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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Maria Arena
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on the security challenges in the MENA region and the prospects for political stability
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Amendment 1

Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas women's rights are indivisible and non-negotiable and the EU must adopt a feminist foreign policy when addressing nations that oppress women's rights and do not enshrine gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Marc Tarabella, Maria Arena, Julie Ward

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas numerous challenges remain to be met to ensure the security and protection of women who are victims of violence, given that the incidence of rape and other forms of violence against women seems to be increasing in the MENA region;

Or. fr

Amendment 3

Anna Záborská

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas women and girls are victims of the violence perpetrated by IS, which includes enslavement, sexual exploitation and violence, extrajudicial killings, unlawful trials with inhuman punishments, attacks amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity;

Amendment

B. whereas women and girls, **and particularly those from religious and ethnic minorities**, are victims of the violence perpetrated by IS, which includes enslavement, sexual exploitation and violence, extrajudicial killings, unlawful trials with inhuman punishments, attacks amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity;

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas women and girls are victims of the violence perpetrated by IS, which includes enslavement, sexual exploitation

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and violence, extrajudicial killings, unlawful trials with inhuman punishments, attacks amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity;

and violence, extrajudicial killings, unlawful trials with inhuman punishments, attacks amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity; *at the same time there is a need to raise the issue of protection of women and human rights defenders exposed to arrests by the Assad regime;*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the political instability in the region is leading to significant increases in the number of refugees, who often risk their lives to flee, being victims of human trafficking, with the most vulnerable groups being women and children;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 7
Mariya Gabriel

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the political instability in the region is leading to significant increases in the number of refugees, who often risk their lives to flee, being victims of human trafficking, with the most vulnerable groups being women and children;

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whereas women's participation in peace negotiations, peace-building and peace-keeping processes is key to achieving long-lasting results in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas many challenges remain as regards securing the safety and protection of women who survive violence, with instances of rape and other harmful practices and forms of violence against women appearing to be on the increase in the MENA region; whereas the persistence of gender inequality needs to be addressed;

Amendment

D. whereas many challenges remain as regards securing the safety and protection of women who survive violence, with instances of rape and other harmful practices and forms of violence against women appearing to be on the increase in the MENA region; whereas *women's access to justice is limited; whereas* the persistence of gender inequality needs to be addressed;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Ernest Urtasun

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Da. whereas many women continue to be oppressed by the institutionalised patriarchal structures of state and society and continue to suffer from state violence and lack of infrastructure for assisting women victims of violence;

Amendment 10
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas the engagement and empowerment of women in the public, political, economic and cultural spheres in MENA countries is key to fostering stability, peace and economic prosperity in the long-run; whereas the empowerment of women and girls through education is central to promoting their role in all these spheres; whereas women's rights and gender equality civil society organisations can play an important role in empowering women in MENA countries;

Amendment 11
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas on 25 June 2012 the European Council adopted a Strategic Framework on Human Rights and Democracy, under which human rights are to be mainstreamed into all EU policies, including foreign policy, and whereas combating violence against women is a priority of that Strategic Framework;

Amendment 12
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Db. whereas cultural cooperation and exchange, as well as academic exchanges between and amongst EU and MENA countries, play an important role in building understanding, stability and peace across the region; whereas the role of women and girls in cultural exchange and cooperation must be encouraged and promoted;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Reiterates the fact that the EU firmly condemns slavery, forced marriages, child labour, female genital mutilation and human rights violations;

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Or. fr

Amendment 14
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Reiterates the fact that the EU firmly condemns slavery, forced marriages, child labour, female genital mutilation and human rights violations;

Amendment

1. Reiterates the fact that the EU firmly condemns slavery, forced marriages, child labour, female genital mutilation and human rights violations; *as well as crimes committed in the name of 'honour'*;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Reiterates the fact that the EU firmly condemns slavery, forced marriages, child labour, female genital mutilation and human rights violations;

Amendment

1. Reiterates the fact that the EU firmly condemns slavery, forced marriages, child labour, female genital mutilation and *all other forms of* human rights violations;

Or. it

Amendment 16
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Reiterates the fact that the EU firmly condemns slavery, forced marriages, child labour, female genital mutilation *and* human rights violations;

Amendment

1. Reiterates the fact that the EU firmly condemns slavery, forced marriages, child labour, *the use of child soldiers*, female genital mutilation, *and any other* human rights violations;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Marc Tarabella, Maria Arena, Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that gender equality and women's rights – and notably the right to security, the right to proper reproductive health services and the right to redress and compensation as victims of conflicts – are included in all partnership agreements and negotiations with the countries of the MENA region;

Or. fr

Amendment 18
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Calls on the parties to the armed conflicts to respect the provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, to take measures to protect women and girls, in particular from sexual abuse, smuggling and the sex trade, and to fight against the impunity of perpetrators;

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Or. fr

Amendment 19
Marc Tarabella, Maria Arena, Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers that women's rights organisations can promote a culture of peace and security and that the adoption of measures aimed at ensuring the participation of women in conflict prevention will enable Council Resolution 1325 to be properly implemented in the field;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Malin Björk

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on national and local authorities to respect the fundamental rights of women, including the right to actively participate in political life, and to offer protection to female politicians and activists;

Amendment

3. Calls on national and local authorities to respect the fundamental rights of women, including the right to actively participate in political life, ***to make sure that women have access to participation in decision-making in their communities and countries*** and to offer protection to female politicians and activists;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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female politicians and activists;

female politicians and activists, *and calls on the Commission to design specific support measures in the field of gender equality in the countries concerned;*

Or. ro

Amendment 22
Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Calls on national and local authorities to respect the fundamental rights of women, including the right to actively participate in political life, and to offer protection to female politicians and activists; *is convinced that gender equality issues must be dealt with in an explicit and systematic manner in all EU cooperation, free trade negotiations and policy dialogues with the countries of the MENA region;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Mariya Gabriel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the EU to further include women's rights and participation in its political and cultural dialogue with the countries of the region, including the League of Arab States;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses the utmost importance of including a gender perspective in promoting cultural and academic cooperation and exchanges between the EU and MENA partner countries, using these as a tool for empowerment of women and girls, and fostering gender equality; calls on the Commission to include a gender perspective in the European Parliament's proposal of a Euro-Mediterranean Erasmus programme;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Mariya Gabriel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Underlines that ensuring gender balance in its missions, delegations and mediation teams is also a way for the EU to promote women's rights and participation in partner countries;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for the governments of the countries of the MENA region, the UN, the EU and the NGOs concerned to take into account the particular vulnerability of refugee women and girls, especially those who are isolated from their families, to provide them with appropriate protection and to step up their efforts to assist survivors of sexual violence.

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 27
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Calls on the EU and its Member States to set up a special programme for support and rehabilitation of women and girls who are victims of sexual violence and slavery in conflict areas in the MENA region, and especially Syria and Iraq;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Stresses the need to support projects targeting women's empowerment and the fight against gender-based violence in the region within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP);

Or. en

Amendment 29

Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Sophia in 't Veld

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Urges the governments of the countries of the MENA region to sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention, which is a powerful instrument for comprehensively tackling violence against women and girls, including domestic violence and female genital mutilation (FGM)

Or. en

Amendment 30

Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of collaborating with women's groups, NGOs and civil society organisations engaged with women's rights issues in the MENA region; acknowledges that an effective political and human rights dialogue must centralise women's perspectives and be sensitive to different

and changing socio-cultural and religious settings;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the EEAS and the Commission to include gender equality, and the role of women in society, as key considerations and central elements in their strategy to encourage democratic reform in EU- neighbouring countries; stresses that the importance of promoting gender equality, and empowerment of women in society as part of democratic reform should be reflected in ENP funding, and in the development of political and strategic dimensions of ENP; calls on the Commission and VP/HR to include women and gender equality organisations in consultation on ENP renewal;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points to the major role that the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) can play as a forum for democratic and political debate

between the representatives of the two sides of the Mediterranean; calls for this institution to be given fresh political impetus and highlights the progress made in previous years in the political dialogue on gender matters and the promotion of women's rights;

Or. it

Amendment 33
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy to take into consideration the difficult circumstances of indigenous women and girls in her diplomatic contacts with the governments of the MENA region;

Or. it

Amendment 34
Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Regrets the extent of reservations to the Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) which has profoundly limited the impact and protection it can provide; strongly urges the governments of the countries of the MENA region to fully implement CEDAW and to criminalise all forms of violence against women, including sexual and domestic violence

within marriage;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission and EEAS to include a women and gender equality perspective in the development direct dialogue with civil society in the MENA countries, and to provide a voice for women activists and scholars in the region; stresses the importance of women and gender rights organisations in processes of civil society consultation within the ENP framework;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Notes that any sustainable economic development resulting from strategic dialogue and cooperation between the EU and MENA countries must increase the participation of women in MENA economies, promoting gender equality and creating opportunities for youths and women, including women from marginalised groups;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Julie Ward, Mary Honeyball

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. Calls on the Commission to include a gender perspective in the funding of academic, vocational training and circular mobility programmes with MENA countries in order to strengthen and promote the participation of women in their economies.

Or. en