

Amendment 3

Jelko Kacin, Norica Nicolai
on behalf of the ALDE Group

Motion for a resolution

Richard Howitt

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
on the 2012 Progress Report on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

B7-0186/2013**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 8***Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes and fully supports the recent agreement leading to the unblocking of the deadlock in the domestic political developments in the country and considers that the present accord will allow further progress towards EU accession in advance of the European Council discussions; calls on all parties to continue with political dialogue and stresses the need for broad cross-party support and engagement in the EU agenda; underlines the fact that the national parliament is a key democratic institution for the discussion and resolution of political differences and asks all the political forces in the country to act in this spirit, respecting its procedures and the democratic values on which it was founded; supports initiatives leading to an improvement of the functioning of the parliament, including the proposal for a Commission of Inquiry in order to establish accountability for the events of 24 December, make further recommendations for a comprehensive reform of the parliament's procedures on a genuine cross-party basis, improve the authority, independence and legitimacy of the parliament and prevent any repeat of such incidents; regrets that the journalists were also expelled from the parliament and calls for a resumption of the dialogue between the government and the

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restoration of a normal political process in the country; regrets that the journalists were also expelled from the parliament and calls for a resumption of the dialogue between the government and the Association of Journalists under conditions in which journalists themselves can have trust and confidence;

Or. en

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Paragraph 20

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20. Calls for reinforcement of Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government and improving the Electoral Code and increasing the transparency of political party financing; stresses, in this respect, that the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations issued after the 2011 parliamentary elections have been only partly implemented and calls, in this regard, on the government to amend the laws to fully implement the recommendations;

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Or. en

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Paragraph 23 a (new)

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23a. Is concerned about the recent police raids conducted at the premises of the newly elected mayor of Centar, bringing institutional pressure to bear on the mayor, who is a prominent opposition figure; calls on the central authorities to work closely with all local authorities, regardless of their political affiliation;

Or. en

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Amendment 6

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Paragraph 29 a (new)

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29a. Is concerned about the lack of analytical and objective media reporting in the run-up to the local elections in March 2013, in particular as regards the activities of the opposition, reporting on which was virtually absent in both state and private media during the campaign; emphasises that vigilant and professional media is a sine qua non for the further development of democratic culture and institutions in the country and for the fulfilment of the political criteria;

Or. en