



AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Michael Gahler

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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections
(2019/2028(BUD))

Amendment 1
Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. *Notes with concern the decrease of over EUR 1 billion in commitment appropriations for Heading 4 (Global Europe), which would result in a budget for external action lower than during any of the three preceding years; believes that in the current international context, the EU needs to assume more, not less responsibility and that it must be endowed with the necessary financial resources in order to be able to do so; calls for the margin of over EUR 200 million in Heading 4 to be allocated;*

Amendment

1. *Welcomes the reduction of commitment appropriations under Heading 4 (Global Europe), which aims to decrease by EUR 193.24 appropriations requested in the DB 2020 on a number of specific budget lines, including operational expenditure, namely related to the Development Cooperation Instrument (-EUR 70.00 million), humanitarian aid (-EUR 50.00 million), the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (-EUR 31.00 million), the European Neighbourhood Instrument (-EUR 23.00 million), the Partnership Instrument for cooperation with third countries (-EUR 8.28 million), the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (-EUR 4.60 million), the EU Aid Volunteers initiative (-EUR 1.07 million) and actions financed under the prerogatives of the Commission and specific competences conferred to the Commission (-EUR 5.29 million);*

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Lukas Mandl

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Europe), which would result in a budget for external action lower than during any of the three preceding years; believes that in the current international context, the EU needs to assume more, not less responsibility and that it must be endowed with the necessary financial resources in order to be able to do so; calls for the margin of over EUR 200 million in Heading 4 to be allocated, *in particular for crisis response, conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness*;

Or. en

Amendment 3 **Charlie Weimers**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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Amendment

1. *Recalls that as one of the largest contributors to the EU prepares to leave and in line with the time tested principle of living within your means the European Parliament welcomes* the decrease of over EUR 1 billion in commitment appropriations for Heading 4 (Global Europe);

Or. en

Amendment 4 **Isabel Santos**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Anna Fotyga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Notes with concern the findings of Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office which concluded that persecution of Christians is reaching near genocidal levels;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Notes with concern the lack of focus under Heading 4 (Global Europe) on protecting the largest persecuted religious minority in the world: Christians;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. Instructs the Commission to focus appropriations on Humanitarian Aid Relief under Heading 4 (Global Europe) in order to aid persecuted Christian

communities in need;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
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2. Believes that a further increase in funding for the Western Balkan countries under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) is needed; in this regard, disapproves of the proposed reduction of the funds dedicated to supporting political reforms and alignment with the *acquis* in the Western Balkans and asks for a substantial increase instead;

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Isabel Santos

Draft opinion
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2. Believes that a further increase in funding for the Western Balkan countries under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) is needed; in this regard, disapproves of the proposed reduction of the funds dedicated to supporting political reforms and alignment with the *acquis* in the Western Balkans and asks for a substantial increase instead;

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2. Believes that a further increase in funding for the Western Balkan countries under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) is needed; ***the Commission recommended opening accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, which the European Council approved; it is important to keep that promise and start accession negotiations already in 2019;*** in this regard, disapproves of the proposed

reduction of the funds dedicated to supporting political reforms and alignment with the acquis in the Western Balkans and asks for a substantial increase instead;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière

Draft opinion
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2. *Believes that a further increase in funding for the Western Balkan countries under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) is needed; in this regard, disapproves of the proposed reduction of the funds dedicated to supporting political reforms and alignment with the acquis in the Western Balkans and asks for a substantial increase instead;*

Amendment

2. *Welcomes the proposed reduction of funds dedicated to supporting political reforms and alignment with the acquis in the Western Balkans; calls for an end to the political enlargement of the European Union, whether this is in relation to the Western Balkans or Turkey;*

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Tonino Picula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 13 **Michal Šimečka**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

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Amendment

2. Believes that a further increase in funding for the Western Balkan countries under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II), *especially in areas of functioning of democratic institutions, rule of law, good governance and public administration* is needed; in this regard, disapproves of the proposed reduction of the funds dedicated to supporting political reforms and alignment with the acquis in the Western Balkans and asks for a substantial increase instead;

Or. en

Amendment 14 **Isabel Santos**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 3**

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3. Notes that the allocations for Turkey remain at a reduced level and believes that this is justified by the serious

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and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; welcomes the increased focus on support for civil society and the continuing shift toward direct management and encourages the Commission to further expedite this rebalancing;

and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; welcomes the increased focus on support for civil society, ***democracy and rule of law***, and the continuing shift toward direct management and encourages the Commission to further expedite this rebalancing;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Lukas Mandl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Notes that the allocations for Turkey remain at a reduced level and believes that this is justified by the serious and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; welcomes the increased focus on support for civil society and the continuing shift toward direct management and encourages the Commission to further expedite this rebalancing;

Amendment

3. Notes that the allocations for Turkey remain at a reduced level and believes that this is justified by the serious and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; ***calls on the Commission to closely monitor the situation and, if deemed necessary, to withdraw financial support***; welcomes the increased focus on support for civil society and the continuing shift toward direct management and encourages the Commission to further expedite this rebalancing;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Isabel Santos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Notes that the allocations for Turkey remain at a reduced level and believes that this is justified by the serious and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; welcomes the increased focus on support for civil society and the continuing shift toward direct management and encourages the Commission to further expedite this rebalancing;

Amendment

3. Notes that the allocations for Turkey remain at a reduced level and believes that this is justified by the serious and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; ***at the same time, it is crucial to keep bridges with the citizens of Turkey***; welcomes the increased focus on support for civil society and the continuing shift toward direct management and encourages the Commission to further expedite this rebalancing;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

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3. Notes that the allocations for Turkey ***remain at a reduced level*** and believes that this is justified by the serious and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; ***welcomes the increased focus on support for civil society and the continuing shift toward direct management and encourages the Commission to further expedite this rebalancing***;

Amendment

3. Notes that the allocations for Turkey ***nevertheless remain in place*** and believes that this is justified by the serious and persistent deficits in the areas of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights in Turkey; ***insists that funding for Turkey be permanently suspended; calls for the definitive end to the accession process of Turkey to the European Union***;

Or. fr

Amendment 18

Michael Gahler

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Calls for reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements;

Amendment

4. ***Recalls the importance of a stable European neighbourhood, and highlights in particular the need to support key countries, such as Ukraine, Moldova, Tunisia and Georgia, which all have shown significant progress that should be acknowledged and supported;*** calls for reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière

Draft opinion

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Amendment

4. ***Recalls that contributions from the European Neighbourhood Instrument to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa should provide a response to the challenge of migration that the European Union has been facing for years; calls, therefore, for greater transparency and better instruments to evaluate the impact of these funds in real terms; notes that it is particularly useful to reflect on the effectiveness of the funds in question, since the problem of migration is a priority for all European countries;***

Amendment 20
Isabel Santos

Draft opinion
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4. Calls for reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements; ***calls for providing increased funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in 2020 to preserve uninterrupted basic services to millions of Palestine refugees, in line with EU Global Strategy and priorities in the Middle East;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Isabel Santos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. ***Countries in the Southern neighbourhood are facing enormous pressure as a result of tumultuous developments in the region, including conflicts in Syria and Libya, rise of extremism and related refugee and migrant waves; calls, therefore, for***

expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements;

reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Michal Šimečka

Draft opinion
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4. Calls for reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements; ***calls also for reinforcement of the commitments for the Eastern Partnership in the light of the unstable security environment at the EU Eastern borders and persisting security threats in the Eastern neighbourhood;***

Or. en

Amendment 23
Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements;

Amendment

4. ***Reiterates the importance of both the Eastern and the Southern Neighbourhood for the Union***; calls for reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements; ***underlines the importance of continuous support and contributions to the Eastern Partnership countries***;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

4. Calls for reversing the proposed budget cuts for the countries in the Southern Neighbourhood under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI); ***emphasises the need to prioritise the stability of the Eastern and Southern neighbourhood of the EU***; reiterates that contributions from ENI to the Syria pledge and the EU Trust Fund for Africa must not come at the expense of the ENI core priorities and calls for these additional commitments to be fully offset by reinforcements;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Michal Šimečka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Reiterates the significance of the instruments for supporting democracy and human rights in EU foreign policy; underlines the need to strengthen the support for activities in the areas of conflict prevention and resolution as well as the support for civil society organisations working in the areas of human rights, democracy and rule of law; recalls the importance of EU election observation missions;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Dragoş Tudorache

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Recalls the importance of maintaining a high level of involvement of the EU in the Eastern Neighbourhood, while taking into account the commitment of partner countries towards reforms; underlines that in the case of Moldova the EU should build on the political momentum and ensure a strong financial support in order for the necessary democratic, economic and social reforms to take place;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Isabel Santos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls for an extended support to the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights; reiterates its strong support to Human Rights Defenders, in particular those most at risk, as a long established priority for the EU's human rights external relation policy; moreover, increased funding for EU electoral observation missions must be ensured;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj, Nathalie Loiseau, Christophe Grudler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Stresses the need to increase the financial contributions to the Syrian Trust Fund “Madad”, underlines the efforts by organisations working on evidence gathering in Syria and calls for the evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by all sides to the conflict to be preserved as a fundamental priority;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Sergey Lagodinsky
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Asks for more funding under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for the protection of human rights defenders at risk, including through the Human Rights Defenders Mechanism (ProtectDefenders.eu), given the increased crackdowns in a number of countries;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Welcomes the pledges made at the Brussels III Conference “Supporting the future of Syria and the Region” and highlights that beyond the allocated EUR 560 million the EU must commit to a long and stable involvement in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Sergey Lagodinsky
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. *Notes the increased funding allocated to the EP liaison offices and calls on the EP Secretary General to issue a written report on the detailed activities of the EP liaison offices and their added value in countries where there are already EU delegations, including with regards to staff posted in those liaison offices;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. *Calls for the reinstatement of the mandate of the EU Special Representative for the Southern Mediterranean, leading EU engagement with the region and providing heightened EU visibility;*

Or. en

Amendment 33

Sergey Lagodinsky

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 c. *Is dismayed by the low percentage of women in middle management and senior management positions in the EEAS (25% and 13% respectively); calls on the High Representative/Vice-President to take a written commitment regarding the presence of women in management positions, including the target of 50%*

women as Heads of Delegation by 2024;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj, Nathalie Loiseau, Christophe Grudler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 c. Stresses the importance of a progressive framing of the common EU's defence policy and the need to support further funding to ensure its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Sergey Lagodinsky

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 d. Highlights the consequences that climate change will have on the EU's external action; stresses the need to match the climate emergency with a substantial increase in the number of funds dedicated to climate objectives and climate diplomacy;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Sergey Lagodinsky

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 e. Calls for enhanced EU support for the viability of a two-state solution, the Palestinian Authority, civil society in both Israel and Palestine and UNRWA; notes with concern the recent allegations of abuse of power within the UNRWA leadership and expects a full and transparent investigation into these matters; remains concerned by the continued destruction and confiscation of EU-funded humanitarian assistance in the West Bank; deplores the lack of resolve of the EEAS and the Commission, as highlighted by the European Court of Auditors, to secure compensation from the Israeli authorities, as requested by the European Parliament in its resolution of September 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Sergey Lagodinsky
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 f. Believes that more funds should be dedicated to civilian conflict prevention, mediation, and reconciliation efforts especially in the EU Southern and Eastern neighbourhood;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Thierry Mariani, Jérôme Rivière

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. *Reiterates its view that the funding of the administrative and operating expenditures of the European Defence Agency and of permanent structured cooperation from the Union budget is the only option under the Treaties.* **deleted**

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Sergey Lagodinsky
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. *Reiterates its view that the funding of the administrative and operating expenditures of the European Defence Agency and of permanent structured cooperation from the Union budget is the only option under the Treaties.* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 40
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
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Amendment

5. Reiterates its view that the funding of *the administrative and operating*

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expenditures of the European Defence Agency and of permanent structured cooperation from the Union budget is the only option under the Treaties.

Security and Defence should be carefully coordinated with Member States and NATO, considering in a comprehensive way the evolving security scenario of Europe and the current limits of the Treaties.

Or. en

Amendment 41
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. ***Reiterates its view that the*** funding of the administrative and operating expenditures of the European Defence Agency and of permanent structured cooperation from the Union budget ***is the only option under the Treaties.***

Amendment

5. ***Rejects*** funding of the administrative and operating expenditures of the European Defence Agency and of permanent structured cooperation from the Union budget; ***notes that defence is an exclusive national competence.***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Anna Fotyga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5 a. Strongly supports the need for CFSP support expenditure to include maritime safety as over 90% of the world's trade is carried out by sea and any obstruction carries direct and indirect security challenges to Europe; calls for further EU engagement to ensure global freedom of navigation, the protection of the main routes of global trade and the security of EU financial interests.

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Amendment 43

Nathalie Loiseau, Urmas Paet, Christophe Grudler, Bernard Guetta

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Reaffirms its strong support to the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovation capacity of the Union's defence industry; reiterates that EDIDP contributes to the relevance of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Basis until a fully-fledged European Defence Fund as of 2021.

Amendment 44

Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Welcomes the EUR 255 million foreseen for the European Defence Industrial Development Cooperation (EDIDP) and recalls the important role the European Defence Fund (EDF) must play in future budgets, notably the next MFF.

Amendment 45

Luisa Porritt, Martin Horwood, Irina Von Wiese, Phil Bennion

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Emphasises the need to support and protect the LGBTI+ community around the world; calls for the allocation of EU funds to support LGBTI+ communities in countries where their rights are threatened.

Or. en

Amendment 46
Lukas Mandl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Underlines the importance of cooperation in the framework of the European Defence Fund and calls on Member States to make increased use of these funding opportunities.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Stresses the responsibility of the EU to support the protection of the Arctic; underlines the importance of investing into a more coherent EU Arctic policy.

Amendment 48
Charlie Weimers

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Thanks the American taxpayer for subsidising the defence budgets of EU Member States who enjoy the protection of the US-lead NATO nuclear umbrella.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Calls for increased funding dedicated to counter disinformation campaigns threatening democratic processes in the Union's Neighbourhood.

Or. en

Amendment 50
Lukas Mandl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. In order to have a precise view of the implementation of the association agreements and approximation towards

the EU acquis in accession countries as well as associated countries of the Eastern Partnership, the EEAS should foresee the appointment of a local agent responsible for monitoring the developments in the national parliament; the EU could thus be informed of the politically relevant developments in the parliaments of these countries, with a reasonably small investment in the budgetary sense.

Or. en

Amendment 51

Luisa Porritt, Martin Horwood, Irina Von Wiese, Phil Bennion

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Stresses the critical need to eradicate sexual and gender-based violence, by addressing their widespread and systemic use as a weapon of war; calls for the use of EU funds to support the rights of women around the world to access safe and legal abortion.

Or. en

Amendment 52

Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Points to the fact that unforeseen crises require flexibility and room for manoeuvre in the budget and hence reminds of the need to be prepared and capable of action in a swift and effective

way if needed.

Or. en

Amendment 53

Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj, Nathalie Loiseau, Christophe Grudler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Calls for an increased funding for projects focussed on the support of refugees from Venezuela who have fled to the neighbouring countries including EU Member States' territories in the Caribbean.

Or. en

Amendment 54

Anna Fotyga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Supports a strengthened and more visible role for the EU's Monitoring Mission in Georgia, in light of increased Russian aggression towards Georgia, exacerbating existing tensions.

Or. en

Amendment 55

Anna Fotyga

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Believes that funding to UNRWA shall be scrutinised by the European Court of Auditors in light of the leaked internal UN ethics report which highlighted serious mismanagement and abuses of authority at the highest levels of UNRWA, including by its Commissioner-General; any cuts should not impact the provision of aid and services to those in need but instead encourage increased budget efficiency and allow for increased international ownership to funding provisions.

Or. en

Amendment 56

Urmas Paet, Hilde Vautmans, Javier Nart, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj, Nathalie Loiseau, Christophe Grudler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Highlights the critical need to eradicate sexual and gender based violence by addressing their widespread and systematic use as a weapon of war; calls for the use of EU funds to provide support to victims of gender based violence.

Or. en

Amendment 57

Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. *Notes the small increase of funding for the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) and points among others to the important role of enhancing the EU's Electoral Observation Missions (EOM).*

Or. en

Amendment 58
Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 d. *Highlights the important role of EOMs in strengthening democratic institutions and building public confidence in electoral processes, thus promoting stability and reinforcing other foreign policy objectives, including peace building.*

Or. en

Amendment 59
Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 e. *Recalls that the current budget proposal is based on a budget with full contributions by the United Kingdom throughout the year 2020;*

Or. en

Amendment 60
Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 f. Recalls that countries in the Southern neighbourhood are facing enormous pressure as a result of tumultuous developments in the region, including the conflicts in Syria and Libya, the rise of extremism and the related refugee and migrant movements, and believes that more efforts and funding for confidence building measures could be a way to address the current problems.

Or. en

Amendment 61
Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 g. Further recalls that given the increasing deterioration in the security environment at the EU's Eastern borders it is important to continue confidence building with the Eastern partners and provide sufficient funding to support stability and democracy building in the region, in particular as regards Ukraine and the persisting conflict situation in Eastern Ukraine.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Michael Gahler, Vangelis Meimarakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 h. Highlights that in a world full of intensifying and new challenges, the EEAS can only fulfil its role and live up to its mandate if it is adequately funded and staffed, and hence welcomes the EEAS proposal for new posts, in particular in the fields of Strategic Communication and CSDP.

Or. en