version)***

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to **Article 21 of** the Treaty on European Union,

Amendment

– having regard to the Treaty on European Union, **in particular Articles 2 and 21 thereof,**

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the EU Guidelines of 24 June 2013 on the promotion and protection of freedom of *religion or belief*,

Amendment

– having regard to the EU Guidelines of 24 June 2013 on the promotion and protection of freedom of *thought, conscience and religion*,

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the European Parliament recommendation of 13 June 2013 on the draft EU Guidelines on the Promotion and Protection of Freedom of *Religion or Belief*¹,

Amendment

– having regard to the European Parliament recommendation of 13 June 2013 on the draft EU guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of *thought, conscience and religion*¹,

¹ OJ C 65, 19.2.2016, p. 174.

¹ OJ C 65, 19.2.2016, p. 174.

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the European Parliament recommendation of 13 June*

2013 on the draft EU guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief,

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the mandate of the Special Envoy on the promotion of freedom of *religion or belief* outside the EU,

Amendment

– having regard to the mandate of the Special Envoy on the promotion of freedom of *thought, conscience and religion* outside the EU,

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Jordi Solé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the granting of the European Parliament Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought and Expression to Saudi blogger and activist Raif Badawi in 2015 for his remarkable efforts to foster open discussion of religion and politics in his country; having regard to his continued detention following his sentencing to 10 years in jail, 1000 lashes and a large fine for supposedly "insulting Islam",*

Or. en

Amendment 10

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of religion *or* belief (**FoRB**) *is a* human *right* inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Amendment

A. whereas the right to freedom of **thought, conscience**, religion *and* belief, **and the rights to apostasy and to espouse atheistics views are** human *rights* inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of **religion or belief (FoRB)** is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Amendment

A. whereas the right to freedom of **thought, conscience and religion** is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, **the European Convention on Human Rights** and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 12

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Amendment

A. whereas ***the freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief, commonly referred to as*** the right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Amendment

A. whereas the right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals, ***on a par with all others***, which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Amendment 14

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Amendment

A. whereas the right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) is a human right inherent to all human beings and a fundamental right of individuals which should be subjected to no kind of discrimination, as enshrined by international and European founding texts, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ***the European Convention on Human Rights*** and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas everyone has the right to respect for all human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, without discrimination on grounds of race, ethnicity, ability, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or absence of religious beliefs;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the principle of the separation of church and state is a prime constitutional principle worldwide and in Europe;

Or. nl

Amendment 17
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas secularism is a characteristic of certain states and cultures that must be preserved and is defined as the emancipation of society and State from all religious control and vice versa, guaranteeing to all, whether believers, agnostics or atheists, equal freedom of not only conscience but also public expression of belief (especially worship), subject only to public order in a democratic society and respect for the freedom of others.

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. *whereas the European Parliament has defined secularism as strict separation between religious and political authority, which implies rejection of any religious interference in the functioning of public institutions and of any public interference in religious affairs, except to uphold the rules governing the preservation of public safety and order (including respect for the freedom of others) and guarantee to all, whether believers, agnostics or atheists, the same freedom of conscience;*

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. *whereas, under Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union, the Union's actions on the international scene shall be guided by the principles that have led to its creation; whereas, under Article 2 of the Treaty, the Union is founded on societies in which pluralism and tolerance prevail;*

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. *whereas FoRB implies the right of*

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the individual to *choose what to believe*, the right to change one's religion *and convictions without any constraints*, and *the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice*, whether individually or in community and *whether* in private or in public; *whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed* in worship, *teaching*, practice and *observance*; whereas *FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;*

unlimited right of the individual to *have whatever belief, including theistic, non-theistic and atheistic beliefs*, and the right to change one's religion *or belief*; *whereas FoRB also includes the freedom, either individually or in community with others and in private or in public, to manifest one's religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching*; whereas *no one shall be subject to coercion which would impair one's freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of one's choice; whereas freedom to manifest one's religion or belief may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others;*

Or. en

Amendment 21

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas *FoRB* implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas *FoRB* entails the right of believers' communities to preserve

Amendment

B. whereas *freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief* implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe *or to not believe*, the right to change *and quit* one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice

their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of **FoRB**, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy **FoRB** on an equal basis;

and observance; whereas **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** entails the right of believers' **and non-believers'** communities to preserve **or quit** their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious **and non-confessional** organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief**, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on **thought, conscience, religion or belief**, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** on an equal basis;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for **their** religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and

Amendment

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe **and not to believe**, the right to change **or abandon** one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion **or theistic, non-theistic or atheistic belief** of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public, **the right to not to profess any religion or belief, and the right to express critical or satirical opinions on religions and religious authorities as a legitimate expression of freedom of thought or artistic creation**; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and

effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' **and non-believers'** communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for **the religious and non-confessional** organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

Amendment

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe **or not to believe**, the right to change **or renounce** one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice **or refuse to do so**, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance **as well as by apostasy and criticism of dogma**; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' **or lay** communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious **or secular** organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or

belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis *whether or not they are believers*;

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

Amendment

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe *or the right not to believe*, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, *with due regard for the constitutional arrangements of each democratic order*, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

Or. it

Amendment 25
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose *what to believe*, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

Amendment

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose *their beliefs or lack of them*, the right to *leave or* change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be

Amendment

B. whereas FoRB implies the right of the individual to choose what to believe, the right to change one's religion and convictions without any constraints, and the right to practise and manifest the religion of one's choice, whether individually or in community and whether in private or in public; whereas the manifestation of religion or belief can be

expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

expressed in worship, teaching, practice and observance, ***provided that the expression of religious beliefs does not involve the commission of criminal offences and is not used for proselytism***; whereas FoRB entails the right of believers' communities to preserve their ethos and to act in accordance with it, and the entitlement for their religious organisations to have recognised legal personality; whereas protecting individuals adhering to any religion or none and effectively addressing violations of FoRB, such as discrimination or legal restrictions based on religion or belief, are primordial conditions to ensure that individuals may enjoy FoRB on an equal basis;

Or. el

Amendment 27
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas theistic, non-theistic and atheistic beliefs, as well as the right not to profess any religion or belief are also protected under Article 18 ICCPR, whereas holding or not holding a religion or belief is an absolute right and may not be limited under any circumstances;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas ***FoRB is indivisible, is interdependent on and interrelated to fundamental freedoms and other human rights, and is a cornerstone human right that protects the core of human dignity;***

Amendment

C. whereas ***all human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and freedom to manifest one's religion or belief includes and is dependent on elements of many other human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly and association and should be considered a basic human right protecting one's fundamental outlook on life;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas FoRB is indivisible, is interdependent on and interrelated to ***fundamental freedoms*** and other human rights, and ***is a cornerstone human right that protects the core of human dignity;***

Amendment

C. whereas FoRB is indivisible, is interdependent on and interrelated to ***freedom of expression*** and other human rights, and ***together they play an important role in the fight against all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief;***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas ***FoRB*** is indivisible, is

Amendment

C. whereas ***freedom of thought,***

interdependent on and interrelated to fundamental freedoms and other human rights, and is a cornerstone human right ***that protects the core of human dignity***;

conscience, religion and belief is indivisible, is interdependent on and interrelated to fundamental freedoms and other human rights, and is a cornerstone human right;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas freedom of religion must cease at the point where its practice would violate the rights and freedoms of others, and whereas the practice of a religion or pursuit of a conviction can never, under any pretext, justify violent extremism or mutilation, nor can it give anybody free rein to act in ways detrimental to the inherent dignity of the individual;

Or. nl

Amendment 32
Jordi Solé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas FoRB directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of FoRB are ***increasingly*** widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

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Amendment 33

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas FoRB directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of FoRB are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Amendment

D. whereas ***the unfettered exercise of*** FoRB directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of FoRB are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas ***FoRB directly contributes*** to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of ***FoRB*** are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Amendment

D. whereas ***freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief may contribute*** to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of ***freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief*** are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas FoRB directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of FoRB are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Amendment

D. whereas **respect for** FoRB directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of FoRB are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas **FoRB** directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of **FoRB** are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Amendment

D. whereas **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and may exacerbate intolerance, often constituting early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;
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Or. fr

Amendment 37

Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas FoRB directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of FoRB are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and **may exacerbate intolerance**, often **constituting** early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Amendment

D. whereas FoRB directly contributes to democracy, development, the rule of law, peace and stability; whereas violations of FoRB are increasingly widespread, affect people in all parts of the world and **are among the most odious human rights abuses, as they encroach upon the most intimate areas of human life, inevitably give rise to intolerance and** often **constitute** early indicators of potential violence and conflicts;

Or. it

Amendment 38

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas states have a primary role in ensuring FoRB, and must ensure that their legal system provide adequate and effective guarantees of freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief to all, and that these provisions are properly enforced; whereas states must exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate and punish acts of violence, or the threat thereof, against persons based on their religion or belief, as well as ensure accountability in case such violations occur;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas 22 countries still criminalise apostasy, including 12 where it is punishable by death; whereas blasphemy is criminalized in 43 countries and is punishable by death in 6 countries; whereas at least 14 EU Member States maintain criminal blasphemy or religious insult laws; whereas the UN-sponsored Rabat Plan of Action on the prohibition of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence of 2013, recommends that "States that have blasphemy laws should repeal them, as such laws have a stifling impact on the enjoyment of freedom of religion or belief, and healthy dialogue and debate about religion;"

Or. en

Amendment 40

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas the non-religious, and secular and humanist organizations are facing growing persecution, including unprecedented waves of incitement and hatred and killings, in a number of countries; whereas countless individuals and civil society organisations are under assault for peacefully questioning,

*criticizing or satirizing religious beliefs;
whereas this ongoing violation of their
freedom of thought and of expression
occurs across geographic and cultural
borders, including within EU Member
States;*

Or. en

Amendment 41
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Ea. whereas religious restrictions and
hostilities, imposed by governments or
societies, still persist in many countries;
whereas certain religious minorities have
faced heightened threat and persecution
from state and non-state actors; whereas
human rights defenders around the world
fighting for FoRB are coming under
increasing threat and attacks;*

Or. en

Amendment 42
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas, in pursuit of the objective of advancing **FoRB** through the EU's foreign policy, the Council adopted in June 2013 the EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of **religion or belief**, and in May 2016 the Commission appointed the first Special Envoy for the promotion of **FoRB** outside the EU, for a

F. whereas, in pursuit of the objective of advancing **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** through the EU's foreign policy, the Council adopted in June 2013 the EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** and in May 2016 the Commission appointed the

one-year mandate which has since been twice renewed on a yearly basis;

first Special Envoy for the promotion of ***freedom of thought, conscience and religion*** outside the EU, for a one-year mandate which has since been twice renewed on a yearly basis;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the EU ***has promoted*** FoRB, at international level and through multilateral fora, in particular by taking the lead on thematic resolutions on FoRB at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and supporting the mandate of and engaging with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, but also through cooperation with those third countries that have similar FoRB guidelines and special envoys, such as the United States;

Amendment

G. whereas the EU ***must promote*** FoRB, at international level and through multilateral fora, in particular by taking the lead on thematic resolutions on FoRB at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and supporting the mandate of and engaging with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, but also through cooperation with those third countries that have similar FoRB guidelines and special envoys, such as the United States;

Or. it

Amendment 44
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the EU has promoted FoRB, at international level and through multilateral fora, in particular by taking the lead on thematic resolutions on FoRB at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

Amendment

G. whereas the EU has promoted FoRB, at international level and through multilateral fora, in particular by taking the lead on thematic resolutions on FoRB at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

and supporting the mandate of and engaging with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, but also through cooperation with *those* third countries *that have similar FoRB guidelines and special envoys, such as the United States*;

and supporting the mandate of and engaging with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, but also through cooperation with *like-minded* third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the promotion of **FoRB**, including through civil society support for the protection of the rights of individuals belonging to religious and belief minorities, support for human rights defenders (HRDs) and the fight against discrimination on grounds *of* religion and belief , as well as the promotion of intercultural and interreligious dialogue, is a funding priority under the 2014-2020 European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); whereas the European Development Fund (EDF) and EU financial instruments such as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) have also supported projects that are conducive to improving the environment for **FoRB**;

Amendment

H. whereas the promotion of **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** , including through civil society support for the protection of the rights of **believers and non-believers**, individuals belonging to religious and belief minorities **in particular**, support for human rights defenders (HRDs) and the fight against discrimination on grounds **such as** religion and belief , as well as the promotion of intercultural and interreligious dialogue, is a funding priority under the 2014-2020 European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); whereas the European Development Fund (EDF) and EU financial instruments such as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) have also supported projects that are conducive to improving the environment for **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** ;

Or. fr

Amendment 46

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the promotion of **FoRB**, including through civil society support for the protection of the rights of individuals belonging to religious and belief minorities, support for human rights defenders (HRDs) and the fight against discrimination on grounds of religion and belief, as well as the promotion of intercultural and interreligious dialogue, is a funding priority under the 2014-2020 European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); whereas the European Development Fund (EDF) and EU financial instruments such as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) have also supported projects that are conducive to improving the environment for FoRB;

Amendment

H. whereas the promotion of **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief**, including through civil society support for the protection of the rights of individuals belonging to religious and belief minorities **and non-believers**, support for human rights defenders (HRDs) and the fight against discrimination on grounds of religion and belief, as well as the promotion of intercultural and interreligious dialogue, is a funding priority under the 2014-2020 European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); whereas the European Development Fund (EDF) and EU financial instruments such as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) have also supported projects that are conducive to improving the environment for FoRB;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an **important undeniable pillar of human**

Amendment

1. Stresses that religion or belief, **as well as the right not to be religious**, is an

identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing;

element in the personal development of any individual, and that the individual must be allowed the individual freedom to organise his personal life in accordance with his or her own convictions, and therefore the public authorities must in an appropriate manner anticipate the reality that societies will develop in the direction of greater pluralism of philosophies of life;

Or. nl

Amendment 48

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief *is an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing;*

Amendment

1. Stresses that religion or belief *for anyone who professes either, is one of the fundamental elements in one conception of life and* must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief is *an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and*

Amendment

1. Stresses that *freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief is a universal human right, greatly impacting all individuals and societies, and is therefore a principle that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper*

addressing;

recognition and addressing;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief **is an important** undeniable **pillar** of human identity, **greatly** impacting individuals and societies, **and is therefore a reality that must** not be neglected **or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing**;

Amendment

1. Stresses that religion or belief **or non-belief continues to represent an** undeniable **aspect** of human identity, impacting individuals and societies; **observes that atheism and the non-religious population are growing rapidly worldwide and should** not be neglected **in the EU policy framework on freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief**;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, Javier Nart, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Ivo Vajgl, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion **or** belief **is an important undeniable** pillar of **human** identity, **greatly** impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies **but requires proper recognition and addressing**;

Amendment

1. Stresses that **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief or to not believe is a** pillar of **personal** identity impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of human **identity**, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing;

Amendment

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of **democracy and human dignity**, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing;

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing;

Amendment

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing, ***in line with the humanitarian values of the European Union such as those enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights***;

Or. fr

Amendment 54
Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and **addressing**;

Amendment

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and **protection**;

Or. it

Amendment 55

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing;

Amendment

1. Stresses that religion or belief is an important undeniable pillar of human identity, greatly impacting individuals and societies, and is therefore a reality that must not be neglected or denied in policies but requires proper recognition and addressing; ***affirms that freedom of religion and conscience includes the fundamental role of parents in the education of their children, a role that must be protected from state interference***;

Or. fr

Amendment 56

Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Calls for the promotion of religious tolerance, respect for diversity

and mutual understanding in order to create an environment conducive for exercising individuals' right to freedom of religion or belief;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Considers that secularism, defined as strict separation between religious and political authority, implies rejection of any religious interference in the functioning of public institutions and of any public interference in religious affairs, except to uphold the rules governing the preservation of public safety and order, ensure respect for the freedom of others and guarantee to all, whether believers, agnostics or atheists, the same freedom of conscience;

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience **and religion**, commonly referred as **freedom of religion or belief (FoRB)**, as a **fundamental** human right and a **founding** value of the EU, has

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion **and belief or to not believe**, and the **rights to apostasy and to espouse atheistic views are an important** human right and a value of the

to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee **FoRB** in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

EU, **and** has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors **as well as enhanced through interreligious and intercultural dialogue**; underscores the duty of states to guarantee **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded **by all actors**; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Amendment

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded **everywhere, including in EU member states**; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB **and treat all individuals equally, without discrimination on the basis of their religion or belief; including persons holding non-theistic or atheistic beliefs, religious minorities and indigenous people**; in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, **commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to** be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee **FoRB** in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Amendment

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, **is** a fundamental human right **that must** be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Amendment

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB **efficiently and effectively** in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Or. it

Amendment 62
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Amendment

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs, ***but not to allow the imposition of a religion on their nationals by emotional pressure but also by force;***

Or. el

Amendment 63
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs;

Amendment

2. Affirms that the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, commonly referred as freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), as a fundamental human right and a founding value of the EU, has to be duly protected, promoted and safeguarded by all actors; underscores the duty of states to guarantee FoRB in order to preserve peaceful, democratic and pluralistic societies that are respectful of diversity and beliefs; ***points out that conscientious objection is, legally speaking, encompassed by freedom of conscience;***

Or. fr

Amendment 64

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of ***FoRB worldwide, including persecution based on*** religion or belief; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of ***FoRB*** undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting ***FoRB***;

Amendment

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of ***freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, and persecution of believers and non-believers worldwide***; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of ***freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief*** undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting ***freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief and the rights to apostasy and to espouse atheistic views***;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen ***a dramatic rise in*** violations of FoRB worldwide,

Amendment

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen ***widespread*** violations of FoRB worldwide, including

including persecution based on religion or belief; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of FoRB *undermine democracy, impede development, and* negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; *emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting FoRB;*

persecution based on *thought, conscience,* religion or belief; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; *deplores in particular the ongoing rollback and regression on sexual and reproductive rights of women and girl and rights of LGBTI persons, notably under the guise of religious principles or doctrine;* stresses that violations of *individual rights, including* FoRB, negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Marie-Christine Vergiat, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of **FoRB** worldwide, including persecution based on religion or belief; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of **FoRB** undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting FoRB;

Amendment

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** worldwide, including persecution based on religion or belief; **condemns the exploitation of religious issues for political ends in numerous countries in recent years;** stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and

its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting FoRB;

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of FoRB worldwide, including persecution based on religion or belief; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of FoRB undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting FoRB;

Amendment

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of FoRB worldwide, including persecution based on religion or belief, ***with alarming data of over 215 million persecuted Christians being the most numerous persecuted denomination around the world, persecuted Muslims of different denominations including Rohingya people, Yazidis and persecuted Buddhist, Falun Dafa and Bahá'ís***; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of FoRB undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting FoRB ***for all***;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of FoRB worldwide, including persecution based on religion or belief; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of FoRB undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting FoRB;

Amendment

3. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that recent years have seen a dramatic rise in violations of FoRB worldwide, including persecution based on religion or belief; stresses that these violations are frequently at the root of or increasingly exacerbate wars or other forms of armed conflict, resulting in violations of humanitarian law, including mass murders or genocide; stresses that violations of FoRB undermine democracy, impede development, and negatively affect the enjoyment of other fundamental freedoms and rights; emphasises that this obligates the international community, the EU and its Member States to reaffirm their determination and strengthen their actions in promoting FoRB; ***at the same time, is deeply concerned about the attempts made by the followers of some religions to impose the rites and customs of their own religion in the areas in which they reside;***

Or. el

Amendment 69
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Reaffirms that freedom of thought, conscience and religion includes the freedom to believe or not to believe, to practice or not the religion of one's choice, to give up or change religion; considers, therefore, that the right to apostasy and the right to espouse atheistic views, must be enhanced unconditionally through interreligious and intercultural

dialogue; deplores that certain state actors are taking measures such as the adoption and implementation of blasphemy laws in order to limit freedom of thought, conscience and religion and freedom of expression; requests that further action be taken to protect religious and cultural minorities, non-believers and atheists and calls for support to be given to the victims of blasphemy laws; and calls on the EU and its Member States to step up their engagement in political discussions in a bid to repeal such laws;

Or. fr

Amendment 70

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Denounces the recourse to blasphemy, apostasy or other accusations based on religious grounds, in order to crack-down on human rights defenders in relation to their legitimate activities, including on the Internet and social media, and more broadly to restrict civil society space; in this context, denounces the continued detention of Sakharov Prize laureate Raif Badawi after an unlawful trial and presses the Saudi authorities to immediately and unconditionally release him;*

Or. en

Amendment 71

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 21 TEU, the EU and its Member States have pledged to enhance respect for human rights, as a principle guiding EU foreign policy; strongly welcomes the fact that the 2013 EU Guidelines mainstream **this fundamental freedom** into EU foreign policy and external actions, and in this regard calls for **its** further strengthening;

Amendment

4. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 21 TEU, the EU and its Member States have pledged to enhance respect for human rights, as a principle guiding EU foreign policy; strongly welcomes the fact that the 2013 EU Guidelines mainstream **the promotion and protection of FoRB** into EU foreign policy and external actions, and in this regard calls for further strengthening **activities aimed at awareness raising and implementation of the Guidelines**;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 21 TEU, the EU and its Member States have pledged to enhance respect for human rights, as a principle guiding EU foreign policy; strongly welcomes the fact that the 2013 EU Guidelines mainstream this fundamental freedom into EU foreign policy and external actions, **and in this regard calls for its further strengthening**;

Amendment

4. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 21 TEU, the EU and its Member States have pledged to enhance respect for human rights, as a principle guiding EU foreign policy; strongly welcomes the fact that the 2013 EU Guidelines mainstream this fundamental freedom into EU foreign policy and external actions;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 TEU, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with **churches and** religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; highlights the supporting effect of these dialogues for respect for other human rights, equal rights for women, children's rights, as well as for democracy, development, the rule of law, good governance, peace and stability, and environmental **and labour standards**; **stresses that such interreligious and intercultural dialogues are often met by greater openness by some EU international partners and create a starting-point for progress in other areas**;

Amendment

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 TEU, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; highlights the supporting effect of these dialogues for respect for other human rights, equal rights for women, children's rights, as well as for democracy, development, the rule of law, good governance, peace and stability, and environmental;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 **TEU**, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with churches and religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; **highlights the supporting effect of these dialogues for respect for other human rights, equal rights for women, children's rights, as well as for democracy, development, the rule of law, good governance, peace and stability, and environmental and labour standards**; **stresses that such interreligious and intercultural dialogues are often met by greater openness by some EU**

Amendment

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 **TFEU**, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with churches and religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations;

international partners and create a starting-point for progress in other areas;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Louis Michel, Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 TEU, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with churches and religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; ***highlights the supporting effect of these dialogues for respect for other human rights, equal rights for women, children's rights, as well as for democracy, development, the rule of law, good governance, peace and stability, and environmental and labour standards;*** stresses that such interreligious and intercultural dialogues are often met by greater openness by some EU international partners and create a starting-point for progress in other areas;

Amendment

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 TEU, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with churches and religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; stresses that such interreligious and intercultural dialogues are often met by greater openness by some EU international partners and ***can*** create a starting-point for progress in other areas;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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dialogues with churches and religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; highlights the supporting effect of these dialogues for respect for other human rights, equal rights for women, children's rights, as well as for democracy, development, the rule of law, good governance, peace and stability, and environmental and labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 **TEU**, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with churches and religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; highlights the supporting effect of these dialogues for respect for other human rights, equal rights for women, children's rights, as well as for democracy, development, the rule of law, good governance, peace and stability, and environmental and labour standards; stresses that such interreligious and intercultural dialogues are often met by greater openness by some EU international partners and create a starting-point for progress in other areas;

Amendment

5. Stresses that, in accordance with Article 17 **TFEU**, the EU is committed to maintaining open, transparent and regular dialogues with churches and religious, philosophical and non-confessional organisations; highlights the supporting effect of these dialogues for respect for other human rights, equal rights for women, children's rights, as well as for democracy, development, the rule of law, good governance, peace and stability, and environmental and labour standards; stresses that such interreligious and intercultural dialogues are often met by greater openness by some EU international partners and create a starting-point for progress in other areas;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Condemns the persecution of and attacks under religious basis against ethnic, religious groups, non-believers, atheists, women or other minorities such as LGBTI and calls for immediate accountability of such violations; condemns forced conversions and harmful practices such as female genital mutilation, forced marriages and certain other practices associated with or perceived as manifestations of a religion or belief; opposes such practices that often affect women and girls, members of religious minorities and persons on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity and stresses that they may constitute violations of international human rights standards;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Petras Auštrevičius, Sophia in 't Veld, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Stresses the importance of reaching out to non-believers in countries where they cannot organise and cannot benefit from the freedom of assembly;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. *Stresses the need to include a human rights clause in all agreements on trade or cooperation with non-EU countries stipulating the importance of human rights and the necessity to enforce them and to ensure that respect for human rights and democratic development is mainstreamed across development cooperation;*

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

EU strategy to promote and protect **FoRB** through international relations and cooperation

EU strategy to promote and protect **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** through international relations and cooperation

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Welcomes the enhancement of the

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promotion of **FoRB** in EU foreign policy and external actions over recent years, in particular through the EU Global Strategy for foreign policy and security and the 2015-2019 EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy; welcomes the fact that this enhancement is being met with an increased commitment on the part of many partner countries to comply with the respective Articles 18 of the UDHR and ICCPR;

promotion of **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** in EU foreign policy and external actions over recent years, in particular through the EU Global Strategy for foreign policy and security and the 2015-2019 EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy; welcomes the fact that this enhancement is being met with an increased commitment on the part of many partner countries to comply with the respective Articles 18 of the UDHR and ICCPR;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the enhancement of the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and external actions over recent years, in particular through the EU Global Strategy for foreign policy and security and the 2015-2019 EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy; **welcomes the fact that this enhancement is being met with an increased commitment on the part of many partner countries to comply with the respective Articles 18 of the UDHR and ICCPR;**

Amendment

6. Welcomes the enhancement of the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and external actions over recent years, in particular through the EU Global Strategy for foreign policy and security and the 2015-2019 EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy; **refers in this respect to the activities of the EU Special Representative for Human Rights who consistently raised FoRB, inter alia, during High Level Human Rights Dialogues with third countries;**

Or. en

Amendment 84
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Commends** the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of **FoRB** outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016; **considers the appointment of the Special Envoy as an important step forward and a clear recognition of FoRB as one of the core parts of the human rights agenda of EU foreign policy and external actions, both bilateral and multilateral, and within development cooperation; praises the Special Envoy for his continuous engagement and cooperation and complementarity of actions with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on this issue, including the promotion of the EU Guidelines; commends the Commissioner on International Cooperation and Development, together with the Commission's DG DEVCO, for actively supporting the Special Envoy;**

Amendment

7. **Notes** the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016;

Or. fr

Amendment 85

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7**

Motion for a resolution

7. **Commends** the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016; **considers the appointment of the Special Envoy as an important step forward and a clear recognition of FoRB as one of the core parts of the human**

Amendment

7. **Notes** the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016; **considers the appointment of the Special Envoy as an important step forward and a clear recognition of freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief**

rights agenda of EU foreign policy and external actions, both bilateral and multilateral, and within development cooperation; **praises** the Special Envoy **for his** continuous engagement and cooperation **and complementarity** of actions with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on this issue, including the promotion of the EU Guidelines; **commends the Commissioner on International Cooperation and Development, together with the Commission's DG DEVCO, for actively supporting the Special Envoy;**

within the human rights agenda of EU foreign policy and external actions, both bilateral and multilateral, and within development cooperation; **affirms that** the Special Envoy **should clearly advocate for freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief that also includes the rights to not believe, apostasy and to espouse atheistic views; in this sense also stresses the need to pay a particular attention to the situation of non-believers at risks; supports the Special Envoy** continuous engagement and cooperation of actions with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on this issue, including the promotion of the EU Guidelines;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Commends** the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016; considers the appointment of the Special Envoy as **an important step forward and** a clear recognition of FoRB **as one of the core parts of** the human rights agenda of EU foreign policy and external actions, both bilateral and multilateral, and within development cooperation; **praises** the Special **Envoy for his continuous** engagement and cooperation **and complementarity of actions** with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on this issue, including the promotion of the EU Guidelines; **commends the Commissioner on**

Amendment

7. **Takes note of** the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016; **yet regrets that the appointment of Mr Figel as Special Envoy was announced by European Commission President Juncker from Vatican City;** considers the appointment of the Special Envoy as a clear recognition of FoRB **within** the human rights agenda of EU foreign policy and external actions, both bilateral and multilateral, and within development cooperation; **stresses the importance of** the Special **Envoy's** engagement and cooperation with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on this issue, including the promotion of

International Cooperation and Development, together with the Commission's DG DEVCO, for actively supporting the Special Envoy;

the EU Guidelines;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Commends the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016; considers the appointment of the Special Envoy as an important step forward and a clear recognition of FoRB as ***one of the core parts*** of the human rights agenda of EU foreign policy and external actions, both bilateral and multilateral, and within development cooperation; ***praises*** the Special Envoy ***for his continuous*** engagement and cooperation and complementarity of actions with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on this issue, including the promotion of the EU Guidelines; ***commends the Commissioner on International Cooperation and Development, together with the Commission's DG DEVCO, for actively supporting the Special Envoy;***

Amendment

7. Commends the creation of the post of Special Envoy for the promotion of FoRB outside the EU in 2016 by the President of the Commission, in response to the resolution of Parliament of 4 February 2016; considers the appointment of the Special Envoy as an important step forward and a clear recognition of FoRB as ***part*** of the human rights agenda of EU foreign policy and external actions, both bilateral and multilateral, and within development cooperation; ***encourages*** the Special Envoy ***to continue his*** engagement and cooperation and complementarity of actions with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on this issue, including the promotion of the EU Guidelines;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

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Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote FoRB **and** inter- and intra-religious dialogues **with** the prevention of violent extremism **on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;**

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote FoRB **with religious and belief literacy in general; recognises in this respect the positive role religious and belief communities and their organisations can play for the promotion of development, good governance, humanitarian aid and peace-keeping through reconciliation activities; is convinced of the usefulness of** inter- and intra-religious **and belief** dialogues **for** the prevention of violent extremism;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Renate Weber, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote **FoRB** and inter- and intra-religious dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** and inter- and intra-religious, **inter-convictional and cultural** dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations; **underlines that non-confessional, humanist and "laique" organisations are also key actors in preventing violent extremism;**

Or. en

Amendment 90

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote **FORB** and inter- and intra-religious dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote **freedom of thought, conscience and religion and intercultural** and inter- and intra-religious dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;

Or. fr

Amendment 91

Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote **FORB** and inter- and intra-religious dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote **freedom of thought, conscience and religion and interphilosophical** and inter- and intra-religious dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;

Or. fr

Amendment 92

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote FoRB and inter- and intra-religious dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of linking up efforts to promote FoRB and inter- and intra-religious ***as well as inter-convictional*** dialogues with the prevention of violent extremism on a complementary and mutually reinforcing basis, in particular within neighbouring and other countries with which the EU has special relations;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Highlights the importance of interfaith dialogue and dialogue between cultures as a significant way to advance freedom of religion in the world;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses the need to further engage in an open, regular and transparent manner with a wide range of representatives to promote and protect FoRB, including religious leaders and actors, scholars, Churches and other faith-based organisations, non-believers' groups, national human rights institutions, human rights defenders,

*women's rights and youth organisations,
civil society representatives and the
media;*

Or. en

Amendment 95

Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Calls for increased cooperation to prevent the persecution of religious minorities, create conditions for peaceful coexistence in diverse societies, and ensure ongoing dialogue between majority and minority churches and communities;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Encourages the Commission to reflect on new ways to promote and protect FoRB, and address FoRB violations, in particular through human rights conditionality clauses in trade agreements and cooperation agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Emphasises the importance of enhancing the promotion and protection of FoRB into human rights dialogues; calls on the EEAS and the EU Delegations to identify with their local interlocutors a set of common objectives to advance FoRB through human rights dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8d. Considers that religious illiteracy, as well as the lack of knowledge and recognition of the role that religions play for a large part of humankind, fuel bias and stereotypes that contribute to increase tensions, misunderstanding and disrespectful and unfair treatment towards attitudes and behaviours of large part of populations; stresses the importance of education for preserving and building FoRB worldwide and fighting intolerance; calls on media communication and social media leaders to contribute positively and respectfully to public debates avoiding negative biases and stereotypes towards religions and believers, and exercise their freedom of expression in a responsible manner as required by Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Right;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

Amendment

9. Deplores the fact that some countries ***in order to limit freedom of religion and belief and freedom of expression***, have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU to ***take further actions and increase its political engagement to*** prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws ***and protect the ones at risk***;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU

Amendment

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; ***urges the EU to include a dialogue on respect for this freedom in any negotiations undertaken with a view to the conclusion of trade***

to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

agreements, and to rule out the possibility of concluding such agreements with countries whose criminal law includes such provisions; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

Or. it

Amendment 101
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

Amendment

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; ***deplores the fact that such laws are often used as a form of anti-minority oppression, as well as political oppression,*** also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Dennis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts **of a religious dimension**; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

Amendment

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts **in which religious issues are most frequently exploited**; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

Or. fr

Amendment 103

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws;

Amendment

9. Deplores the fact that some countries have, enforce or seek to introduce penal laws providing punishment for blasphemy, conversion or apostasy, including the death penalty; also draws attention to the situation of some other countries facing or being at risk of conflicts of a religious dimension; calls for the EU to prioritise in its foreign policy efforts towards all the countries concerned with a view to the repeal of such discriminatory laws **and to put an end to the repression of human rights defenders and the shrinking of civil society space on religious grounds**;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Petras Auštrevičius, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Denounces the recourse to blasphemy, apostasy or other accusations based on religious grounds, in order to crack-down on human rights defenders in relation to their legitimate activities, including on social media, and more broadly to restrict civil society space; condemns the continued detention of Sakharov Prize laureate Raif Badawi after an unlawful trial and presses the Saudi authorities to immediately and unconditionally release him;

Or. en

**Amendment 105
Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Special Envoy **for** the promotion of freedom of **religion or belief** outside the EU

Special Envoy **on** the promotion of freedom of **thought, conscience and religion** outside the EU

Or. fr

**Amendment 106
Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as well as with other stakeholders; deplores, however, the fact that the Special Envoy's mandate was not established and consolidated with sufficient human and financial resources;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 107

Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as well as with other stakeholders; ***deplores, however, the fact that the Special Envoy's mandate was not established and consolidated with sufficient human and financial resources;***

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as well as with other stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as

well as with other stakeholders; *deplores, however, the fact that the Special Envoy's mandate was not established and consolidated with sufficient human and financial resources;*

well as with other stakeholders;

Or. fr

Amendment 109

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed *effective* working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as well as with other stakeholders; *deplores, however, the fact that the Special Envoy's mandate was not established and consolidated with sufficient human and financial resources;*

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as well as with other stakeholders; *calls on the Special Envoy to coordinate closely also with the European External Action Service and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and to report annually on the countries visited and his thematic priorities; encourages the Special Envoy not to neglect the situation of non-believers and to enhance his outreach and advocacy in relation to the non-confessional dimension of his mandate;*

Or. en

Amendment 110

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working

networks within the Commission, the Council, *and* the European Parliament, *as well as with* other stakeholders; *deplores*, however, *the fact* that the Special *Envoy's* mandate was not *established and consolidated with sufficient* human and financial resources;

networks within the Commission, *as well as with* the Council, the European Parliament, *and* other stakeholders; *regrets*, however, that *due to his place within the Commission, and despite attempts to come to informal arrangements, co-operation between* the Special *Envoy and the EEAS* was not *optimal and made it difficult for the Special Envoy to draw upon the EEAS'* human and financial resources;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as well as with other stakeholders; *deplores*, however, the fact that the Special Envoy's mandate was not established and consolidated with sufficient human and financial resources;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the fact that the Special Envoy has developed effective working networks within the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, as well as with other stakeholders; *regrets*, however, the fact that the Special Envoy's mandate was not established and consolidated with sufficient human and financial resources;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Welcomes the Special Envoy's actions based on work plans focusing support and engagement along

Amendment

geographical and thematic priorities and initiatives at bilateral and multilateral levels;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to strengthen the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties, developing a systemic institutionalisation of working networks established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions or establishing the position of the EU Special Representative for FoRB;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 114
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to strengthen the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties, developing a systemic institutionalisation of working networks established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions or establishing

deleted

the position of the EU Special Representative for FoRB;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Petras Auštrevičius, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to ***strengthen*** the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, ***by earmarking*** funding and human resources ***adequate to the*** Envoy's duties, ***developing a systemic institutionalisation of working networks established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions or establishing the position of the EU Special Representative for FoRB;***

Amendment

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to ***make an assessment of*** the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, ***in order to establish if necessary adequate*** funding and human resources ***to carry out*** Envoy's duties ***that should focus on promoting freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief, and the rights to apostasy and to espouse atheistic views;*** ***calls on*** the Special Envoy ***to annually report on his achievements and priorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 116

Jordi Solé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to ***strengthen the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties, developing a systemic***

Amendment

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to ***carry out a transparent and comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness and added value of the creation of the position of*** the Special Envoy, ***including in terms of possible***

*institutionalisation of working networks established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions or establishing the position of the EU Special Representative for **FoRB**;*

*duplication with the EU Special Representative for **Human Rights**, before considering to renew the mandate;*

Or. en

Amendment 117
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to **strengthen** the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties, **developing a systemic institutionalisation of working networks established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions or establishing the position of the EU Special Representative for **FoRB**;**

Amendment

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to **continue supporting** the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to **strengthen** the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, **by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties, developing a systemic institutionalisation of working networks**

Amendment

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to **maintain** the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity;

established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions or establishing the position of the EU Special Representative for FoRB;

Or. fr

Amendment 119
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to strengthen the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties, developing a systemic institutionalisation of working networks established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions *or establishing the position of the EU Special Representative for FoRB;*

Amendment

11. Calls on the Council and the Commission to strengthen the Special Envoy's institutional mandate and capacity, by earmarking funding and human resources adequate to the Envoy's duties, developing a systemic institutionalisation of working networks established by the Special Envoy within all relevant EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to reflect on creating the EU Special Representative for FoRB; considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should include:

(a) enhancing the visibility, effectiveness, coherence and

Amendment

deleted

accountability of the EU's FoRB policy outside the EU;

(b) providing the European Parliament, the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission with an annual progress report and a comprehensive implementation report on the mandate at the end thereof;

(c) working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM);

(d) being a high-level interlocutor for his or her counterparts in third countries and at international organisations, also able to engage with the UN (UNGA, UNHRC, etc.) as well as relevant regional organisations;

(e) chairing high-level dialogues on FoRB and interreligious and intercultural issues and leading consultations with third countries on FoRB issues;

Or. fr

Amendment 121

Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to reflect on creating the EU Special Representative for FoRB; considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should include:

deleted

(a) enhancing the visibility, effectiveness, coherence and accountability of the EU's FoRB policy

outside the EU;

(b) providing the European Parliament, the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission with an annual progress report and a comprehensive implementation report on the mandate at the end thereof;

(c) working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM);

(d) being a high-level interlocutor for his or her counterparts in third countries and at international organisations, also able to engage with the UN (UNGA, UNHRC, etc.) as well as relevant regional organisations;

(e) chairing high-level dialogues on FoRB and interreligious and intercultural issues and leading consultations with third countries on FoRB issues;

Or. fr

Amendment 122

Petras Auštrevičius, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to reflect on creating the EU Special Representative for FoRB; considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should include:

deleted

(a) enhancing the visibility, effectiveness, coherence and accountability of the EU's FoRB policy

outside the EU;

(b) providing the European Parliament, the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission with an annual progress report and a comprehensive implementation report on the mandate at the end thereof;

(c) working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM);

(d) being a high-level interlocutor for his or her counterparts in third countries and at international organisations, also able to engage with the UN (UNGA, UNHRC, etc.) as well as relevant regional organisations;

(e) chairing high-level dialogues on FoRB and interreligious and intercultural issues and leading consultations with third countries on FoRB issues;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to reflect on creating the EU Special Representative for FoRB; considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should include:

deleted

(a) enhancing the visibility, effectiveness, coherence and accountability of the EU's FoRB policy outside the EU;

(b) providing the European Parliament, the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission with an annual progress report and a comprehensive implementation report on the mandate at the end thereof;

(c) working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM);

(d) being a high-level interlocutor for his or her counterparts in third countries and at international organisations, also able to engage with the UN (UNGA, UNHRC, etc.) as well as relevant regional organisations;

(e) chairing high-level dialogues on FoRB and interreligious and intercultural issues and leading consultations with third countries on FoRB issues;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to **reflect on creating** the EU Special Representative for **FoRB**; considers that **the competences and mandate of this Special Representative** should include:

Amendment

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to **avoid duplication of and to clarify the distribution of tasks and responsibilities between the Special Envoy for FoRB and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, noting that the mandate of the latter includes the promotion of freedom of thought, conscience and belief and the EU policy in that field**; considers that **EU external action in this area** should include:

Amendment 125

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Calls on*** the Council and the Commission ***to reflect on creating the EU Special Representative for FoRB;*** ***considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should include:***

Amendment

12. ***Suggests that the role of the Special Envoy should be expanded to include competences such as enhancing the visibility, effectiveness, coherence and accountability of the EU's FoRB policy outside the EU, providing the European Parliament, the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission with an annual progress report and a comprehensive implementation report on the mandate at the end thereof and working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM);***

Or. en

Amendment 126

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Calls on*** the Council and the Commission ***to reflect on creating*** the EU Special Representative for ***FoRB***; ***considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should include:***

Amendment

12. ***Calls on*** the Council and the Commission ***to create, beginning during the new legislative term a post for a truly EU Special Envoy on Religion or Belief and Society, working closely together with the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and acting as Special Advisor and in this capacity reporting directly to the High Representative/Vice-President;***

considers that the competences and mandate of this Special *Envoy* should include:

Or. en

Amendment 127
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to reflect on creating the EU Special Representative for FoRB; considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should *include*:

Amendment

12. Calls on the Council and the Commission to reflect on creating the EU Special Representative for FoRB; considers that the competences and mandate of this Special Representative should *take broader account of the various interests at stake, including the non-religious and atheist communities*.

Or. fr

Amendment 128
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) *enhancing the visibility, effectiveness, coherence and accountability of the EU's FoRB policy outside the EU;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 129
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point b

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(b) providing the European Parliament, the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission with an annual progress report and a comprehensive implementation report on the mandate at the end thereof;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 130

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point b

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(b) providing the European Parliament, the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission with an annual progress report and a comprehensive implementation report on the mandate at the end thereof;

(b) include a FoRB-dedicated chapter in the Commission and Council's annual report on human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM);

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 132
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM);

(c) working in close cooperation with the Council Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM) and the European External Action Service;

Or. fr

Amendment 133
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point d

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(d) being a high-level interlocutor for his or her counterparts in third countries and at international organisations, also able to engage with the UN (UNGA, UNHRC, etc.) as well as relevant regional organisations;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 134
Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point e

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e) chairing high-level dialogues on FoRB and interreligious and intercultural issues and leading consultations with third countries on FoRB issues;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 135
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point e

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e) chairing high-level dialogues on **FoRB** and interreligious and intercultural issues and **leading** consultations with third countries on FoRB issues;

(e) contributing to high-level dialogues on **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** and interreligious and intercultural issues and **to** consultations with third countries on FoRB issues;

Or. fr

Amendment 136
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point e a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ea) acting as focal point for all issues relating to religion or belief and society insofar as these emerge in the relations with third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 – point e b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(eb) organising training and awareness-raising activities on religious and belief literacy for staff in the EEAS, including the EU Delegations, and in the Member States' Ministries of Foreign Affairs, including their embassies;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Jordi Solé
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls for the term of office of the Special Envoy to be extended to a multi-year term, corresponding to the term of the Commission; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 139
Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls for the term of office of the Special Envoy to be extended to a multi-year term, corresponding to the term of the Commission; ***deleted***

Amendment 140
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls for the term of office of the Special Envoy to be extended to a multi-year term, corresponding to the term of the Commission; **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 141
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls for the term of office of the Special Envoy to be extended to a multi-year term, corresponding to the term of the Commission; **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 142
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Calls for the term of office of the Special Envoy to be extended to a multi-year term, corresponding to the term of **deleted**

the Commission;

Or. el

Amendment 143

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls for the term of office of the Special Envoy to be extended to a multi-year term, corresponding to the term of the Commission;

Amendment

13. Calls for the term of office of the Special Envoy to be extended to a multi-year term, corresponding to the term of the Commission, ***subject to a mid-term review***;

Or. en

Amendment 144

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation;***

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 145

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 146

Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 147

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 148

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 149 Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 150 Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith cooperation;

14. Recommends that the title and mandate of the Special Envoy visibly include the promotion of interreligious dialogue and interfaith ***and interphilosophical*** cooperation;

Or. fr

Amendment 151

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recommends the setting up of a regular advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions and European Parliament representatives together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including churches and other faith-based organisations, providing advice on FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 152

Petras Auštrevičius, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recommends the setting up of a *regular* advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions *and European Parliament representatives* together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including churches and other faith-based organisations, providing advice on *FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy*;

15. Recommends the setting up of *an informal* advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including churches and other faith-based organisations *as well as non-confessional organisations*, providing advice on *freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief*;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Recommends the setting up of a **regular** advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions and European Parliament representatives together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including **churches and other faith-based** organisations, providing advice on FoRB issues **to assist the Special Envoy**;

Amendment

15. Recommends the setting up of **an informal** advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions and European Parliament representatives together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including **confessional and non-confessional** organisations, providing advice on FoRB issues;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Recommends the setting up of a regular advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions **and European Parliament representatives** together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including churches and other faith-based organisations, providing advice on FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy;

Amendment

15. Recommends the setting up of a regular advisory working group of **European Parliament and national parliament representatives** and Member States' FoRB institutions, together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including churches and other faith-based organisations, providing advice on FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy;

Or. fr

Amendment 155
Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Recommends the setting up of a regular advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions and European Parliament representatives together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, ***including churches and other faith-based organisations***, providing advice on FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy;

15. Recommends the setting up of a regular advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions and European Parliament representatives together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, providing advice on FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Recommends the setting up of a regular advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions and European Parliament representatives together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including churches and other faith-based organisations, providing advice on FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy;

Amendment

15. Recommends the setting up of a regular advisory working group of Member States' FoRB institutions and European Parliament representatives together with experts, scholars, and representatives of civil society, including churches and other faith-based ***and non-confessional*** organisations, providing advice on FoRB issues to assist the Special Envoy;

Or. fr

Amendment 157
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recommends that the ***Special Envoy further develop cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working*** in close cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, ***as well***

Amendment

16. Recommends that the ***Member States work*** in close cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint annual reporting on discrimination against religious minorities, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

Or. fr

Amendment 158

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recommends that the Special **Envoy** further develop cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the UN Special **Rapporteur** on FoRB, as well as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint **annual reporting** on discrimination against religious minorities, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

Amendment

16. Recommends that the **EU Special Representative for Human Rights** further develop cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the UN Special **Rapporteurs, including** on FoRB, as well as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint **initiatives on discrimination against non-believers (including atheists, apostats, agnostics, humanists etc.) as well as** against religious minorities, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Petras Auštrevičius, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recommends that the Special Envoy further develop cooperation with

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16. Recommends that **the EU Special Representative for Human rights in**

counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the UN Special **Rapporteur** on FoRB, as well as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint **annual** reporting on discrimination against religious minorities, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

collaboration with the Special Envoy further develop cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the **different** UN Special **Rapporteurs and in particular the one** on FoRB, as well as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint **initiatives** reporting on discrimination against religious minorities **and non-believers**, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recommends that the Special Envoy further **develop** cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, **as well as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint annual reporting on discrimination against religious minorities, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;**

Amendment

16. Recommends that the Special Envoy further **develops** cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recommends that the Special

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16. Recommends that the Special

Envoy further develop cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, as well as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint annual reporting on discrimination against religious minorities, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

Envoy further develop cooperation with counterparts outside the EU, in particular by working in close cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, as well as exploring the possibility of EU-UN joint annual reporting on discrimination against religious *and non-confessional* minorities, *and also against non-believers and persons who change religion or criticise or leave a religion*, also formulating common proposals on how to put an end to such acts;

Or. fr

Amendment 162
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief

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Or. fr

Amendment 163
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of *religion or belief*

EU Guidelines on the promotion and protection of freedom of *thought, conscience and religion*

Or. fr

Amendment 164

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Considers that the EU Guidelines present a clear set of political lines, principles, norms and themes for priority actions, as well as a toolkit for monitoring, assessing, reporting and demarches by any EU representatives in third countries, that constitute a solid strategic approach for the EU and its Member States to exert an efficient role in promoting FoRB outside the EU;

deleted

Or. fr

**Amendment 165
Marie-Christine Vergiat**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Considers that the EU Guidelines present a clear set of political lines, principles, norms and themes for priority actions, as well as a toolkit for monitoring, assessing, reporting and demarches by any EU representatives in third countries, that constitute a solid strategic approach for the EU and its Member States to exert an efficient role in promoting **FoRB** outside the EU;

17. Considers that the EU Guidelines present a clear set of political lines, principles, norms and themes for priority actions, as well as a toolkit for monitoring, assessing, reporting and demarches by any EU representatives in third countries, that constitute a solid strategic approach for the EU and its Member States to exert an efficient role in promoting **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** outside the EU;

Or. fr

**Amendment 166
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing FoRB worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 167
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing FoRB worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

18. Notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing FoRB worldwide;

Amendment 168

Petras Auštrevičius, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, Maria Teresa Giménez Barbat, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 18***Motion for a resolution*

18. ***Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness***; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively ***the*** EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing ***FoRB*** worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of ***FoRB*** in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

Amendment

18. Notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively ***all thematic*** EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing ***freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief*** worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by ***thoughts***, religions and other beliefs, ***including non-belief***, is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of ***freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief*** in EU foreign policy and international cooperation; ***calls for a particular attention to be paid to the situation of non-believers facing discrimination and violence***;

Or. en

Amendment 169**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 18***Motion for a resolution*

18. Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated

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18. Urgently calls for the implementation of ***all EU thematic Guidelines on Human Rights, including*** the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be

efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing **FoRB** worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing **them** worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs, **including non-belief**, is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and international cooperation; ***calls for a particular attention to be paid to the situation of non-believers facing discrimination and violence;***

Or. en

Amendment 170
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

18. Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing FoRB worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

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18. Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing FoRB worldwide; ***calls for special attention to be paid to the persecution of atheists, apostates and non-religious people, as these are poorly or inaccurately documented;*** stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of FoRB in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

Or. fr

Amendment 171
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing **FoRB** worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced by religions and other beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of **FoRB** in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

Amendment

18. Urgently calls for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on FoRB to be increased in intensity and effectiveness; notes that further dedicated efforts need to be made by the EU and its Member States to implement more effectively the EU Guidelines and make the EU more influential in advancing **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** worldwide; stresses that understanding how societies may be shaped and influenced, **in particular** by religions and other **cultures and** beliefs is instrumental to better comprehending the promotion of **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** in EU foreign policy and international cooperation;

Or. fr

Amendment 172
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. **Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and**

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Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for churches and religious communities and associations to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;

Or. fr

Amendment 173
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment

19. *Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for churches and religious communities and associations to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 174
Petras Auštrevičius, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

19. ***Commends***, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious ***literacy*** to EU officials and national diplomats; ***stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for churches and religious communities and associations to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;***

Amendment

19. ***Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions and calls for the strengthening of knowledge on freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief to increase the awareness and use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats; notes***, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on ***the situation of religious minorities as well as non-believers*** to EU officials and national diplomats;

Or. en

Amendment 175

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

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19. ***Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for churches and religious communities and associations to be involved in this training process; calls***

Amendment

19. Stresses the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU ***thematic human rights*** guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats;

on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; ***stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for churches and religious communities and associations to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;***

Amendment

19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious ***and non-confessional*** literacy to EU officials and national diplomats ***while respecting the principles of pluralism and neutrality;***

Or. fr

Amendment 177
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training ***on***

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19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training ***in***

religious *literacy* to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for *churches* and religious communities and associations to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;

religious *history* to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for *academics* and religious communities and associations *from across the spectrum* to be involved in this training process, *which should also be extended to non-believers*; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;

Or. fr

Amendment 178

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for *churches and religious communities and associations* to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;

Amendment

19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious *and belief* literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for *organisations based on religions or beliefs* to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to earmark resources for establishing such training programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for churches and religious communities and associations to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to **earmark resources for establishing** such training programmes;

Amendment

19. Commends, in this respect, the efforts made to date by the EEAS and the Commission to provide training on religious literacy to EU officials and national diplomats; stresses, however, the need for broader and more systematic training programmes which would raise awareness of and increase the use of the EU Guidelines among the EU's and Member States' officials and diplomats and strengthen cooperation with the Special Envoy; asks for churches and religious communities and associations, **as well as non-confessional organisations, human rights and civil society organisations** to be involved in this training process; calls on the Commission and the Council to **provide adequate resources to** such training programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the **Commission and the EEAS** to produce EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world, to be communicated to the European Parliament **and the Council; notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for**

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20. Calls on the **Council and Member States** to produce EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world, to be communicated to the European Parliament;

the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world;

Or. fr

Amendment 181

Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

20. ***Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to produce EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world, to be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council;*** notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world;

Amendment

20. notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world;

Or. fr

Amendment 182

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the **Commission and the EEAS to produce EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world**, to be **communicated** to the European Parliament and the Council; notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be **included in the EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world**;

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20. Calls on the **HR/VP to submit** annual **progress** reports in **respect of the implementation of the EU Guidelines, as part of the general human rights report**, to be **submitted** to the European Parliament and the Council; notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be **submitted to the European Parliament and the Council**;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to **produce EU Annual Reports on FoRB in the world**, to be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council; notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the

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20. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to **ensure a FoRB-dedicated chapter in the EU Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy** in the world, to be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council; notes that the EU Guidelines **on FoRB** provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period

evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual **Reports on FoRB** in the world;

of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual **Report on Human Rights and Democracy** in the World;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Petras Auštrevičius, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake

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Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to **produce** EU Annual Reports on **FoRB** in the world, to be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council; notes that the EU Guidelines provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual **Reports on FoRB** in the world;

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20. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to **continue including a chapter on freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief within the** EU Annual Reports on **human rights and democracy** in the world, to be communicated to the European Parliament and the Council; notes that the EU Guidelines **on FoRB** provide for an evaluation of their implementation by COHOM after a period of three years, and that no such evaluation has been communicated or made public; calls for the evaluation to be made public without delay; considers that the evaluation should highlight best practices, identify areas for improvement, and provide concrete recommendations on implementation in accordance with a specified timeline and milestones subject to regular annual evaluation; calls for the evaluation to be included in the EU Annual

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Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

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Amendment

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; calls for the designating of FoRB-specific focal points in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of promoting FoRB; **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 186
Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

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Amendment

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; calls for the designating of FoRB-specific focal points in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of **deleted**

promoting FoRB;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; ***calls for the designating of FoRB-specific focal points in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of promoting FoRB;***

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21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; ***calls for the designating of FoRB-specific focal points in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of promoting FoRB;***

Amendment

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points, ***including in relation to FoRB,*** within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work;

Amendment 189**Marie-Christine Vergiat, Dennis de Jong****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 21***Motion for a resolution*

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; calls for the designating of ***FoRB-specific*** focal points in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of promoting ***FoRB***;

Amendment

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; calls for the designating of ***specific*** focal points ***for freedom of thought, conscience and religion*** in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of promoting ***freedom of thought, conscience and religion, including non-belief***;

Or. fr

Amendment 190**Wajid Khan****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 21***Motion for a resolution*

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; calls for the designating of FoRB-specific focal points in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of ***promoting FoRB***;

Amendment

21. Underlines the responsibilities fulfilled by human rights focal points within all EU Delegations and CSDP Missions; calls for the designating of FoRB-specific focal points in every EU Delegation and CSDP Mission; calls for more resources to be allocated to EU Delegations and CSDP Missions so as to allow them to carry out their work of ***monitoring, assessing and reporting situations of concern with regard to respect for FoRB in third countries***;

Amendment 191
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. *Recalls the importance of human rights country and democracy strategies (HRDCSs), which tailor EU action to each country's specific situation and needs; calls for adequate attention to be paid to FoRB-related issues, with lines for EU action being drawn up so that they can be tackled under the HRDCSs wherever respect for FoRB is endangered; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;*

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 192
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Recalls the importance of human rights country and democracy strategies (HRDCSs), which tailor EU action to each country's specific situation and needs; calls for adequate attention to be paid to **FoRB-related** issues, with lines for EU action being drawn up so that they can be tackled under the HRDCSs wherever respect for **FoRB** is endangered; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

22. Recalls the importance of human rights country and democracy strategies (HRDCSs), which tailor EU action to each country's specific situation and needs; calls for adequate attention to be paid to issues **related to freedom of thought, conscience and religion**, with lines for EU action being drawn up so that they can be tackled under the HRDCSs wherever respect for **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** is endangered; reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to

be given access to the content of HRDCSs;

Or. fr

Amendment 193
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Recalls the importance of human rights country and democracy strategies (HRDCSs), which tailor EU action to each country's specific situation and needs; calls for adequate attention to be paid to FoRB-related issues, with lines for EU action being drawn up so that they can be tackled under the HRDCSs wherever respect for FoRB is endangered; ***reiterates its call for Members of the European Parliament to be given access to the content of HRDCSs;***

Amendment

22. Recalls the importance of human rights country and democracy strategies (HRDCSs), which tailor EU action to each country's specific situation and needs; calls for adequate attention to be paid to FoRB-related issues, with lines for EU action being drawn up so that they can be tackled under the HRDCSs wherever respect for FoRB is endangered;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

22a. Stresses that the efficient implementation of the EU Guidelines requires that the Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the EEAS, the EU Delegations and CSDP Missions, work together, while involving representatives of Churches, and religious associations, philosophical and non-confessional organisations, experts, scholars and representatives of civil society, in a

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transparent, open and regular manner;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

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22b. *Calls for enhanced cooperation and joint and mutual effort between the EU Delegations and the Member States' embassies to ensure a consistent and united voice in the promotion of FoRB outside the EU and to support communities and individuals facing violations of FoRB; in this regard, welcomes that a number of Member States have recently created new posts of responsibility for FoRB, akin to the Special Envoy role, and encourages the creation of similar position in other Member States; underscores the need for a consistent approach that deals with the rights of all religious communities as well as non-believers; encourages cooperation between the national officials in charge of FoRB outside their country and the Special Envoy, as well as the COHOM and the Parliament;*

Or. en

Amendment 196

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

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EU actions on **FoRB** in multilateral fora

EU actions on **freedom of thought**,

Amendment 197

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the *EU commitment* to promoting FoRB in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends *continuing the EU* practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on FoRB and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations; *calls on the EEAS and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on FoRB within the UN framework;*

Amendment

23. Welcomes the *commitment of the Member States* to promoting FoRB in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends *that the Member States continue the* practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on FoRB and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations;

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Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting **FoRB** in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends continuing the EU practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on **FoRB** and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations; calls on the **EEAS** and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on **FoRB** within the UN framework;

23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends continuing the EU practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations; calls on the **EU** and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** within the UN framework;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting **FoRB** in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of **religion or belief**, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends continuing the EU practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on **FoRB** and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions

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23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of **thought, conscience and religion**, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends continuing the EU practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on **FoRB** and

with third countries and international organisations; calls on the EEAS and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on **FoRB** within the UN framework;

seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations; calls on the EEAS and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** within the UN framework;

Or. fr

Amendment 200
Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting FoRB in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends **continuing** the EU **practice of taking** the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on FoRB and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations; calls on the EEAS and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on FoRB within the UN framework;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting FoRB in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends **that** the EU **take** the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on FoRB and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations; calls on the EEAS and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on FoRB within the UN framework;

Or. it

Amendment 201
Urmaz Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting FoRB in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends continuing the EU practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on FoRB and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions with third countries and international organisations; ***calls on the EEAS and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on FoRB within the UN framework;***

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 202

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the EU commitment to promoting FoRB in multilateral fora, in particular within the UN, the Council of Europe and the OSCE and with the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC); supports, in this respect, EU cooperation with the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; recommends continuing the EU practice of taking the lead on resolutions at the UNGA and UNHRC on FoRB and seeking to build alliances and defend common positions

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with third countries and international organisations; calls on the *EEAS* and the OIC to consider preparing a joint resolution on FoRB within the UN framework;

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Or. en

Amendment 203

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Recommends the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and the Special Envoy to pursue their efforts to bring forward the Istanbul Process on promoting tolerance and inclusion, ending violence and discrimination based on religion or belief, following the UN Rabat Plan of Action and to offer hosting the next round of this process; welcomes the ‘Faith for Rights’ initiative of March 2017 of the OHCHR, that led to the adoption by religious leaders and civil society actors of the Beirut Declaration and its eighteen commitments; recommends the EU institutions to support and mobilise all the actors of the ‘Faith for Rights’ initiative to promote the universal and uniform goals of the Declaration, across the world;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Andrzej Grzyb

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls on the EU and Member States to undertake all necessary steps to establish an official annual UN-led international day commemorating the victims and survivors of religious persecution;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Expresses its satisfaction that FoRB is identified as a priority of the European Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); welcomes the significant increase of EIDHR funding allocated to FoRB-related projects since the adoption of the EU Guidelines; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to ensure that EU diplomatic work for the promotion of FoRB and EIDHR-funded projects is mutually reinforcing; stresses that FoRB can also be supported by other instruments than human rights-oriented funds, among others those dedicated to the conflict prevention dimension or to education and culture; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain sufficient funding for FoRB-related projects under the EU external financial instruments, within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 206

Petras Auštrevičius, Sophia in 't Veld, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Expresses its satisfaction that **FoRB** is identified as a priority of the European Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); **welcomes** the significant increase of EIDHR funding allocated to FoRB-related projects since the adoption of the EU Guidelines; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to ensure that EU diplomatic work for the promotion of **FoRB** and EIDHR-funded projects is mutually reinforcing; stresses that **FoRB** can also be supported by other instruments than human rights- oriented funds, among others those dedicated to the conflict prevention dimension or to education and culture; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain sufficient funding for **FoRB-related** projects under the EU external financial instruments, within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027;

Amendment

24. Expresses its satisfaction that **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** is identified as a priority of the European Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); **notes** the significant increase of EIDHR funding allocated to FoRB-related projects since the adoption of the EU Guidelines; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to ensure that EU diplomatic work for the promotion of **human rights, including freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** and EIDHR-funded projects is mutually reinforcing; stresses that **freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief** can also be supported by other instruments than human rights- oriented funds, among others those dedicated to the conflict prevention dimension or to education and culture; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain sufficient funding for **human rights related** projects, **including equal treatment of all convictions**, under the EU external financial instruments, within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

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FoRB is identified as a priority of the European Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); welcomes the significant increase of EIDHR funding allocated to **FoRB-related** projects since the adoption of the EU Guidelines; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to ensure that EU diplomatic work for the promotion of FoRB and EIDHR-funded projects is mutually reinforcing; stresses that **FoRB** can also be supported by other instruments than human rights- oriented funds, among others those dedicated to the conflict prevention dimension or to education and culture; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain sufficient funding for **FoRB-related** projects under the EU external financial instruments, within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027;

freedom of thought, conscience and religion is identified as a priority of the European Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); welcomes the significant increase of EIDHR funding allocated to projects **related to freedom of thought, conscience and religion** since the adoption of the EU Guidelines; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to ensure that EU diplomatic work for the promotion of FoRB and EIDHR-funded projects is mutually reinforcing; stresses that **freedom of thought, conscience and religion** can also be supported by other instruments than human rights- oriented funds, among others those dedicated to the conflict prevention dimension or to education and culture; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain sufficient funding for projects **related to freedom of thought, conscience and religion** under the EU external financial instruments, within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027;

Or. fr

Amendment 208

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Expresses its satisfaction that FoRB is identified as a priority of the European Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR); **welcomes the significant** increase of EIDHR funding allocated to FoRB-related projects since the adoption of the EU Guidelines; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to ensure that EU diplomatic work for the promotion of **FoRB** and EIDHR-funded projects is mutually reinforcing; stresses that FoRB

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can also be supported by other instruments than human rights- oriented funds, among others those dedicated to the conflict prevention dimension or to education and culture; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain sufficient funding for **FoRB-related** projects under the EU external financial instruments, within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027;

that funds allocated to FoRB-related projects be fairly distributed among confessional and non-confessional groups; stresses that FoRB can also be supported by other instruments than human rights- oriented funds, among others those dedicated to the conflict prevention dimension or to education and culture; calls on the Commission and the Council to maintain sufficient funding for **human rights-related** projects under the EU external financial instruments, within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027;

Or. en

Amendment 209
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls for a ban on any funding for the religious activities of religious organisations by virtue of the necessary separation of religious and political authorities, the rejection of any religious interference in the functioning of public institutions and any public interference in religious affairs, except to uphold the rules regarding the safety of believers, atheists, or agnostics and preserve public order;

Or. fr

Amendment 210
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. *Calls for an effort to ensure transparency in the allocation of funding and to monitor the use thereof by religions and their activities;*

Or. fr

Amendment 211
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24c. *Calls on the Commission to respect the principles of pluralism, neutrality and fairness in allocating funds;*

Or. fr

Amendment 212
Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24d. *Call for the EIDHR also to be given the means to finance the protection or extraction of free thinkers and human rights activists who are threatened or persecuted in their country of origin;*

Or. fr

Amendment 213
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations that are a critical part of civil society; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of churches, religious communities and associations and faith-based organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; ***calls on the Council and the Commission to incorporate, where relevant, objectives and activities relating to the promotion and protection of FoRB into the programming of funding instruments linked to those policies, namely the EDF, the DCI, the ENI, the IcSP and the IPA;***

Amendment

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations that are a critical part of civil society; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of churches, religious communities and associations and faith-based organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; ***stresses the inconsistency between, on the one hand, the lip service paid by the Union and certain Member States to religious freedom and, on the other, foreign policy actions conducted in alliance with extremist Islamist groups perpetrating massacres of Christian populations in Syria and Iraq;***

Or. fr

Amendment 214

Dennis de Jong, Anne-Marie Mineur

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of ***churches, religious leaders, academics, religious*** communities and associations ***or faith-based organisations*** that are a critical part of civil

Amendment

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of religious ***and belief*** communities and ***their*** associations that are a critical part of civil society; acknowledges the importance of being

society; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of **churches**, religious communities and associations **and faith-based organisations** which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; calls on the Council and the Commission to incorporate, where relevant, objectives and activities relating to the promotion and protection of FoRB into the programming of funding instruments linked to those policies, namely the EDF, the DCI, the ENI, the IcSP and the IPA;

mindful of the diversity of religious **and belief** communities and associations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; calls on the Council and the Commission to incorporate, where relevant, objectives and activities relating to the promotion and protection of FoRB into the programming of funding instruments linked to those policies, namely the EDF, the DCI, the ENI, the IcSP and the IPA;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations **that are a critical part of civil society**; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of churches, religious communities and associations and faith-based organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; **calls on the Council and the Commission to incorporate, where relevant, objectives and activities relating to the promotion and protection of FoRB into the programming of funding instruments linked to those policies, namely the EDF,**

Amendment

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised **among others** with the participation of **secular and non-confessional groups and activists**, churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of **non-confessional organizations**, churches, religious communities and associations and faith-based organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities;

Amendment 216

Petras Auštrevičius, Patricia Lalonde, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Urmas Paet, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Renate Weber, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Jozo Radoš, Sophia in 't Veld

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

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25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations ***that are a critical part of civil society***; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of churches, religious communities and associations and faith-based organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; ***calls on the Council and the Commission to incorporate, where relevant, objectives and activities relating to the promotion and protection of FoRB into the programming of funding instruments linked to those policies, namely the EDF, the DCI, the ENI, the IcSP and the IPA;***

Amendment

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation ***among others*** of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations ***as well as non-confessional organisations***; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of churches, religious communities and associations and faith-based ***and secular*** organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities;

Amendment 217

Wajid Khan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations that are a critical part of civil society; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the ***diversity of churches, religious communities and associations and faith-based*** organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; calls on the Council and the Commission to incorporate, where relevant, objectives and activities relating to the promotion and protection of FoRB into the programming of funding instruments linked to those policies, namely the EDF, the DCI, the ENI, the IcSP and the IPA;

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25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations, ***as well as non-confessional organisations, and human rights organisations*** that are a critical part of civil society; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the ***different*** religious ***identities of the*** organisations which perform actual development and humanitarian work for and with communities; calls on the Council and the Commission to incorporate, where relevant, objectives and activities relating to the promotion and protection of FoRB into the programming of funding instruments linked to those policies, namely the EDF, the DCI, the ENI, the IcSP and the IPA;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Vincent Peillon, Virginie Rozière

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Stresses that the EU's policies in the fields of peace, security and conflict prevention and development and cooperation face challenges, for which solutions can be devised with the participation of churches, religious leaders, academics, religious communities and associations or faith-based organisations that are a critical part of civil society; acknowledges the importance of being mindful of the diversity of churches,

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Or. fr