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POSITION IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENTS

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on fundamental rights aspects in Roma integration in the EU: fighting anti-Gypsyism
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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas structural anti-Gypsyism can be detected at all levels of European society;

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C. whereas structural anti-Gypsyism can be detected at all levels of European society ***and throughout all geographical areas of Europe;***

Amendment 2

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Da. whereas discrimination is more acute for Roma women and girls who do not have identity papers;

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Amendment 3

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ga. whereas Roma are estimated to be the largest minority group in the European Union; whereas discrimination against and negative stereotypes about Roma are deeply rooted in Europe; whereas Roma women are exposed to multiple and intersectional discrimination for being women, and for belonging to the

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Roma ethnic minority group;

Amendment 4

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union prohibits any discrimination practised on any grounds, including ethnic origin, and enshrines respect for cultural diversity and equality between men and women; whereas combating social exclusion, racism, discrimination and gender inequality must be an explicit commitment of the European Union;

Amendment 5

Motion for a resolution
Recital G c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gc. whereas investment in the education of Roma women and girls and enhancement of their literacy and numeracy skills, their increased engagement in the labour force and enhanced access to resources, ranging from a greater political voice in society to improved access to loans and the right to land ownership, have been identified as means to empower Roma women and girls;

Amendment 6

Motion for a resolution
Recital G d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gd. *whereas the Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015 requires the Commission to support the promotion of gender equality in the implementation of all aspects of the Europa 2020 strategy; whereas the Council conclusions on an EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS) ‘demand a gender perspective to be applied in all policies and actions for advancing Roma inclusion’;*

Amendment 7

Motion for a resolution
Recital G e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ge. *whereas racism, economic disadvantages and other discriminatory systems contribute to creating layers of inequality and a dynamic of disempowerment for Roma women;*

Amendment 8

Motion for a resolution
Recital G f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gf. *whereas women in general and marginalised women, including Roma women in particular, still face numerous obstacles to participating meaningfully at a political level;*

Amendment 9

Motion for a resolution
Recital G (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gg. *whereas according to data from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)^{1a}, in 2016 only 16 % of Roma women were employed, compared with 34 % of Roma men; whereas the data also showed that in 2016 72 % of young Roma women aged 16-24 were neither in employment nor in education or training, compared with 55 % of young Roma men; whereas 71 % of Roma women aged 18-24 leave education or training early;*

^{1a.} <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2016/eumidis-ii-roma-selected-findings>

Amendment 10

Motion for a resolution
Recital G h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gh. *whereas Roma are particularly vulnerable to trafficking as they are disproportionately affected by discrimination and the barriers they face in accessing public services such as schools, health and social services, and employment opportunities; whereas Roma children are particularly at risk of being trafficked and re-trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation and street crimes;*

Amendment 11

Motion for a resolution
Recital G i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gi. *whereas violence, including domestic violence, forced marriage,*

forced sterilisation and verbal violence against Romani women and girls remains widespread in Europe;

Amendment 12

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Deeply regrets the fact that Roma people, and in particular Roma women and girls, continue to suffer from widespread discrimination and anti-Gypsyism, which feeds a cycle of disadvantage, exclusion, segregation and marginalisation; underlines the need to combat anti-Roma racism at every level and by every means; stresses that this phenomenon is an especially persistent, violent, recurrent and commonplace form of racism;

Amendment 13

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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5a. Calls on the Commission to ensure the necessary financial resources for anti-discrimination and anti-racism policies; highlights the necessity for programmes supported by EU cohesion funds to be designed to guarantee a human rights perspective; calls for a gender perspective and an intersectional analysis to be incorporated into funding arrangements; believes that gender impact assessments and gender budgeting are useful in evaluating the impact on women of funding priorities, the allocation of financial resources and specifications for funding programmes; emphasises the need for gender-disaggregated data to be

systematically collected and regularly analysed;

Amendment 14

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls for the adoption and rapid implementation of the European Accessibility Act in order to ensure equitable access to services;

Amendment 15

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls for the rapid approval and implementation of the anti-discrimination directive, while recognising the need to respect specific sensitivities, for targeted actions to counter multiple layers of discrimination and for tools to tackle discrimination in a cross-cutting fashion throughout all sectors of society;

Amendment 16

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Calls on Member States to take measures to prevent *and counter anti-Roma hate speech*;

8. Calls on the Member States to take measures to prevent *anti-Roma hate speech and to tackle it in the same manner as any other racial hate speech*;

Amendment 17

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Is deeply concerned by the unequal access of Roma to health information, services and care, and their racial abuse;

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13. Is deeply concerned by the unequal access of Roma to health information, services and care, and their racial abuse; ***calls on the Commission and the Member States to enhance efforts to foster sustainable and comprehensive capacity-building for Roma women, to create specialised structures such as clearing points in order to provide tailored health information material, and to provide the necessary support for community-health initiatives;***

Amendment 18

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on the EU and the Member States to accelerate all efforts to combat health inequalities by providing equal access for the Roma community to quality public healthcare, and by promoting health, with a special emphasis on the healthcare needs of Roma women and children; emphasises the importance of providing access to sexual and reproductive health and rights services for Roma women and youth;

Amendment 19

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Welcomes the recent signature by

the Commission on behalf of the EU of the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; urges the Council to conclude the EU's ratification of the convention and the Member States to complete its implementation; calls on the Member States to take heed of the particular challenges faced by Roma women and girls in relation to early marriages and attacks on their physical integrity, such as forced sterilisation, in the implementation of the convention;

Amendment 20

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. *Calls on Member State governments and local authorities to involve Roma women, through women's organisations, Roma NGOs and relevant stakeholders, in the preparation, implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS), and to create links between gender equality bodies, women's rights organisations and social inclusion strategies; calls on the Commission, furthermore, to address gender equality in a consistent manner when implementing the EU 2020 Strategy and national reform programmes;*

Amendment 21

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. *Calls on the Member States to increase coordination and cooperation*

with Roma civil society and to develop its capacity in order to address issues of trafficking in Roma communities; calls on the Member States to provide further training to law enforcement officers, coastguards, prosecutors and the judiciary on various aspects of trafficking, including through sessions aimed at overcoming negative stereotypes and attitudes towards Roma to highlight the fact they are often the victims or potential victims of trafficking;

Amendment 22

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. *Encourages the Member States to promote and support the collection and dissemination of data on legal and other measures taken at national level to prevent and combat violence perpetrated against Roma women and girls;*

Amendment 23

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Calls on the EU and the Member States to combat and prevent human rights abuses and to protect victims, ensuring that legal aid and effective legal remedies are provided, and to devote particular attention to the situation of Roma women, children and LGBTI people, and Roma people with disabilities, who are often subject to multiple forms of discrimination;*

Amendment 24

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Emphasises that improving the situation of Roma women and girls requires specific and targeted non-discriminatory policies which enable equal access to employment and education, including life-long learning, and which ensure quality housing – the key to improving their living conditions and combating poverty and exclusion;

Amendment 25

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Calls on the Member States to implement the provisions of the 2013 Council recommendation on promoting employment opportunities in the civil service for persons with minority ethnic origin, such as Roma, and particularly Roma women;

Amendment 26

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19c. Encourages businesses and local authorities to create training schemes and work opportunities for Roma women;

Amendment 27

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Underlines the fact that a pre-condition for gender-sensitive Roma inclusion in the EU should be an EU-wide action plan which builds on aspects of fundamental rights, which highlights women's rights and gender equality, access to rights (including education, health services, employment, housing and social protection), anti-racism and non-discrimination, and which is based on the objectives, principles and instruments defined by international human rights treaties, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

Amendment 28

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

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20b. Calls for statistics on multiple discrimination, which is often covert and hidden; calls for the establishment of a special EU programme to combat multiple discrimination, with a special emphasis on vulnerable groups; calls for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) to publish a report on this subject;

Amendment 29

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

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20c. *Highlights that specific targeted policies are required to tackle the intersectional and multiple discrimination faced by Roma LGBTI people in particular;*

Amendment 30

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Is concerned about the low level of participation of Roma as interlocutors with or seated representatives of local, regional and national governments and the failure of governments to guarantee their exercise of full citizenship;

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21. Is concerned about the low level of participation of Roma as interlocutors with or seated representatives of local, regional and national governments and the failure of governments to guarantee their exercise of full citizenship; ***calls for targeted empowerment programmes aimed at increasing and ensuring the long-term participation of Roma women, youth and LGBTI persons as representatives of local, regional and national governments;***

Amendment 31

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Calls for the Commission and the Member States to take action to ensure that Roma women and girls' participation in policy and decision-making is enhanced in the development of all policies and actions, and to promote the inclusion of Roma women's rights organisations;*

Amendment 32

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Calls for the Commission and the Member States to analyse whether and how policies are achieving the desired improvements, particularly for Roma women and girls; calls for corrective measures to be implemented should there be a lack of progress;

Amendment 33

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls for targeted measures aimed at the economic empowerment of Roma women and girls, such as social entrepreneurship and micro-finance programmes, as well as increased access to services, in order to overcome poverty and social exclusion;

Amendment 34

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

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24b. Highlights the need to encourage Roma women's civic and political participation and leadership, including Roma women standing for elected office; calls on the EU and the Member States to support targeted programmes on civic education and leadership training for Roma women and girls;

Amendment 35

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls on the Member States to ensure that a specific chapter on women's rights and gender equality is included in their NRIS, and that gender mainstreaming measures aimed at promoting women's rights and the gender equality perspective are applied in each section thereof;

Amendment 36

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Calls on governments to encourage and support the effective participation of Romani women in public and political life through a wide range of measures, including by considering the establishment of minimal quotas for the representation of women in elected bodies;

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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