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**Amendment 1**

**Jelko Kacin**

on behalf of the ALDE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

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on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
on the 2013 progress report on Serbia

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. *Warmly welcomes the decision of the European Council of 28 June 2013 to launch the accession negotiations with Serbia; considers that the EU-Serbia intergovernmental conference should take place in December 2013 provided that Serbia meets the criteria laid down in the Council's conclusions;*

*Amendment*

1. *Looks forward to the formal beginning of accession talks with Serbia which will take place at the first EU-Serbia intergovernmental conference (IGC) on 21 January 2014; considers that the IGC is a historic step for Serbia's European integration process and demonstrates the EU's commitment to the enlargement process; calls on the Serbian authorities to intensify EU-related reforms in the country in the follow-up to the conference, in order to meet Serbian citizens' expectations of a smooth EU accession process and enhance economic recovery by making the perspective of EU membership tangible;*

Or. en

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**Amendment 2**  
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on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
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**Paragraph 38**

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38. Reaffirms its staunch support for visa liberalisation for the Western Balkan countries as an important pillar of the European integration process for the whole region; calls on the Member States not to abuse the visa suspension mechanism adopted in September, but rather to address ***the false asylum seekers*** issue by adapting their respective legislative frameworks; calls, at the same time, for measures at national level, in particular socio-economic measures for more vulnerable groups;

*Amendment*

38. Reaffirms its staunch support for visa liberalisation for the Western Balkan countries as an important pillar of the European integration process for the whole region, ***but at the same time is very concerned about the rising numbers of false asylum seekers***; calls, ***in this regard***, on the Member States not to abuse the visa suspension mechanism adopted in September ***2013***, but rather to address ***this*** issue by adapting their respective legislative frameworks ***and to designate Serbia as a ‘country of safe origin’, as the key measure in the efforts to curb the numbers of false asylum applicants***; calls, at the same time, for measures at national level, in particular socio-economic measures for more vulnerable groups, ***as well as for active measures to crack down on the organised crime networks involved in trafficking***;

Or. en