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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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Implementation of the EU association agreement with Georgia
(2017/2282(INI))

Amendment 1
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 14 June 2018 on Georgian occupied territories 10 years after the Russian invasion,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the cooperation framework “20 deliverables for 2020” established during the Riga summit in 2015 and promoting stronger economy, stronger governance, stronger connectivity and stronger society,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the results of the Euronest assembly meetings, most recently that of 25-27 June 2018, resulting in 7 resolutions and calling*

upon the EU to increase its mediation in the frozen conflicts,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Single Support Framework for the EU support to Georgia 2017-2020,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Georgia's Action Plan for the Implementation of DCFTA 2014-2017^{1a},*

*^{1a} Georgia's Action Plan for the Implementation of DCFTA 2014-2017, prepared by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development,
http://www.economy.ge/uploads/dcfta/DCFTA_Action_Plan_ENG.pdf*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the report on “The State of Corruption: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine” of the Transparency International from 2015,*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Joint Staff Working Document, “Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020”,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Aa. whereas the EU-Georgia relations are continuously deepened by new major achievements in line with the EU-Georgia AA, DCFTA and Association Agenda including, entry into force of the visa-free regime and the accession to the Energy*

Community;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas the perspective of European integration remains one of most effective incentives for Georgia to carry out reforms and legal approximation to the EU legislative framework;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas full respect of core values including democracy, rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms including the rights of minorities represents a cornerstone for further European integration;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas the humanitarian situation and isolation of the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia continue to represent one of the key challenges for Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ae. whereas the 2017 Transparency International corruption perception index shows a maintaining of good results in the field of fight against the corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Af. whereas the new National Strategy on Combating Organized Crime of 2017-2020 and its Action Plan adopted in 2017 focus on combating “thieves in law”, transit of narcotic drugs and cybercrime, and introducing analysis based and community policing;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ag. *whereas the Istanbul Convention, mandated to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, entered into force on 1 September 2017 and an Inter-Agency Commission on Gender Equality, Violence against women and Domestic Violence was established;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ah. *whereas the Reporters Without Borders World Press Freedom Index 2018 shows slight improvement passing from 64th in 2017 to 61st place;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. **Warmly welcomes** the progress made in implementing the Association

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Agreement and calls on the Georgian authorities to keep up the momentum and to ensure stability, further democratic reforms and economic improvements as a key factor in *winning hearts and minds on the path towards re-establishing Georgia's sovereignty over the whole of its internationally recognised territory*;

and the development of trade relations, and calls on the Georgian authorities to keep up the momentum and to ensure stability, further democratic reforms and economic *and social* improvements as a key factor in *substantially improving social and welfare conditions for the people of Georgia, who are beset by persistent poverty, unemployment and a high level of economic emigration, visibly putting to the test the immediate benefits of the partnership arrangements*;

Or. de

Amendment 17

Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Warmly welcomes the progress made in implementing the Association Agreement and calls on the Georgian authorities to *keep up the momentum and to ensure* stability, further democratic reforms and economic improvements as a key factor in winning hearts and minds on the path towards *re-establishing* Georgia's sovereignty *over the whole of* its internationally recognised *territory*;

Amendment

1. Warmly welcomes the *sustained reform track and* progress made in implementing the Association Agreement and *the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) which has positioned Georgia as a key strategic partner of the EU in the region*; calls on the Georgian authorities to *continue ensuring* stability, further democratic reforms and economic improvements as a key factor in winning hearts and minds on the path towards *reconciliation of the societies divided by the war and conflict, while reaffirming EU's strong support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within* its internationally recognised *borders*;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Warmly welcomes the progress made in implementing the Association Agreement **and** calls on the Georgian authorities to **keep up the momentum and to ensure** stability, further democratic reforms and economic improvements as a key factor in winning hearts and minds on the path towards **re-establishing** Georgia's sovereignty **over the whole of** its internationally recognised **territory**;

Amendment

1. Warmly welcomes **the sustained reform track and** the progress made in implementing the Association Agreement, **which as positioned Georgia as a key strategic partner of the EU in the region**; calls on the Georgian authorities to **continue ensuring** stability, further democratic reforms and economic improvements as a key factor in winning hearts and minds on the path towards **reconciliation of the societies divided by the war and conflict, while reaffirming EU's strong support for** Georgia's sovereignty **and territorial integrity within** its internationally recognised **borders**;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Amendment 20
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment 22
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Or. fr

Amendment 23
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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sovereignty over the whole of its internationally recognised territory *and promoting reconciliation of the societies divided by the war and Russian aggressive policies*;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Warmly welcomes the progress made in implementing the Association Agreement and calls on the Georgian authorities to keep up the momentum and to ensure stability, further democratic reforms, *an independent judiciary* and economic improvements as a key factor in winning hearts and minds on the path towards re-establishing Georgia's sovereignty over the whole of its internationally recognised territory;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes with satisfaction that Georgia's European agenda continues to garner cross-party consensus and the support of a majority of Georgian citizens; *points out that pursuant to Article 49 of the TEU and in line with the Rome Declaration of 25 March 2017, any*

Amendment

2. Notes with satisfaction that Georgia's European agenda continues to garner cross-party consensus and the support of a majority of Georgian citizens; recalls *that* the *EU* proposal of an 'Eastern Partnership Plus' (EaP+) policy *unlocks* additional perspectives *for the*

European state may apply to become a member of the EU, provided that it upholds the Copenhagen criteria; recalls, in the meantime, the proposal of an ‘Eastern Partnership Plus’ (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament in order to unlock additional perspectives;

development of relations between the two sides; points out that, in order to resolve existing structural problems, future relations with Georgia must be fashioned in such a way as to avoid undermining traditional economic relations and take advantage of new possibilities of regional cooperation such as those offered by the Silk Route;

Or. de

Amendment 26
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes with satisfaction that Georgia’s European agenda continues to garner cross-party consensus and the support of a majority of Georgian citizens; points out that pursuant to Article 49 of the TEU and in line with the Rome Declaration of 25 March 2017, any European state may apply to become a member of the EU, provided that it upholds the Copenhagen criteria; recalls, in the meantime, the proposal of an ‘Eastern Partnership Plus’ (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament in order to unlock additional perspectives;

Amendment

2. Notes with satisfaction that Georgia’s European agenda continues to garner cross-party consensus and the support of a majority of Georgian citizens; points out that pursuant to Article 49 of the TEU and in line with the Rome Declaration of 25 March 2017, any European state may apply to become a member of the EU, provided that it upholds the Copenhagen criteria; recalls, in the meantime, the proposal of an ‘Eastern Partnership Plus’ (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament in order to unlock additional perspectives; **welcomes the ambitious initiative of the Georgian government to draft the EU Integration Road Map aiming at strengthening ongoing relations in all domains of the EU-Georgia cooperation agenda;**

Or. en

Amendment 27
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes with satisfaction that Georgia's European agenda continues to garner cross-party consensus and the support of a majority of Georgian citizens; points out that pursuant to Article 49 of the TEU and in line with the Rome Declaration of 25 March 2017, any European state may apply to become a member of the EU, provided that it upholds the Copenhagen criteria; recalls, in the meantime, the proposal of an 'Eastern Partnership Plus' (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament in order to unlock additional perspectives;

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Or. en

Amendment 28

Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 29
Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Praises Georgia's active contribution to the European Neighbourhood Policy Review implementation and its engagement in the activities of the Eastern Partnership through multilateral Platforms and Panels; considers Georgia as an important partner of the EU in different fields of cooperation such as the fight against terrorism and organised crime;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. **Lauds** the Georgian authorities for their recurrent information campaigns on the benefits and economic opportunities stemming from the Association Agreement and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) and for the assistance they have provided in the management of necessary adaptations;

Amendment

3. **Commends** the Georgian authorities for their recurrent information campaigns on the benefits and economic opportunities stemming from the Association Agreement and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) and for the assistance they have provided in the management of necessary adaptations;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. New chapter: Institutional framework in place to implement the

Association Agreement

Stresses that EU support to Georgia will reach between EUR 371 and 453 million for 2017-2020, with additional funds available under the “more for more principle” in line with the EU-Georgia Association Agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes Georgia’s high absorption capacity of the EU assistance and encourages the European Commission to further enhance its assistance and align its budgetary instruments to the political ambitions of the EU-Georgia partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes Georgia’s high absorption capacity of the EU assistance and encourages the European Commission to further enhance its assistance and align its budgetary instruments to the political ambitions of the EU-Georgia partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes Georgia's high absorption capacity of the EU assistance and encourages the European Commission to further enhance its assistance and align its budgetary instruments to the political ambitions and importance of the EU-Georgia partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Takes note of Georgia's plans to reduce the total number of ministries from 14 to 11 with the scope of functional optimisation and expenses reduction; recommends in this regard that in order to be inclusive and efficient such decisions should be taken in close consultation with the opposition parties, as well as the relevant civil society organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Welcomes the decision of the Georgian government to reallocate to education the savings resulting from the structural reorganisation of the ministries;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3d. Calls for a stronger involvement of the Prime Minister and of the Minister for Foreign Affairs in providing high-level political oversight to the implementation of the AA, notably through the streamlining of relevant government structures, the coordination and synchronisation of line ministries' plans and their full and effective implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3e. Welcomes the decision of the Georgian government to introduce from 2019 a three-year version AA/DCFTA Implementation Plan to facilitate strategic reforms and their funding through long-

term planning;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3f. Welcomes the incorporation in 2017 of the State Minister's Office for European Integration into the Georgian MFAEI which will allow a more coordinated planning, reporting and monitoring of the AA/DCFTA implementation, however suggests that that the ownership of European integration should not be concentrated exclusively in the MFAEI, but shared with the whole ministerial apparatus, considering that under the new arrangement MFAEI needs to oversee the impact of the EU-driven reforms on the domestic policies;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3g. Welcomes the establishment of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine and its first meeting held on 8-9 June 2018 in Kyiv; encourages this assembly to also scrutinise the implementation of the association agreements;

Amendment 42
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3h. Invites the Georgian authorities to organise AA implementation through a reform strategy that complements the Implementation Plans, focussed on outcomes beyond legislation and staff training and based on expert impact assessment;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3i. Calls on the Georgian authorities to establish a framework political strategy document that would function as an interinstitutional mechanism structuring the cooperation among the parliament, government and the presidential administration in the matter of AA/DCFTA implementation and allowing to develop efficient sectorial strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3j. Welcomes the efforts of the Georgian Parliament in intensifying the compliance checks of domestic draft reform proposals, to align them with the objectives and obligations under AA/DCFTA;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3k. Invites the Georgian authorities to further ensure that the appointment to the managing positions in charge of the implementation of the AA projects are transparent and fair and are not politically motivated;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3l. Urges the EEAS / European Commission to boost internal capabilities to step up monitoring of the implementation of the AA notably through an increase in dedicated human resources with profound expertise in

Georgian administrative and legal system, as well as to move towards a qualitative assessment of progress, notably through introduction of screening processes, allowing to assess the level of alignment with the EU acquis actually achieved as required by the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3m. *Calls on the Georgian authorities to guarantee that the structural units dealing with European integration issues in all the ministries are equipped with sufficient number of specifically qualified officials; calls on the EEAS / European Commission to provide assistance in capacity-building and training of Georgian officials dealing with the AA/DCFTA implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3n. *Welcomes the introduction in 2018 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of an electronic monitoring tool to oversee the efficiency of AA/DCFTA implementation;*

Amendment 49
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3o. Calls on Georgian authorities to introduce legal provisions that would guarantee that the reforms driven by the EU integration aspirations and obligations under AA/DCFTA are done with the consultation of local authorities and local civil society representatives, including the representatives of minorities and people living in remote territories, to make sure that AA/DCFTA are implemented in an inclusive way, with respect to the local ownership and the principle of proportionality; calls therefore on the Georgian authorities to guarantee the transfer of expertise to all the actors participating in the reform implementation, including the actors operating on the ground;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Ivo Vajgl, Urmas Paet, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3o. Recommends that the Georgian authorities ensure proper involvement of the civil society in the reform processes;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 p (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3p. Calls on the EU, its Member States and Georgia to elaborate a coordinated communication strategy on the implementation of the AA and the expected benefits of related reforms to the Georgian society at large, as well as on cooperation opportunities to the European audience; stresses the need to increase awareness within targeted audiences on the EU-sponsored bilateral programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 p (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3p. Emphasises the importance of proactive communication to Georgian citizens about the concrete benefits and goals of the Eastern Partnership as well as the need to fight disinformation through fact-based, accessible and high quality information in all languages of the partner country;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Andrejs Mamikins

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 q (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3q. *Welcomes that fact that the civil society is sufficiently involved in the monitoring of AA/DCFTA implementation and praises that signature of memorandum between the Georgian government and the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum Local Platform;*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 r (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3r. *(New chapter) People-to-people dialogue and civil society engagement*
Underlines the crucial role that the civil society plays in the implementation of the AA as an actor overseeing the reforms, channelling the public opinions and concerns and keeping the government accountable in the matter of European integration; stresses that active involvement of NGOs in policy-making is essential to uncover the full potential of integration to the EU programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 s (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3s. Invites EEAS/European Commission to come up with a proposal for a common digital platform that would provide legal and technical information on the issues that are common to Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova, as well as provide e-learning opportunities for the Georgian and EU officials dealing with the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 t (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3t. Urges Georgian authorities to elaborate a sound legal framework for public-private partnerships to increase the share of benefits that SMEs get from AA implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 u (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3u. Encourages the Georgian authorities to further facilitate business development and modernisation of financial infrastructure to raise the competitiveness of Georgian enterprises and attract foreign direct investments;

Amendment 58
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 v (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3v. Calls on the EEAS / European Commission, as well as on the EU Delegation to Georgia, to maintain on regular basis direct contacts with Georgian civil society organisations to ensure comprehensive information gathering on the implementation of the Association Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 w (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3w. Calls upon the Georgian authorities to ensure that the population in peripheral zones has good access to the information on the activities under the Association Agenda, to avoid selective approach and prioritise homogeneous distribution of the Association Agreement benefits across the country;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 x (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3x. Welcomes the opening of the Eastern Partnership European School with an International Baccalaureate Program for the students from all Eastern Partnership countries in Tbilisi on September 4, 2018; encourages Georgian authorities to enhance the role of European studies in the regular school and university curricula;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 y (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3y. Stresses the need for Georgia to dispose of highly skilled local personnel to implement the Association Agenda in a sustainable way, in this regards calls on both the EU and Georgia to intensify bilateral education and expertise-sharing initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 z (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3z. Praises the level of political socialisation between the EU and

Georgian officials, as well as the process of learning in the Georgian domestic institutional environment, allowing to align the working methods of Georgian authorities with the objectives of the Association Agreement and guarantee the shared management approach;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates the fact that the EU's position on Georgia's constitutional reform coincides with the Venice Commission's overall positive assessment; regrets the postponement of the implementation of a fully proportional electoral system until 2024; reiterates its readiness to observe future elections in Georgia and to assist the Georgian authorities in following up on and implementing the recommendations that will be presented;

Amendment

4. Reiterates the fact that the EU's position on Georgia's constitutional reform coincides with the Venice Commission's overall positive assessment; regrets the postponement of the implementation of a fully proportional electoral system until 2024 *and calls upon political dialogue among main stakeholders to find an intermediary solution for the 2020 parliamentary elections aimed to address shortcomings of the current electoral system*; reiterates its readiness to observe future elections in Georgia and to assist the Georgian authorities in following up on and implementing the recommendations that will be presented;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates the fact that the EU's position on Georgia's constitutional reform coincides with the Venice Commission's overall positive assessment; regrets the postponement of the implementation of a fully proportional electoral system until 2024; reiterates its readiness to observe future elections in Georgia and to assist the Georgian authorities in following up on and implementing the recommendations that will be presented;

Amendment

4. Reiterates the fact that the EU's position on Georgia's constitutional reform coincides with the Venice Commission's overall positive assessment; regrets the postponement of the implementation of a fully proportional electoral system until 2024; ***underlines the need to avoid disproportionate political representation and guarantee that the changes to the electoral system are done with a broad public consultation***; reiterates its readiness to observe future elections in Georgia and to assist the Georgian authorities in following up on and implementing the recommendations that will be presented;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Reiterates the fact that the EU's position on Georgia's constitutional reform coincides with the Venice Commission's overall positive assessment; regrets the postponement of the implementation of a fully proportional electoral system until 2024; reiterates its readiness to observe future elections in Georgia and to assist the Georgian authorities in following up on and implementing the recommendations that will be presented;

Amendment

4. Reiterates the fact that the EU's position on Georgia's constitutional reform coincides with the Venice Commission's overall positive assessment; regrets the postponement of the implementation of a fully proportional electoral system until 2024 ***and in that regard calls upon political dialogue among main stakeholders to find an intermediary solution for the 2020 parliamentary elections***; reiterates its readiness to observe future elections in Georgia and to assist the Georgian authorities in following up on and implementing the recommendations that will be presented;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Reiterates that the Composition of the Central Election Commission should be free from political influences; calls on the Georgia authorities to apply a major scrutiny on the enforcement of the election code and on the misuse of administrative resources in pre-election period, as well as to strengthen the mechanism for electoral dispute resolution; stresses the need to amend the election code in view of the increased use of social media in election campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls upon the Georgian authorities to address concerns expressed by credible observers in the context of electoral environment and in particular to conduct meaningful investigation of violent incidents against representatives of opposition;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Underlines the need to address the concerns expressed by the EU observers during the 2016 parliamentary elections regarding the electoral environment, particularly violent incidents against representatives of the opposition; in this regard stresses the importance of political pluralism and unhindered participation in the electoral and democratic process;*

Or. en

Amendment 69
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area, *notably* through the *capacity-building programme for the Georgian Parliament*;

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area; *Underlines that Georgia is among the few countries where all branches of power are involved in the Open Governance Partnership; expresses satisfaction that accountability and transparency of the AA implementation remains a top priority for Georgian authorities demonstrated through the engagement of civil society and effective parliamentary oversight; In this respect, welcomes that Parliamentary Association Committee plays an important role in effective monitoring over implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement;*

Or. en

Amendment 70

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area, ***notably through the capacity-building programme for the Georgian Parliament;***

Amendment

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area; ***underlines that Georgia is among the few countries where all branches of power are involved in the Open Governance Partnership; expresses satisfaction that accountability and transparency of the Association Agreement Implementation remains a top priority for Georgian authorities; welcomes that the Parliamentary Association Committee plays an important role in effective monitoring over implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 71

Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area, ***notably through the capacity-building programme for the Georgian Parliament;***

Amendment

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area, ***underlines the Georgian commitment to the Open Governance Partnership; expresses satisfaction that accountability and transparency remain a top priority for Georgian authorities, demonstrated through the engagement of civil society and effective parliamentary***

oversight; notes that the Parliamentary Association Committee plays an important role in the effective monitoring of the implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area, notably through the capacity-building programme for the Georgian Parliament;

Amendment

5. Supports the democratic strengthening of Georgia's political institutions and is dedicated to assisting in this area, notably through the capacity-building programme for the Georgian Parliament; *expresses satisfaction that accountability and transparency of the AA implementation remains a top priority for Georgian authorities demonstrated through the engagement of civil society and effective parliamentary oversight; in this respect, welcomes the role of Parliamentary Association Committee in effective monitoring of implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement;*

Or. en

Amendment 73
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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this area, notably through the capacity-building programme for the Georgian Parliament;

this area, notably through the capacity-building programme for the Georgian Parliament; *underlines the importance of pursuing an ambitious reform agenda aimed at the depoliticization of state institutions, at annihilating informal governance and at strengthening the rule of law;*

Or. en

Amendment 74
Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Points out that one of the EU's fundamental principles, as enshrined in Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, is that of respecting the identity and recognising the specific contribution of churches and maintaining an open, transparent and regular dialogue with them; calls on the Georgian authorities to improve their relations with the Orthodox Church, and to base those relations on friendly dialogue and mutual understanding;

Or. pl

Amendment 75
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Supports efforts of the Parliament of Georgia to strengthen parliamentary

oversight and urges to put in place more rigorous mechanisms of active scrutiny of the executive, including ability of the members of the Parliament to ask questions to ministers and Prime Minister on regular basis and thus account publicly for their decisions;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Stresses the role of opposition in a parliamentary system, supports efforts of the Parliament of Georgia to strengthen parliamentary oversight and urges to put in place more rigorous mechanisms of scrutinising the executive;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5c. Welcomes the establishment of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine and its first meeting held on 8-9 June 2018 in Kyiv; encourages this assembly to also scrutinise the implementation of the association agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of Georgia's compliance with visa liberalisation benchmarks and encourages regular monitoring thereof in order ensure continued compliance; calls on EU Member States to recognise Georgia as a safe country of origin; ***points out the need to further address the rise in the number of asylum seekers travelling to the Schengen zone and the disproportionate representation of Georgian citizens in organised criminal groups across the EU;***

Amendment

6. Takes note of Georgia's compliance with visa liberalisation benchmarks and encourages regular monitoring thereof in order ensure continued compliance; calls on EU Member States to recognise Georgia as a safe country of origin;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

6. ***Welcomes the effective implementation of the visa free regime for Georgian citizens since 27 March 2017;*** takes note of Georgia's compliance with visa liberalisation benchmarks and encourages regular monitoring thereof in order ***to*** ensure continued compliance; ***commends Georgia on measures taken to address promptly the violations of the visa-free regime requirements to mitigate migratory trends to the Schengen zone and points out the need for keeping up effective law enforcement cooperation;***

Amendment 80

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 6***Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

Amendment 81

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 6***Motion for a resolution*

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organised criminal groups across the EU;

regime and to ensure effective law enforcement cooperation

Or. en

Amendment 82

Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Takes note of Georgia's compliance with visa liberalisation benchmarks and encourages regular monitoring *thereof* in order ensure continued compliance; ***calls on EU Member States to recognise Georgia as a safe country of origin; points out the need to further address the rise in the number of asylum seekers travelling to the Schengen zone and the disproportionate representation of Georgian citizens in organised criminal groups across the EU;***

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Or. en

Amendment 83

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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to further address the rise in the number of asylum seekers travelling to the Schengen zone and the disproportionate representation of Georgian citizens in organised criminal groups across the EU;

to further address the rise in the number of asylum seekers travelling to the Schengen zone and the disproportionate representation of Georgian citizens in organised criminal groups across the EU; *stresses, in this regard, the importance of stepping up the cooperation between the judicial authorities and the enforcement agencies of Georgia and the EU Member States; calls on the Georgian government to adopt amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Law in line with the proposals of the Public Defender in order to improve its implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 84 **Urmas Paet**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 85 **Laima Liucija Andrikiene**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 86
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that the introduction of visa-free regimes brings positive results for the development of people-to-people contacts and contributes to the mobility objectives of the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes the continuous implementation of Georgia's Migration Strategy and Action Plan and the strengthening of the rehabilitation of border sectors with Turkey and Azerbaijan;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the continuous implementation of Georgia's Migration Strategy and Action Plan, ***as well as the introduction of the Unified Migration Analysis System***, and the strengthening of the rehabilitation of border sectors with Turkey and Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports ***Georgia*** in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled 'A Step towards a Better Future', presented on 4 April 2018;

Amendment

8. ***Welcomes the efforts being made by the Georgian Government in a number of areas to rebuild relations with Russia to their mutual benefit, thus helping to stabilise a region beset by conflict; reaffirms its commitment to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia and*** supports ***it*** in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled 'A Step towards a Better Future', presented on 4 April 2018;

Or. de

Amendment 89
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step *towards* a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018;

Amendment

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution, ***reconciliation and engagement*** and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step *to* a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018, ***aimed at improving humanitarian and socio-economic conditions of population residing in Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and fostering people-to-people contact and confidence building between divided communities***;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step *towards* a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018;

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8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution, ***reconciliation and engagement*** and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step *to* a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018, ***aimed at improving humanitarian and socio-economic conditions of population residing in Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and fostering people-to-people contact and confidence building between divided communities***;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step *towards* a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018;

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Or. en

Amendment 92
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step *towards* a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018;

Amendment

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution ***reconciliation and engagement*** and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step *to* a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018, ***aimed at improving humanitarian and socio-economic conditions of population residing in Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and fostering people-to-people contacts and confidence building between divided communities***;

Amendment 93

Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on *4 April 2018*;

Amendment

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on *4 April 2018, aimed at improving humanitarian and socio-economic conditions of population residing in Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and fostering people-to-people contact and confidence building between divided communities; welcomes and supports the Otkhozoria-Tatunashvili list and calls on the Member States and the Council to blacklist and impose national and EU-wide sanctions on those who are responsible for present and past human rights violations and ongoing borderization process in the occupied territories of Georgia;*

Or. en

Amendment 94

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva

Amendment

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution, *reconciliation and engagement* and its

International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018;

constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018, *aimed at improving humanitarian and socio-economic conditions of the population residing in the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia and fostering people-to-people contacts and confidence building between divided communities;*

Or. en

Amendment 95
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018;

Amendment

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018; *reiterates the full respect for the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia;*

Or. en

Amendment 96
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva

Amendment

8. Supports Georgia in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful conflict resolution and its constructive participation in the Geneva

International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018;

International Discussions; praises the initiative entitled ‘A Step towards a Better Future’, presented on 4 April 2018, *aimed at improving socio-economic conditions for those living in Abkhazia and South Ossetia*;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Urges the Georgian authorities to make further efforts to overcome the existing obstacles and try to extend the benefits of the Association Agreement and DCFTA to the populations of Abkhazia and South Ossetia/Tskhinvali region by improving the communication about the new opportunities stemming from the agreement and developing ad hoc projects of trade and economic cooperation at local level;*

Or. en

Amendment 98

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Stresses that the international community must take a consistent, coordinated, united and firm stance against Russia’s occupation and annexation policy as the only means to*

ensure peaceful conflict resolution in Georgia and prevention of similar conflicts in the neighbourhood;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Recalls that according to international law, Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali / South Ossetia region are an integral part of Georgia and expresses full solidarity with the authorities in Tbilisi in relation to its policy on non-recognition of the separatist regimes of these regions; points out that currently only five countries in the world recognise the independence of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali / South Ossetia: Russia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Nauru and Syria; therefore, demands that the Russian Federation withdraw its decision on the recognition of the so-called independence of these Georgian territories;*

Or. en

Amendment 100
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. *Reaffirms its unequivocal support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia; acknowledges that the principles enshrined in the UN Charter,*

the 1975 Helsinki Final Act and the 1990 OSCE Charter of Paris represent the cornerstones of a peaceful European continent;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. Reaffirms its unequivocal support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia; demands that the Russian Federation cease its occupation of the Georgian territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia and that it stop the de facto integration of both Georgian territories into Russian administration;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Recalls with regret that 10 years after the Russian military aggression in Georgia of August 2008, the Russian Federation still continues its illegal occupation of the Georgian territories of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia, undermining international law and the rules-based international system; states that the so-called integration and alliance treaties signed between Russia and Abkhazia and South Ossetia in 2014

and 2015 were clear violations of international law, OSCE principles and Russia's international commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8c. Takes note of the current Georgia's lawsuit against Russia submitted to the European Court of Human Rights, which concerns the use of coercive measures against people living in Abkhazia and South Ossetia, their illegal detentions, attacks and murders that have become common practice after Russian military operations in Georgia in August 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8d. Commends Georgia's continued participation in civil and military crises management operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP); welcomes Georgian participation in the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS and the UN International Mechanism of Accountability for crimes committed since 2011 in Syria; notes Georgia's Chemical Weapons Convention amendment to its

*Criminal Code, as well as its first Arms
Trade Treaty report in August 2017;*

Or. en

Amendment 105
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**8d. Welcomes Georgia's participation
in civil and military crisis management
operations under the Common Security
and Defence Policy (CSDP);**

Or. en

Amendment 106
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**8e. Supports Georgia's continuing
dialogue with and robust contributions to
NATO as an Enhanced Opportunities
Partner and the ongoing security sector
reform taking place within Georgia as a
result of NATO's Capacity Building
Initiative;**

Or. en

Amendment 107
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8e. *Stresses the need to further develop high level strategic dialogue on security issues between the EU and Georgia, especially on countering radicalization, violent extremism and hybrid threats; expresses the need for a gradual institutionalisation of this dialogue;*

Or. en

Amendment 108

Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8f. *Welcomes the adoption by the Georgian Parliament of a resolution establishing a blacklist of people banned from entering Georgia, who have been accused and convicted of murder, kidnapping, torture or inhuman treatment (Otkhozoria -Tatunashvili list); urges the Member States and the Council to impose national and EU sanctions on those who appear;*

Or. en

Amendment 109

Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Rule of law *and* good governance

Rule of law, good governance *and media freedom*

Amendment 110
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Rule of law and good governance

Amendment

Justice, rule of law and good governance

Or. en

Amendment 111
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Notes with satisfaction** Georgia's results in fighting corruption; **commends** Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. **Commends** Georgia's results in fighting **low and mid-level** corruption; **highlights that high-level elite corruption remains a serious issue; notes with concern the findings of Transparency International revealing cases of nepotism and favouritism at both national and municipality level; notes with satisfaction** Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; **reminds that ensuring the independence of judges is essential in enforcing anti-corruption legislation; calls on the Georgian authorities to effectively investigate and prosecute all corruption cases, including high level political corruption and provide a solid track record in this regard;** calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Ivo Vajgl, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Notes with satisfaction* Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's *continued* implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. *Acknowledges* Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service *and free of any political interference*;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service ***and organised as an independent authority***;

Or. de

Amendment 115
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service; ***welcomes the decision of the Georgian authorities to put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials and supports the efficient implementation of the newly established mechanism***;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service; ***stresses, nevertheless, that fight against corruption and independence of justice need to go hand in hand and that a solid track record of investigations into high-level cases of corruption is yet to be established;***

Or. en

Amendment 117

Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; ***notes that Georgia ranks highest in the region of non-EU Eastern Europe and Central Asia and is ranked 46th least corrupt nation out of 175 in the corruption perception index;*** calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service;

Amendment

9. Notes with satisfaction Georgia's results in fighting corruption; commends Georgia's continued implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan ***with particular emphasis on the measures to prevent, detect and address high-level corruption***; calls on Georgia to ensure that the Anti-Corruption Agency is separated from the State Security Service ***and that the key anti-corruption institutions are free from political leadership***;

Or. en

Amendment 119

Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Ivo Vajgl, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Reiterates the importance of effective separation of powers and a clear dissociation between politics and economic interests;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to

10. ***Deplores that according to the***

put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;

findings of the country's ombudsman, there has been an increase in the number of arrestees who arrive at detention facilities with injuries that may be attributable to police abuse; urges the Georgian authorities to immediately stop and investigate the cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to *put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;*

Amendment

10. *Welcomes the significant progress made in eliminating torture and ill-treatment in prisons and other closed facilities; notes the creation of the State Inspector's Service for the investigation of human rights violations committed by law enforcement officers and urges the Georgian authorities to ensure adequate funding for the new institution;*

Or. en

Amendment 122
Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to *put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;*

Amendment

10. *Welcomes significant progress in eliminating torture and ill-treatment in prisons and other closed facilities; notes the creation of the State Inspector's Service for investigation of human rights violations committed by law enforcement*

officers and urges the Georgian authorities to *ensure adequate funding for the new institution*;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to *put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials*;

Amendment

10. *Welcomes significant progress in eliminating torture and ill-treatment in prisons and other closed facilities; notes the creation of the State Inspector's Service for investigation of human rights violations committed by law enforcement officers and* urges the Georgian authorities to *ensure its effective functioning*;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;

Amendment

10. *Laments that a lack of accountability persists for abuses committed by law enforcement and that none of 63 cases of alleged torture and ill-treatment investigated by the prosecutor's office since 2014 did lead to criminal prosecution*; urges the Georgian authorities to put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to put in place *an* effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;

Amendment

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to put in place *a fully-fledged independent and* effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials *separated from the authority of the general prosecutor's office*;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to put in place an effective mechanism for investigating cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;

Amendment

10. Urges the Georgian authorities to put in place an effective mechanism for investigating *and prosecuting* cases of abuse by law enforcement officials;

Or. de

Amendment 127

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Is highly concerned by the

pressure Turkey is exerting on Turkish residents in Georgia, as well as education institutions, like the International Black Sea University due to their alleged affiliation to the Gülen movement; urges Georgian authorities to follow closely the case ensuring that judicial procedures and any action taken are fully in line with European principles and standards; urges the EU to support and help the Eastern Partnership countries to withstand the pressure exerted over the last months, in particular, by Turkey;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence;*

Amendment

11. *Deplores the executive and legislative interference in the judiciary, which remains highly politicised, as well as the lack of transparency surrounding procedures, as noted by the annual Freedom House report; reminds that serious problems remain in respect to the independence, impartiality and professionalism of judges; regrets the fact that the judiciary has become a system where criticism from inside is highly unacceptable and that there is no tolerance for judges who publicly criticise the system, who then face exclusion from the profession; reminds that the Venice Commission has expressed concern over proposed legislative amendments, which do not ensure the political neutrality of the Prosecutorial Council; calls for transparency and the full independence of the judicial system;*

Or. en

Amendment 129

Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Ivo Vajgl, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls *for more* transparency of the *judicial system and for further improvements to its independence*;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; *however*, calls *on the Georgian government to keep up with the reforms to ensure full independence and transparency of the prosecutor's office, judiciary and the Ministry of Interior, including the Police and the Security Services*;

Or. en

Amendment 130 Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *Welcomes the progress* of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence;

Amendment

11. *Takes note* of the *ongoing* judicial reform *and urges to address longstanding unresolved issues related to e.g. appointment and selection procedures of judges and presidents of courts*; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence *and accountability*; *recalls the importance of an effective and unbiased judiciary free of cases of selective justice as an utmost relevant indicator of a genuine consolidated democracy*;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of *the* judicial reform; calls for more transparency *of the judicial system and for* further improvements to *its* independence;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of judicial reform; calls for more transparency *during* the judicial *appointment process and calls for high judicial caseloads to be addressed as well as* further improvements to *the* independence *and efficiency of the judicial system*;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system, *including the process of selection, appointment, evaluation and promotion of the judges, in order to address the issues of disciplinary proceedings and high case load of judges system* and for further improvements to its independence;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial ***appointment and addressing the issues of disciplinary proceedings and high case load of judges*** system and for further improvements to its independence;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and ***for further improvements to its*** independence;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and ***to put in place all the necessary measures aimed at strengthening and guaranteeing the independence of the judiciary;***

Or. en

Amendment 135

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for ***further improvements to its independence;***

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for ***the strengthening of independent judiciary;***

Or. en

Amendment 136
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence ***and depoliticization, as well as for the reinforcement of its administrative capacity;***

Or. en

Amendment 137
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; calls for more transparency of the judicial system and for further improvements to its independence, ***in particular the Prosecutor's Office which remains very weak;***

Or. en

Amendment 138
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; ***calls for*** more transparency of the judicial system and ***for*** further improvements to its independence;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the progress of the judicial reform; ***confirms at the same time that*** more transparency of the judicial system and further improvements to its independence ***are being achieved***;

Or. de

Amendment 139

Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Points out that, according to the Transparency International report from 2015 entitles “The State of Corruption: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine”, the judiciary in Georgia suffers from limited independence from the executive, which has had a significant impact on its ability to play an active role in the fight against corruption; welcomes the fact that the Georgian judiciary is showing signs of greater impartiality in its decision making and is more active in holding the government to account;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Underlines the importance of ongoing public administration reforms;

Amendment

12. Underlines the importance of ongoing public administration reforms;

welcomes the newly enacted Civil Service Law;

welcomes the newly enacted Civil Service Law *and expects its rapid implementation with a view to ensuring a sustainable increase in public confidence;*

Or. de

Amendment 141
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Notes with concern that the Georgian Government has failed to adopt new legislation to improve the access to public information; deplores the fact that the proposed reform further limits access in this area; calls on the Georgian Government to ensure effective access to public information; reminds this is an essential commitment made within the framework of the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Stresses the need for the authorities in charge of implementation of the Association Agreement to conduct regular financial spending oversight to prevent fraudulent practices and redirecting of the EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Georgian Parliament to **consider an amendments package aimed at reforming** drug policy legislation in line with its 30 November 2017 Constitutional Court decision;

Amendment

15. **Notes that, despite some progress, Georgia still have overly punitive drug laws and practices, including disproportionately harsh prison sentences and fines;** calls on the Georgian Parliament to **reform its** drug policy legislation in line with its 30 November 2017 Constitutional Court decision **and to move toward a public health approach in dealing with drugs;**

Or. en

Amendment 144
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the Georgian Parliament to consider an amendments package aimed at reforming drug policy legislation in line with its 30 November 2017 Constitutional Court decision;

Amendment

15. **Expresses its deep concern at the social and human costs caused by overly punitive drug laws with regard, in particular, to disproportionate harsh prison sentences and fines, abusive, mandatory drug tests, coerced plea bargains and arbitrary limitations on rights, and** calls on the Georgian Parliament to consider an amendments package aimed at reforming drug policy legislation in line with its 30 November 2017 Constitutional Court decision;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Georgian Parliament's assent to a package of laws to improve the situation of inmates;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Georgian Parliament's assent to a package of laws to improve the situation of inmates; ***calls on Georgia to establish an effective and independent complaint mechanism to investigate the cases of ill-treatment by law-enforcement authorities, as well as to introduce positive incentives for the police workers to align their working methods with the international human rights standards;***

Or. en

Amendment 146
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the Georgian Parliament's assent to a package of laws to improve the situation of inmates;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the Georgian Parliament's assent to a package of laws to improve the situation of inmates; ***praises the decreasing of ill-treatment after the adoption of 2015-2016 Action Plan on the Fight against Torture, inhuman, humiliating treatment or punishment;***

Or. en

Amendment 147
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. ***Welcomes the establishment of a Human Rights Department within the Ministry of Internal Affairs;*** calls on the Georgian authorities to further operationalise the country's human rights coordination mechanism and strengthen its cooperation in multilateral fora; underscores the need for Georgia to ensure a safe and secure environment for human rights defenders residing within its territory;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Georgian authorities to further operationalise the country's human rights coordination mechanism and strengthen its cooperation in multilateral fora; underscores the need for Georgia to ensure a safe and secure environment for human rights defenders residing within its territory; ***in this regard refers to the European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2017 on the case of Azerbaijani journalist Afgan Mukhtarli (2017/1722 (RS)) and expresses concern over the lack of progress in the investigation of his abduction from Tbilisi; calls upon the Georgian Government to ensure prompt conclusion of the investigation;***

Or. en

Amendment 148

Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Javier Nart, Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

17a. Urges the Georgian authorities to implement without delay the judgement of 28 November 2017 of the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights in relation to the former Prime Minister Vano Merabishvili which established that the Georgian authorities breached Article 18 of the European Convention of Human Rights by pursuing "hidden agenda" and "ulterior motives" when arresting Vano Merabishvili; stresses the fact that after early release of Ilgar Mammadov by Azerbaijan, Vano Merabishvili remains the only individual in Europe in relation to whom the ECHR

Amendment

found breach of Article 18 and who continues to be kept in prison;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Urges the Georgian authorities to implement without delay the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights Grand Chamber in relation to the former Prime Minister Vano Merabishvili. Reminds that Mr Merabishvili remains the only individual in relation to whom breach of Article 18 of the European Convention of Human Rights has been established but still remains in custody;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Is concerned with the fact that former Prime Minister Vano Merabishvili is being held in detention for the sixth year, even after the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on Georgia, as state party of the European Convention on Human Rights, to guarantee safety and international protection to citizens threatened in their country of origin; laments the lack of results and transparency in the investigation on the case of the abduction of the Azeri investigative journalist Afgan Mukhtarli, kidnapped in Tbilisi on May 29, and now condemned to a six year sentence by a court in Balakan; welcomes the new Law on International Protection adopted in 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Georgian authorities, in the case of Afghan Mukhtarli, an Azerbaijan investigative journalist who was abducted in Tbilisi and arbitrarily detained in Baku, to take all necessary measures against Azerbaijan in order to allow him to return to his family; underlines that such detention has been recognised by the EU as a serious violation of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Stresses that the European Parliament closely monitors the ongoing investigation into the alleged abduction from Georgia and illegal arbitrary detention of Azeri journalist and activist Afghan Mukhtarli and demands from the Georgian authorities a swift, thorough and transparent investigation and bringing all those responsible to account; is concerned over other cases of pressure or violation of the rights of human rights defenders from Azerbaijan residing in Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Referring to the European Parliament resolution of 15 June 2017 on the case of Azeri journalist Afgan Mukhtarli expresses concern over the lack of progress in investigation of his abduction from downtown Tbilisi and calls upon the Georgian Government to ensure credible investigation and its prompt conclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Notes with concern that in May 2017, an investigative journalist from Azerbaijan, Afgan Mukhtarli, was abducted from Tbilisi and transported to Azerbaijan, where he was detained by the authorities; urges the Georgian Government to abide by the provisions of the European Convention on Extradition and to ensure that such actions are effectively investigated; urges the Georgian authorities to prevent such actions from ever happening again;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Stresses, in this respect, that the Mukhtarli case showed many shortfalls as regards the functioning of security services and enforcement agencies and expects the Georgian authorities to tackle these questions effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17c. *Stresses the importance of elaborating a clear, transparent and human-rights based policy and mechanisms for investigating, prosecuting and compensating human rights violations committed during previous administrations with the assurance that this process fully respects the principle of rule of law and due process;*

Or. en

Amendment 158
Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, ***by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;***

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, ***unborn children, persons with a disability and minorities;***

Or. pl

Amendment 159
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to

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take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate *speech* and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against **LGBTQI people**, disabled people and minorities;

take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate *crimes* and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against disabled people and minorities;

Or. el

Amendment 160
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, *disabled* people *and* minorities;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms *and human rights*, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech, *violence*, and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, *Roma people*, people *living with HIV/AIDS*, *people with disabilities and other* minorities, *taking an intersectional perspective*;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

welcomes the Georgia's Equality and Integration Strategy and the adoption of the Law on State Language for the use of non-state languages in municipalities densely populated by national minorities; encourages authorities to create a mechanism to monitor its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Amendment

18. *Welcomes Georgia's recent ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) and calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;*

Or. en

Amendment 163
Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups,

Amendment

18. *Welcomes Georgia's recent ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating*

by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) and calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Amendment

18. *Welcomes Georgia's recent ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) and* calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental

Amendment

18. *Welcomes Georgia's recent ratification of the Council of Europe*

freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention); calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Amendment

18. ***Welcomes Georgia's recent ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and*** calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to

Amendment

18. Calls on the Georgian authorities to

take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities;

take further steps to uphold fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination, including on the labour market through an amended Labour Code, against LGBTQI people, disabled people and minorities, *and by ending discrimination by employers against those availing themselves of their trade union rights;*

Or. de

Amendment 168

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Welcomes the ratification by Georgia of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2014; calls on the Georgian government to harmonise legislation on the rights of persons with disabilities with the UN CRPD;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the Georgian authorities to apply a closer scrutiny on the respect of political and cultural rights of the ethnic minorities and to put in place an efficient monitoring mechanism of Georgia's Equality and Integration Strategy;

Amendment 170

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the Parliament of Georgia to harmonize the Georgian legislation in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and the EU Law on disability;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take steps for transforming the Labour Conditions Inspection Department into a fully-fledged independent labour inspection body capable of overlooking all the work places unrestrictedly and defining the level of sanctions in cases of breach of the Georgian Law on Labour Safety;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Calls on the Parliament of Georgia to harmonise the Georgian legislation in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and the EU Law on disability;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect **women** against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase **their participation** in politics and the labour market;

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect **people** against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase **the number of women** in politics and the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment **and to increase their participation in politics and the labour market;**

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment;

Amendment 175

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase their participation in politics and the labour market;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase their participation in politics and the labour market; ***calls on the Parliament of Georgia to adopt legislative changes to the Labour Code and the Administrative Offences Code in line with EU Council Directive 2004/113/EC, which is part of the Association Agreement, that prohibit sexual harassment in the labour market and in public spaces;***

Or. en

Amendment 176

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase their participation in politics and the labour market;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase their participation in politics and the labour market; ***recalls that women are still underrepresented in politics and that gender inequality remains high as Georgia is ranked 76th out of 188 countries in the Gender Inequality Index***

(GII);

Or. en

Amendment 177
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase their participation in politics and the labour market;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Georgian authorities to take further steps to protect women against all forms of violence and sexual harassment and to increase their participation in politics and the labour market; ***calls on the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia to introduce a police training programme to address sexual harassment issues at work, public places and private sector;***

Or. en

Amendment 178
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

19a. ***Underlines that children with disabilities still represent one of the most vulnerable groups in Georgian society faced with the risks of poverty, exclusion and discrimination; urges therefore the Georgian authorities to harmonize the legislation in line with the EU provisions on disability and to adopt a social model on disability ensuring a full access to education for children;***

Amendment

19a. ***Underlines that children with disabilities still represent one of the most vulnerable groups in Georgian society faced with the risks of poverty, exclusion and discrimination; urges therefore the Georgian authorities to harmonize the legislation in line with the EU provisions on disability and to adopt a social model on disability ensuring a full access to education for children;***

Or. en

Amendment 179

Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Ivo Vajgl, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Reiterates the responsibility of the Georgian government to thoroughly supervise the situation of children in orphanages and religious residential institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Ivo Vajgl, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Stresses the responsibility of the Government under international human rights law to protect all children from violence and calls for measures to ensure effective investigation and rehabilitation for children affected by sexual abuse;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19c. *Calls on the government of Georgia to improve protection of children's rights and ensure that all children with disabilities have access to, and obtain, proper education, and that their right to education is protected by law;*

Or. en

Amendment 182
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; ***recalls the long-running dispute over ownership of opposition Rustavi 2 TV channel and the ECtHR ruling of 3 March 2017 to suspend the enforcement of Georgia's Supreme Court's decision regarding its ownership;*** notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia ***ranking*** as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders; ***stresses that Reporters Without Borders consider Georgia's media pluralist but still very polarized and not yet independent;***

Or. en

Amendment 183
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic ***and transparent, as regards ownership,*** media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Petras Auštrevičius, Jozo Radoš, Javier Nart, Urmas Paet, Ilhan Kyuchyuk

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; ***in this regard, follows very closely the legal dispute concerning the ownership rights of the Rustavi 2 TV company and expects that the Georgian authorities will respect fully the decision of the European Court of Human Rights on this case;*** notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes *with satisfaction* the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; *calls to guarantee media pluralism, editorial independence and transparent media ownership; in this regard underlines the importance of the case of Rustavi 2*; notes *however* the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; *notes that Georgia's media are still very polarized and that ownership can still influence the editorial content of the media but at the same time* notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders

Or. en

Amendment 187
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders; ***deplores the propaganda activities being carried out by the Georgian Government in favour of Georgia's accession to the EU, as such matters should not be influenced by information campaigns financed by governments, but should instead be the subject of legitimate national debate;***

Or. fr

Amendment 188
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes with satisfaction the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders; ***welcomes the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights dated 2nd March 2017 suspending execution of the judgement of the Georgian Supreme Court regarding property rights to the largest and most popular TV channel Rustavi 2 until it considers the case;***

Or. en

Amendment 189
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes *with satisfaction* the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders;

Amendment

20. Recalls the importance of free and independent mass media and a pluralistic media environment as key democratic principles; notes the improvements in Georgia as reflected in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index established by Reporters Without Borders; *underlines, nevertheless, that significant challenges remain when it comes to freedom of media and media pluralism, in particular regarding pressure and intimidation of journalists and media owners, as well as regarding politicization of media content;*

Or. en

Amendment 190
Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

20a. Is concerned about the political interference in the judiciary and the media, notably in light of the ruling of The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), which suspended the ruling of the Supreme Court of Georgia to return the control of the opposition television station Rustavi 2 to its previous co-owner, who is aligned with the ruling party; calls on the authorities not to interfere with media editorial policies; urges the Georgian Government to abide by all rulings of the ECHR;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the need to carry out a comprehensive investigation of Rustavi-2 case and ensure that that the judicial process is completely impartial and free from political pressure; urges the Georgian authorities to enhance the protection of journalists and whistle-blowers in Georgia by specifically addressing intimidation and unlawful harassment against them;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation *as well as labour rights notably through the adoption of the law on occupational safety; stresses the need to put in place a fully-fledged labour inspection system to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions; recalls that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;*

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation *and calls for the liberalisation of labour law so that the barriers causing unemployment can be removed;*

Or. pl

Amendment 193

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights **notably through** the adoption of the law on occupational safety; **stresses the need** to put in place **a** fully-fledged labour inspection system to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions; **recalls** that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights **and expects** the adoption of the law on occupational safety **to tackle effectively the dramatic human toll of incidents at work; urges the Parliament of Georgia to broaden the scope of the law to all workplaces without any exemptions; calls on the Georgian authorities** to put in place **in the shortest term a credible and independent** fully-fledged labour inspection system to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; **notes the importance of providing it with unconditional access to all workplaces, adequate means to conduct inspections on its own and apply sanctions and enforce the law;** is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions; **stresses** that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights notably through the adoption of the law on occupational safety; stresses the need to put in place a fully-fledged labour inspection system to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; ***is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions***; recalls that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights notably through the adoption of the law on occupational safety; stresses the need to put in place a fully-fledged labour inspection system to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; recalls that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights notably through the adoption of the law on occupational safety; stresses the need ***to put in place a fully-fledged labour inspection system*** to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; ***is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions***; recalls that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights notably through the adoption of the law on occupational safety; stresses the need to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work ***by putting in place a fully-fledged labour inspection system with sufficient resources and strong enforcement powers that does not require employer authorisation; stresses the need for the active involvement of the social partners in this initiative***; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019 ***and at the same time, since it has not yet done so, encourages them to ratify ILO Convention No 81 (Labour inspection) without delay***; is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions;

underlines in this context the need to bring the Labour Code back into line with established international standards;
recalls that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;

Or. de

Amendment 196

Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Patricia Lalonde

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights notably through the adoption of the law on occupational safety; stresses the need to put in place a fully-fledged labour inspection system to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions; recalls that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the emphasis put on job creation as well as labour rights notably through the adoption of the law on occupational safety; stresses the need to put in place a fully-fledged labour inspection system ***aligned with ILO conventions*** to improve safety at work and reduce undeclared work; takes note of the Georgian authorities' ambition to do so by September 2019; is concerned by child labour and insufficient freedom of association for trade unions; recalls that occupational safety according to the requirements of the Association Agreement is of critical importance ***and calls to be applied to all workplaces; is concerned by the lack of progress in terms of enforcement of criminal justice in the cases of violation of labour safety rules;***

Or. en

Amendment 197

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the Commission and the Georgian authorities to implement the cooperation provisions of the Association Agreement (Chapter 14) and accordingly formulate appropriate arrangements for the inclusion of all relevant stakeholders, in particular the social partners on both sides, in policy formulation for implementation of the Agreement and further development of relations;

Or. de

Amendment 198
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Calls on the Commission and the Georgian Government to establish a dialogue with the social partners and civil society for the development and implementation of a 'European' social model to strengthen the rights of workers and their organisations, promote investment in stable and decent employment and ensure full access to high-quality public services, in particular education, health care, social security and social infrastructures;

Or. de

Amendment 199
Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Notes that the EU is Georgia's largest trade partner, representing almost a third of total trade, and the most significant donor, and that the EU is also responsible for the highest proportion of foreign direct investment in the country; welcomes the implementation of key structural reforms aimed at improvement of the economic and business environment and maximisation of the benefits provided by the DCFTA; notes positively the progress Georgia has made in the approximation of its legislation in trade-related areas; underlines the importance of ongoing structural reforms related to the improvement of the investment climate in Georgia;*

Or. en

Amendment 200

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Notes that the EU is Georgia's largest trade partner, representing almost a third of total trade and the most significant donor and that the EU is also responsible for the highest proportion of foreign direct investment in the country; welcomes the progress in the DCFTA implementation and Georgia's efforts to develop quality infrastructure;*

Or. en

Amendment 201

Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Notes that the EU is Georgia's largest trade partner, representing almost a third of total trade and the most significant donor; notes that the EU is also responsible for the highest proportion of foreign direct investment in the country; in this regard welcomes progress in DCFTA implementation and Georgia's efforts to develop quality infrastructure;*

Or. en

Amendment 202
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Notes that the EU is Georgia's largest trade partner, representing almost a third of total trade, and the most significant donor, and that the EU is also responsible for the highest proportion of foreign direct investment in the country. Welcomes progress in DCFTA implementation and Georgia's efforts to develop quality infrastructure;*

Or. en

Amendment 203
Jaromír Štětina

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Notes that the EU is Georgia's largest trade partner, representing almost a third of total trade, and the most significant donor, and that the EU is also responsible for the highest proportion of foreign direct investment in the country; welcomes progress in DCFTA implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 204
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. *Notes that the EU represents Georgia's largest trading partner and source of foreign direct investment;*

Or. en

Amendment 205
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21e. *Reminds the Georgian Government of its obligation to transpose international labour law into national legislation;*

Or. de

Amendment 206
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21f. Notes the increasing trend in EU-Georgia trade, the progress done in the matter of technical barriers to trade and the progress in approximation of some trade related legislation and standards, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures; calls nevertheless for more progress in food safety; commends the major role of small and medium-sized enterprises and farmers in boosting the country's economy;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21f. Notes positively the progress in implementation of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Agreement (SPS) commitments, including first success stories of opening EU market for animal origin products; welcomes Georgia's efforts to develop quality infrastructure; notes with satisfaction that Georgia has signed Bilateral Recognition Agreement with the European Accreditation and that three metrological laboratories have gained European/International recognition;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21g. *Under the following heading points out that the economic policy hitherto pursued, seeking to stimulate growth through policies such as employer-friendly deregulation of the labour market and the dismantling of the established rights of workers and trade unions, runs counter to the Association Agreement; recalls that, under Article 229 of the Association Agreement, Georgia undertakes to implement the ILO core labour standards in law and in practice, while Article 235 explicitly prohibits measures to encourage trade or investment by lowering the levels of protection afforded in domestic environmental or labour law.*

Or. de

Amendment 209
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21g. *Welcomes the expansion of Competition Agency functions within the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia; stresses the need for the Georgian authorities to guarantee equal distribution of the results of Georgian economy growth among the population;*

Amendment 210

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes positively the progress in the area of public procurement with planned alignment of legislation by 2022; stresses the importance of an impartial and independent review body;

Amendment

23. Notes positively the progress in the area of public procurement with planned alignment of legislation by 2022; stresses the importance of an impartial and independent review body; ***urges the government of Georgia to improve the transparency of the public procurement system, in particular by reducing exemptions from open bidding in the procurement law in order to reduce the overall volume of direct (non-competitive) contracting;***

Or. en

Amendment 211

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes positively the progress in the area of public procurement with planned alignment of legislation by 2022; stresses the importance of an impartial and independent review body;

Amendment

23. Notes positively the progress in the area of public procurement with planned alignment of legislation by 2022; stresses the importance of an impartial and independent review body; ***urges the government of Georgia to improve the transparency of the public procurement system, in particular by reducing exemptions from open bidding in the procurement law in order to reduce the overall volume of direct contracting;***

Amendment 212

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. **Welcomes** the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Amendment

24. **Notes** the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty **and firmly believes that this goes further to meeting the conditions for a pan-European energy mix in line with the Paris Agreement on measures to combat climate change and Goal 10 of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development regarding measures to combat energy poverty;**

Or. de

Amendment 213

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Amendment

24. **Welcomes Georgia's membership of the Energy Community and** welcomes the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Amendment

24. ***Welcomes Georgia's membership of the Energy Community and*** welcomes the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Amendment

24. Welcomes ***Georgia's membership in the Energy Community as well as*** the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 216
Clare Moody

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes *the* progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Amendment

24. Welcomes ***Georgia's membership of the Energy Community and*** progress ***made*** towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 217

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Welcomes the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Amendment

24. Welcomes ***Georgia's membership of the Energy Community and*** the progress towards the integration of Georgia's energy market with that of the EU through regulatory convergence, in accordance with the Association Agreement and the Energy Community Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Praises the plans to incorporate the Ministry of Energy into the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development in order to improve decision-making in the energy field and

reduce administrative expenditures; notes however that similar decisions should be taken in close coordination with the Georgian Parliament and broad consultation with the representatives of the NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment 219
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Recommends that the Georgian authorities strengthen the security of energy supplies and energy independence, encourages the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency and the adoption of the necessary laws;

Amendment

25. Recommends that the Georgian authorities ***develop a robust national energy strategy, reduce the level of energy subsidies***, strengthen the security of energy supplies and energy independence, encourages the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency and the adoption of the necessary laws, ***as well as an adaptation of the institutional framework; encourages strengthening of the energy transit functions;***

Or. en

Amendment 220
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

25a. Stresses the need for further implementation efforts to be done in the sphere of transport and environment; urges Georgian Government to adopt a strategy for combatting air pollution; calls upon the Georgian authorities to increase

Amendment

25a. ***Stresses the need for further implementation efforts to be done in the sphere of transport and environment; urges Georgian Government to adopt a strategy for combatting air pollution; calls upon the Georgian authorities to increase***

public participation in environmental decision-making and the degree of sharing of environmental information to assist the public interest;

Or. en

Amendment 221
Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recalls that environmental governance is a key feature of the Association Agreement requirements; welcomes the entry into force of a new Environmental Impact Assessment Code in line with EU legislation as well as the adoption of the roadmap for the Climate Action Plan; calls for further alignment of national environmental policies with EU targets to fight climate change, *in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement and, in particular, the finalisation and adoption the Low Emission Development Strategy;*

Amendment

26. Recalls that environmental governance is a key feature of the Association Agreement requirements; welcomes the entry into force of a new Environmental Impact Assessment Code in line with EU legislation as well as the adoption of the roadmap for the Climate Action Plan; calls for further alignment of national environmental policies with EU targets to fight climate change;

Or. pl

Amendment 222
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

26a. Takes note of the plan of the Georgian government to further develop hydropower; calls, in this regard, on the Georgian authorities to adopt and comply with EU standards in all the projects and in particular to apply an open and

transparent procedure of Environmental Impact Assessment involving all the relevant stakeholders in the main stages of the decision-making process;

Or. en

Amendment 223
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Urges Georgian authorities, as well as EEAS / European Commission, to make all the necessary efforts to step up EU Energy Acquis transfer, as well as scientific cooperation and innovation development in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Reiterates its resolve to increase its monitoring of the implementation of international agreements with the EU's Eastern partners; calls once more on the Commission and the EEAS to transmit to Parliament and the Council more frequent detailed written reports on the implementation of these agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Calls on the EEAS/European Commission to support Georgia in developing sectorial reform strategies in the framework of AA/DCFTA, especially in the matter of horizontal issues, to maximize the output and the impact of the reforms in Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27c. Calls on the EEAS/European Commission to provide the EU Delegation in Georgia with additional dedicated human resources to cope with its duty of assistance in AA/DCFTA implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27d. Calls on the EEAS/European Commission to publish all the annual association implementation reports at the

same time and to simultaneously publish a comparative evaluation of the level of progress towards AA/DCFTA implementation by each associated partner, against specific benchmarks;

Or. en

Amendment 228
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27e. Calls on the EEAS / European Commission and the authorities of Georgia to take steps in order to assess the benefits of the implementation of the Association Agreement on individual level among Georgian citizens, as well as to step up common coordination efforts to identify and share best practices;

Or. en

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27f. Resolves to draw up annual reports on the implementation of the Association Agreements;

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