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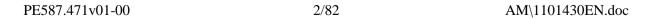
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## AMENDMENTS 1 - 182

**Draft opinion Jordi Sebastià** (PE585.437v01-00)

The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union in 2015 (2016/2009(INI))

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Amendment 1 Malin Björk

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Amendment

- having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) of 18 December 1979,

Or. en

Amendment 2 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

**Amendment** 

Aa. whereas family reunification, although a basic human right, is systematically delayed and even violated, and whereas women and children are the first victims of this right being denied or delayed;

Or. en

Amendment 3 Iliana Iotova, Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

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Amendment

Aa. whereas Articles 21 and 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the

European Union prohibit gender based discrimination; whereas equality between men and women is a fundamental right and a common principle of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 4 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A a (new)

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#### Amendment

Aa. whereas the EU is committed to promoting gender equality and ensuring gender mainstreaming in all of its actions;

Or. en

Amendment 5 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Recital A b (new)

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## Amendment

Ab. whereas Roma women are often exposed to multiple and intersectional discrimination on grounds of gender and ethnic origin, and have limited access to employment, education, health, social services and decision-making; whereas discrimination can occur within mainstream society in a context of growing anti-Roma racism, but also within the women's communities by reason of their sex;

Or. en

Amendment 6 Iliana Iotova, Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion Recital A b (new)

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#### Amendment

Ab. whereas gender inequality, gender-based stereotypes and poverty, raise the risk of violence and other forms of exploitation, including trafficking in women and prostitution, and hinder the full participation of women in all areas of life;

Or. en

Amendment 7 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A b (new)

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#### Amendment

Ab. whereas women still face many forms of discrimination in the EU and are still underrepresented in all areas of decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Iliana Iotova, Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion Recital A c (new)

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Amendment

Ac. whereas trafficking in human beings is a gross violation of fundamental rights, whereas trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation is still the most

widespread form; whereas 76 % of registered victims in the EU are women;

Or. en

Amendment 9 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

**Amendment** 

Ac. whereas the EU LGBT Survey finds that lesbian, bisexual and transgender face a disproportionate risk of discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity;

Or. en

Amendment 10 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ad. whereas gender itself does not inherently create vulnerability, and there are many contributing factors to create a situation of vulnerability, including poverty, social exclusion and multiple discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 11 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A e (new)

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#### Amendment

Ae. whereas the latest available estimates from Eurostat show that women in the EU earn on average 16 % less than men;

Or. en

Amendment 12 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A f (new)

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#### Amendment

Af. whereas violence against women is a violation of fundamental rights which affects all levels of society, regardless of age, education, income, social position and country of origin or residence, and represents a major barrier to equality between women and men;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A g (new)

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#### Amendment

Ag. whereas sexual and reproductive health and rights are grounded in basic human rights and are essential elements of human dignity<sup>1a</sup>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1a</sup> ICPD Programme of Action § 7.2 and 7.3

Amendment 14 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Recital A h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ah. whereas the trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children are a clear violation of human rights, human dignity and the fundamental principles of law and democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Regrets that gender equality has not yet been reached in many areas; stresses that women still suffer from discrimination as exemplified by their low representation in the decision-making process, both in the private and the public sectors, and by the persisting gender pay gap;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 16 Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

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#### Amendment

1. Stresses that women still suffer from discrimination in many and varied forms and that violence against them is now an entrenched phenomenon, having ceased to be merely episodic;

Or. it

Amendment 17 Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

## Draft opinion

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#### Amendment

1. Regrets that gender equality has not yet been reached in many areas; stresses that women still suffer from discrimination and social exclusion as exemplified by their low representation in the decision-making process, both in the private sector and in the public sector and at work, by the fact that they still do not have the necessary guarantees making for an untroubled work-life balance, and by the persisting gender pay gap, which makes them unquestionably more vulnerable to the risk of material insecurity and poverty in old age;

Or. it

Amendment 18 Anna Záborská

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

1. Regrets that *gender equality* has not yet been reached in many areas; stresses that women still suffer from discrimination as exemplified by their low representation in *the decision-making process, both in the private and the public sectors*, and by the persisting gender pay *gap*;

#### Amendment

1. Regrets that equality between men and women has not yet been reached in many areas; stresses that women still suffer from discrimination as exemplified by their low representation in science, technologies and engineering, entrepreneurship and decision-making process, and by the persisting gender pay and pension gap, emphasises that women and girls, especially the ones living in rural areas, are particularly affected by poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Mariya Gabriel

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 20 Anna Hedh

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#### Amendment

1. Regrets that gender equality has not yet been reached, *that*, in many areas, *no improvements are being made, and that women's fundamental rights continue to be breached;* stresses that women still suffer from discrimination as exemplified by their low representation in the decision-making process, both in the private and the public sectors, and by the persisting gender pay gap;

Or. sv

Amendment 21 Notis Marias

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

## Draft opinion

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#### Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 22 Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

## Draft opinion

1. Regrets that gender equality has not yet been reached in many areas; stresses

#### **Amendment**

1. Regrets that equality *between the two genders* has not yet been reached in

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that women still suffer from discrimination as exemplified by their low representation in the decision-making process, both in the private and the public sectors, and by the persisting gender pay gap; many areas; stresses that women still suffer from discrimination as exemplified by their low representation in the decision-making process, both in the private and the public sectors, and by the persisting gender pay gap;

Or. el

Amendment 23
Julie Ward

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

#### Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 24 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

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#### **Amendment**

1a. Underlines the need to combat anti-Roma racism at every level and by every means, and stresses that this phenomenon is an especially persistent, violent, recurrent and commonplace form

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of racism; calls on the Member States to further strengthen the fight against anti-Roma racism and support the empowerment of Roma women as part of their National Roma Integration Strategies promoting best practices;

Or. en

Amendment 25 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

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#### Amendment

1a. Notes that the gender pay gap and gender pension gap chiefly affect mothers who have cared for their children themselves, and who have consequently had to accept career gaps, loss of career opportunities and lower pay - without receiving any corresponding financial compensation for the work they have performed in raising their children;

Or. de

Amendment 26 Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

## Amendment

1a. Calls for statistics and indicators on multiple discrimination, which is often hidden under 'mainstream' discrimination, such as poverty and race. If there is a risk of discrimination, there is even greater risk that it is gendered. Calls for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) to issue a

## report on this subject.

Or. en

Amendment 27 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

1a. Is concerned that in recent years, anti-gender equality movements have gained public ground in a number of Member States; stresses that these movements challenge existing achievements in the area of gender equality and aim at blocking laws and policies protecting LGBTI people against hate crime and discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 28 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

## Amendment

1a. Regrets that women still suffer from discriminatory working conditions including non-standard forms of employment; emphasises that women working in retail service are particularly exposed to extended working hours and denied of their worker's right for a weekly day of rest;

Or. en

Amendment 29 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that Article 67 TEU states that the Union shall constitute an area of freedom, security and justice with respect for fundamental rights and the different legal systems and traditions of the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 30 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Is concerned that in recent years, anti-gender equality movements have gained public ground in a number of Member States; these movements challenge existing achievements in the area of women's rights and gender equality, and aim at blocking laws and policies protecting LGBTI people against hate crime and discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 31 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

#### Amendment

1b. Regrets in this context that no EU gender equality strategy 2016-2020 was adopted and, echoing the Council Conclusions on Gender Equality of the 16th of June 2016, calls on the Commission to enhance the status of its Strategic engagement for gender equality 2016-2019 by adopting it as a Communication;

Or. en

Amendment 32 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

1b. Recalls that public policies aiming at social engineering (such as gender mainstreaming) promoted by the EU institutions must respect the cultural diversity and national traditions of the Member States according to Art. 4(2) TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 33 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 c (new)

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#### Amendment

1c. Calls on the Commission to step up efforts to increase the representation of women in decision-making in the political and economic sphere by pursuing

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# a dual approach that combines gender mainstreaming and targeted measures;

Or. en

Amendment 34 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 c (new)

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#### Amendment

1c. Takes the position that home caregivers (both men and women) remain discriminated against in terms of the failure to count their years of work towards pensions and entitlements;

Or. en

Amendment 35 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

- 1d. Recalls that inequalities affects men:
- on average women live longer than men,
- women have greater levels of disposable income (often because they outlive their husbands),
- women have 'women only hospitals' men don't have such facilities,
- women receive a more lenient sentence than men for the same crime,
- men cannot take their babies into prison with them women can,
- men have no say in whether their child is aborted or not,
- in divorce situations, men will most likely be worse off financially than the

woman,

etc.,

- -in divorce, men will rarely be the resident parent, having the children live with him,
- the educational system in most developed countries is designed for a woman's learning style - disadvantaging men,
- in a spirit of positive discrimination,
  with equally qualified candidates applying
  for a job the woman has to be preferred,
  men are portrayed as weaker characters
  in films, literature, marketing campaigns
- men are prejudged to be a sexual threat to women and children,
- men have more hazardous occupations than women,
- common misconception assumes that all domestic violence is committed by men against women, when about 40% is women abusing men,
- men are more likely to have heart attacks, strokes, etc.,
- more boys than girls die in childhood;

Or. en

Amendment 36 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

### Amendment

1d. Calls on the Commission to improve the collection, the analysis and the dissemination of comprehensive, comparable and reliable and regularly updated data on women's participation in decision-making;

Or. en

## Amendment 37 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

Reiterates the condemnation of the 1e. practice of surrogacy expressed in § 115 of its resolution of 17 December 2015 on the Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2014 and the European Union's policy on the matter (2015/2229(INI)): 'The EU Parliament condemns the practice of surrogacy, which undermines the human dignity of the woman since her body and its reproductive functions are used as a commodity; considers that the practice of gestational surrogacy which involves reproductive exploitation and use of the human body for financial or other gain, in particular in the case of vulnerable women in developing countries, shall be prohibited and treated as a matter of urgency in human rights instruments';

Or. en

Amendment 38 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

1e. Calls on EU institutions to encourage women's participation in the European electoral process by including gender balanced lists in the next revision of the European Electoral Law;

Or. en

Amendment 39 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

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#### Amendment

1f. Reiterates its position that - in line with the EU Leitmotif 'United in Diversity' and article 67 TFEU which states that the Union shall respect the different legal systems and traditions of the Member States - cross border civil status issues are uniquely related to Member States' family laws, which reflect Member States' values; recognises that public policy exemptions safeguard the right of Member States to protect their fundamental values as expressed in their substantive family laws and they shield against the import of foreign legal concepts that do not exist or may even be illegal into the domestic Member State's legal order, which would result in the parallel co-existence of EU and national legal orders (spill over effect and reverse discrimination);

Or. en

Amendment 40 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

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1f. Regrets that the 2012 proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures is still blocked and calls on the Council to finally adopt a common position on this

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Or. en

Amendment 41 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 g (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

1g. Reiterates its call on the Commission to revise the existing legislation in order to close the pay and pension gap between men and women; notes that measures to increase wage transparency are fundamental to close the gender pay gap; calls on the Member States to implement Commission's recommendation on wage transparency;

Or. en

Amendment 42 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 h (new)

Draft opinion

## Amendment

1h. Considers it urgent to develop an EU level definition of work of equal value, taking into account ECJ case law, to ensure that factors such as the working conditions, the responsibility conferred on the workers and the physical or mental requirements of the work are taken into consideration;

Or. en

Amendment 43 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1i. Calls for full implementation of Directive 2006/54/EC on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation, and for it to be revised with a compulsory requirement for companies to draw up measures or plans on gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 44 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1j. Notes that women are disproportionately and often involuntarily concentrated in precarious work including high levels of part-time work, low-paid, fixed term and zero-hour contracts; notes that working part-time contributes to the risk of poverty; recalls in this context that equality between men and women can only be achieved through a fair redistribution of paid and unpaid work as well as of work, family and care responsibilities;

Or. en

Amendment 45 Jordi Sebastià

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## Draft opinion Paragraph 1 k (new)

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#### Amendment

1k. Stresses the high proportion of self-employed workers in rural areas with a lack of appropriate social protection and the high proportion of 'invisible' work that affects women in particular; calls therefore on the Member States and regions with legislative powers to improve the legislation regarding gender equality in the labour market, in particular regarding wages, ownership rights and decision making, as well as to ensure social security for both, men and women, working in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 46 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 l (new)

Draft opinion

## Amendment

11. Deplores the adoption of austerity measures and a deregulation agenda by the EU and its Member States which were introduced as a response to the economic crisis as they are the main cause of the increasing rate of people at risk of poverty in the EU, especially in the case of women and other groups experiencing social disadvantage;

Or. en

Amendment 47 Jordi Sebastià

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Draft opinion Paragraph 1 m (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1m. Underlines the crucial role of free, high quality public services to combat poverty, especially female poverty, as women are more dependent on such services;

Or. en

Amendment 48 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 n (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

In. Calls on the Commission to undertake a comprehensive and global legislative action to meet the needs of mothers and fathers concerning the types of leave, namely maternity, paternity, parental and carers' leave, in particular in order to help men play an active role as fathers, to enable a fairer distribution of family responsibilities and thus give women equal opportunities to participate in the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 49 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 o (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Deplores the Commission decision to withdraw the Maternity Leave

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Directive; calls on the Commission to put forward a new proposal and to respect Parliament's position to increase the current minimum guaranteed maternity leave from 14 to 20 weeks fully paid and for the mandatory right to paid paternity leave;

Or. en

Amendment 50 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 p (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

1p. Underlines the fact that only a small proportion of men use their right to parental leave; calls therefore for concrete action to be taken in order to move towards parental leave rights that are as individual and non-transferable as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 51 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 1 q (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

1q. Welcomes the proposal to introduce carers' leave as foreseen in the Commission Roadmap on a new start to address the challenges of work-life balance faced by working families; calls on the Commission to put forward a legislative proposal to include this provision;

Amendment 52 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 53 Anna Záborská

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

Amendment

2. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 54 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Mariya Gabriel

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Welcomes the proposed EU

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accession to the Istanbul Convention and calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

accession to the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and calls on Member States to protect, prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls and domestic violence:

Or. en

Amendment 55 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

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2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

#### Amendment

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible to protect, prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and domestic violence; reminds Member States that the EU accession does not exonerate them to sign, ratify and enforce the Istanbul Convention and urges them to do so:

Or. en

Amendment 56 Iliana Iotova, Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

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possible;

possible; underlines that the Istanbul Convention is the most comprehensive, modern tool available for prevention, protection and collection of data on Violence against Women (VAW) and deplores that only 14 Member States have ratified it so far;

Or. en

Amendment 57 Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

## Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention *and* calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

#### Amendment

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention, demonstrating a steadfast and unwavering commitment to combating a human rights violation that is still occurring in Europe on an intolerable scale, given that 62 million women have suffered violence; calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

Or. it

Amendment 58 Notis Marias

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

#### Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

#### Amendment

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention *on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence* and calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as

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possible;

Or. el

Amendment 59 Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

## Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention *and* calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

#### Amendment

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention, which has recognised violence against women to be a violation of human rights; calls for the EU and the Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

Or. it

Amendment 60 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

## Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the proposed EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and calls for the EU *and the Member States* to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

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Or. de

Amendment 61 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

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#### Amendment

2a. Takes note that 14 Member States haven't ratified the Istanbul Convention (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Slovakia and the United Kingdom) and that the Istanbul Convention is not entered in force in 50% of the EU Member States; urges the Commission to refrain from adhering to the Istanbul Convention as long as not all EU Member States have ratified this instrument in internal law;

Or. en

Amendment 62 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Mariya Gabriel, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Considers that violence against women, such as honour killing, forced marriage, trafficking, female genital mutilation, domestic violence are serious violations of human rights that should be criminalised and punished and never be justified by religious or cultural tradition.

Or. en

Amendment 63 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

#### Amendment

2a. Calls on the EU and the Member States to recognise the fundamental right to universal access to health, in particular the full range of sexual and reproductive health services including safe and legal abortion, and to decriminalise abortion and the performing of abortion care;

Or. en

Amendment 64 Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Underlines that the sexual and reproductive health and rights of all women and girls must be respected, including their right to their bodies and sexuality and to be free of coercion, discrimination and violence;

Or. en

Amendment 65 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Mariya Gabriel, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 b (new)

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Amendment

2b. Considers that all those living in Europe, regardless of their original culture and tradition, should respect the law and women's rights and dignity;

Or. en

Amendment 66 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 b (new)

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Amendment

2b. Stresses that the Istanbul Convention sets a blatantly misandric double standard by stating that the violence against men is not gender-based violence;

Or. en

Amendment 67 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Mariya Gabriel, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 c (new)

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Amendment

2c. Strongly condemns the frequent acts of harassment and rape in public places in Europe and considers that every women and girl should feel safe from any form of sexual harassment in any public place in Europe; calls on Member States to take the necessary measures to ensure that these acts are properly sanctioned, that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that appropriate protection is provided to victims;

Or. en

Amendment 68 Beatrix von Storch Draft opinion Paragraph 2 c (new)

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Amendment

2c. Stresses that the Istanbul Convention characterises gender as a 'social construct' even if the words 'social construct' are not further defined, and article 3 (c) states moreover: "'Gender' shall mean the socially constructed roles, behaviours, activities and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for women and men.";

Or. en

Amendment 69 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Urges the EU and the Member States to mobilise the necessary means and tools to fight trafficking and sexual exploitation and to reduce prostitution markets as they fuel exploitation, which violates women's and girls' fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 70 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 d (new)

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Amendment

2d. Stresses that the EU should not sign the Istanbul Convention as it

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provides in article 4.2 as grounds of nondiscrimination: 'sex, gender,... sexual orientation, gender identity....'; recalls that such a list does not exist in any legally binding treaty within the United Nations System or the EU acquis communautaire; recalls that - together with the social construct definition of 'gender', 'sexual orientation' and 'gender identity' - such weak definitions would solidify a greater ideological platform to declare subjective attractions as universal human rights, which has not been accepted by UN Member States and the EU acquis communautaire; recalls that the terms 'sexual orientation' and 'gender identity' have not been defined in a legally binding UN document or within the EU acquis communautaire;

Or. en

Amendment 71 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Mariya Gabriel, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 d (new)

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Amendment

2d. Stresses that in order to effectively combat gender-based violence, a change of attitude towards women and girls is necessary; they are too often represented in subordinate roles and violence against them is too often tolerated or undermined; calls on Member States to do more to combat gender based stereotypes and discrimination against women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 72 Malin Björk

## Draft opinion Paragraph 2 d (new)

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#### Amendment

2d. Calls on the Member States to acknowledge the problems of surrogacy which constitutes an exploitation of the female body and her reproductive organs, and emphasises that women's bodies are regarded as commodities on the international reproductive market, and that the surrogacy industry exploits vulnerable women, primarily from the global south;

Or. en

Amendment 73 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

2e. Takes note that the Istanbul Convention remains silent on sexselective abortion of the female foetus or violence against the unborn child, especially girls, and do not condemn surrogacy;

Or. en

Amendment 74 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 f (new)

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Amendment

2f. Stresses that the EU should not

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sign the Istanbul Convention because it has an extremely broad approach that goes well beyond stopping violence, because the comprehensive nature of the treaty is undoubtedly intended to be used as a tool or mechanism for social engineering of values and norms on all matters pertaining to 'gender ideology', and because the EU as a whole (including the Member States) is then exposed to a more aggressive attempt to bring changes to culture, traditions and religions as well as to civil and criminal laws, through the Convention text and the monitoring committee;

Or. en

Amendment 75 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 2 g (new)

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## Amendment

2g. Stresses that the EU should not sign the Istanbul Convention as the EU would then be obliged to 'promote changes in the social and cultural patterns of behaviour of women and men with a view to eradicating prejudices, customs and traditions.' (Art 12.5); challenges the legitimacy of the social engineering of values and norms by supranational political institutions and its conformity with the respect of cultural diversity and national traditions of the Member States according to Art 4.2 TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 76 Beatrix von Storch

# Draft opinion Paragraph 2 h (new)

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#### Amendment

2h. Stresses that the EU should not sign the Istanbul Convention because, according to article 14, State Parties shall insert non-stereotyped gender roles into the formal and informal education settings at all levels of education whilst no mention is made of the prior rights of parents to educate their child according to their moral and religious conventions as stated in all International Human Rights Instruments; stresses that the EU has no competency to fulfil this request on 'formal and informal education settings at all levels of education';

Or. en

Amendment 77 Beatrix von Storch

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Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

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Or. en

Amendment 78 Marijana Petir, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

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3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to present a comprehensive strategy on combating violence against women and girls, as well as to promote policies against harassment in the workplace;

Or. en

Amendment 79 Julie Girling

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to *submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to* present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

Or. en

Amendment 80 Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy *on* violence *against women and girls and gender-based violence*;

#### Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy to combat gender-based violence by providing for measures to defend women against stalking offences and domestic violence and pressing for action and

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protective measures to curb the alarming rise in cases of femicide;

Or. it

Amendment 81 Iliana Iotova, Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### Amendment

3. Stresses that Violence against Women (VAW) is a systematic fundamental rights abuse, 62 million women are victims of violence in the EU; reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

Or. en

Amendment 82 Mara Bizzotto

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# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women;

Or. it

# Amendment 83 Julie Ward

# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence *including ensuring access to justice for those have experienced violence*;

Or. en

Amendment 84 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and *gender-based violence and* to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

Or. en

Amendment 85 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and *gender-based violence and* to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

Or. en

Amendment 86 Notis Marias

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

#### **Amendment**

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on *measures to combat* violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;

Or. el

Amendment 87 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

# Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on violence *against women and girls* and gender-based violence;

# Amendment

3. Reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a proposal for a legal act on violence against women and to present a comprehensive strategy on *domestic* violence and gender-based violence;

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**Amendment 88 Julie Girling** 

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Welcomes the growing momentum across the EU in the movement to eradicate FGM; Notes that Member States are gradually making positive changes in their legal systems to criminalise both the act of carrying out FGM and the act of taking a child or a young woman out of the EU, to a third country, for the purpose of FGM; Urges the Member States who have not already done so, to ensure that their criminal legislation protects girls and women from FGM;

Or. en

Amendment 89 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Mariya Gabriel, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Member States to fully implement Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings as well as well Directive 2011/92/EU on combating child sexual abuse and exploitation in order to prevent women and girls from trafficking, violence and sexual exploitation;

Or. en

Amendment 90 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

3a. Recognises that the average age of entering into prostitution is between 13-14 years old, and that prostitution and sexual exploitation are highly gendered issues and a form of gender-based violence, contrary to human rights principles, among which gender equality is a core principle;

Or. en

Amendment 91 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

3a. Takes the position that sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation of women, the use of women for surrogacy, and sex selected abortion must be considered as unjustifiable under any political, social, religious or cultural grounds;

Or. en

Amendment 92 Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

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#### Amendment

3a. Underlines the important role of parents within an educational framework to promote gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 93 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Member States to implement laws and policies that target perpetrators directly to reduce demand for sexual exploitation while decriminalising individuals in prostitution and providing them with support services, including high quality social, legal and psychological assistance for those who wish to exit prostitution;

Or. en

Amendment 94 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Mariya Gabriel, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Member States to fully implement Directive 2012/29/EU on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime and Directive 2011/99/EU on the European order to ensure appropriate protection and assistance to women and girls victims of

violence.

Or. en

Amendment 95 Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence;

Or. it

Amendment 96 Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against *LGBTI* people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against *others*;

Or. el

Amendment 97 Anna Záborská

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# 4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns discrimination and violence against LGBTI people;

Or. en

Amendment 98 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against *LGBTI* people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against *women* and girls and other vulnerable groups;

Or. en

Amendment 99 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against *LGBTI* people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

# Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against *men* and women;

Or. en

# Amendment 100 Arne Gericke

# Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people;

Or. de

# Amendment 101 Malin Björk

# Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to *combat homophobia*, *biphobia and transphobia*;

#### Amendment

Regrets in this context that no EU 4. gender equality strategy 2016-2020 was adopted and, echoing the Council Conclusions on Gender Equality of the 16th of June 2016, calls on the EC to enhance the status of its Strategic engagement for gender equality 2016-2019 by adopting it as a Communication; condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to close the legislative gaps that still exist against homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crimes;

Or. en

# Amendment 102 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera

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# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls *for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order* to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls on the Council to re-launch negotiations on the anti-discrimination Directive 'Equal Treatment Directive' 'Ia as soon as possible to combat discrimination, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia across the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 103 Jordi Sebastià

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#### Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to *combat homophobia*, *biphobia and transphobia*;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to close the legislative gaps that still exist against homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 104 Enrico Gasbarra

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1a</sup> Directive on Equal Treatment regardless of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation

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4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence, *and specifically those directed* against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

Or. it

Amendment 105 Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal *law* across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal *and antidiscrimination laws* across the EU in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

Or. en

Amendment 106 Julie Girling

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# Draft opinion

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for *further action to push for the harmonisation of criminal law across* 

#### Amendment

4. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls for *greater cooperation and action within the Member States* in order

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*the EU* in order to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia;

Or. en

Amendment 107 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Mariya Gabriel, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Is concerned by the increase of cyber violence against women and girls, as well as the use of ICT and Internet for trafficking in women and children, especially for sexual, reproductive and labour exploitation; calls for the Commission and the Member States to adopt measures to prevent and address the use of new technologies as a tool of recruiting particularly women and girls victims of trafficking in human beings, cyber-harassment and cyber stalking;

Or. en

Amendment 108 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Acknowledges the EU
Fundamental Rights Agency's report on
the fundamental rights of intersex people
and the Council of Europe Human Rights
Commissioner on human rights' issue
paper on human rights and intersex
people; calls on the European
Commission to encourage Member States
to take measures to protect and respect the

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# fundamental rights of intersex people;

Or. en

Amendment 109 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

4a. Calls on the Member States to ensure that children and young people can enjoy their right to seek, receive and impart information related to sexuality, including sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, in an ageappropriate and gender sensitive manner;

Or. en

Amendment 110 Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

# Amendment

4a. Reiterates that access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe and legal abortion should be guaranteed to Every Woman in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 111 Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

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#### Amendment

4a. Deplores the high level of impunity and lack of justice for victims of sexual harassment in public places;

Or. en

Amendment 112 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 b (new)

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#### Amendment

4b. Calls on the Member States to introduce gender-sensitive educational programmes as well as actions on girl's and women's rights, gender equality, gender identities and gender relations at all levels of educational systems; calls also for the necessity of peace, anti-discrimination and anti-racism education for both girls and boys in schools at an early stage;

Or. en

Amendment 113 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 b (new)

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#### Amendment

4b. Welcomes all the efforts made to fully implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; reminds that women and girls with disabilities are particularly exposed to discrimination, which prevents them from enjoying their fundamental rights on an

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# equal basis with others;

Or. en

Amendment 114 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

4b. Calls on the European Parliament to look into the issue and propose an own-initiative report regarding the protection of human rights of intersex people in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 115 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 c (new)

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#### Amendment

4c. Strongly deplores the fact that the Council has still not adopted the 2008 proposal for a directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation; welcomes the prioritisation of this directive by the Commission; reiterates its call to the Council to adopt the proposal as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 116 Malin Björk

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# Draft opinion Paragraph 4 c (new)

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#### Amendment

4c. Acknowledges the EU
Fundamental Rights Agency's report on
the fundamental rights of intersex people
and the Council of Europe Human Rights
Commissioner on human rights' issue
paper on human rights and intersex
people; calls on the EU and Member
States to take measures to protect and
respect the fundamental rights of intersex
people;

Or. en

Amendment 117 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 d (new)

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#### Amendment

4d. Encourages the responsible committees within the European Parliament to look into the issue and propose an own-initiative report regarding the protection of human rights of intersex people in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 118 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 d (new)

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Amendment

4d. Calls on the Commission and the

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Member States to include measures to protect women and LGBTI people against harassment in the workplace;

Or. en

Amendment 119 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 e (new)

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# Amendment

4e. Calls on the Member States to monitor the media and advertising industry and impose sanctions on those companies that promote sexualisation of women; calls on the Commission to take legal action in case of violation of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive by a Member State and to promote good practices in enterprises through incentives;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 120 Beatrix von Storch

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deleted

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

Or. en

# **Amendment 121 Eleftherios Synadinos**

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

#### Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers;

Or. el

Amendment 122 Arne Gericke

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

#### Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and *maternal* health:

Or. de

Amendment 123 Mara Bizzotto

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women *migrants and asylum seekers*, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health *and rights*, *including safe abortions*;

#### Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women *as a whole*, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health;

Or. it

Amendment 124 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Mariya Gabriel, Anna Záborská

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women *migrants* and asylum seekers, such as *safe spaces for women* and children, *legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights*, including *safe abortions*;

#### Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women *refugees* and asylum seekers, such as *tailored facilities*, *suitable areas for mothers* and children, *special attention to women and girls victims of violence*, including *but not limited to FGM*;

Or. en

Amendment 125 Julie Ward

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to

#### **Amendment**

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to

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sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions; Expresses deep concern for refugee women and girls in makeshift conditions across the EU and on its borders, as well as the more than 10,000 unaccompanied minors that have gone missing since entering the EU; Urges Member States and the Commission to take immediate action to address these refugees' humanitarian situation, particularly vulnerable women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 126 Jordi Sebastià

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all *the* necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, *legal counselling* and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

#### Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take all necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, as well as LGBTI refugees and asylum seekers, such as legal counselling, access to health, safe spaces for women and children and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

Or. en

Amendment 127 Malin Björk

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the

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protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions; protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, as well as LGBTI refugees and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

Or. en

Amendment 128 Julie Girling

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

#### Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions, which is the competency of Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 129 Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Barbara Matera

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

# Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women *and girls* migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, *separate sanitary facilities*, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

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5. Calls on the Member States to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

#### Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States, *in cooperation with the Commission*, to take all the necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants and asylum seekers, such as safe spaces for women and children, legal counselling and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;

Or. el

Amendment 131 Iliana Iotova

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

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#### Amendment

5a. Points out that women and girls represent the biggest group and a particularly vulnerable group within the migratory flows that requires specific and careful assessment of their needs within the asylum and reception procedures; reiterates in this regard that specific approaches, programmes and measures have to be provided for them;

Or. en

Amendment 132 Arne Gericke

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Amendment

5a. Condemns all forms of forced prostitution, forced marriage, female circumcision, breast ironing and other perverse and inhumane rites, and calls on the Commission and Member States to take decisive action to combat them worldwide and in the EU;

Or. de

Amendment 133 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. Emphasises the urgent need to open immediate legal, safe asylum routes, in order to avoid trafficking networks as well as to enable women, children, elderly and persons with disabilities to seek refuge without risking their lives;

Or. en

Amendment 134 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. Urges the Commission not consider a safe country of origin any country that does not have gender equality as an established legal principle

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or where gender based violence against women and LGBTI people is a wide spread reality;

Or. en

Amendment 135 Beatrix von Storch

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

# Amendment

5a. Reiterates the fundamental right of all women to access to public health care systems, in particular to primary, gynaecological and obstetric health care as defined by the World Health Organisation;

Or. en

Amendment 136 Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Member States to organise aware raising campaigns to combat sexual harassment of women in cities and to stimulate mutual gender respect within a multicultural framework;

Or. en

Amendment 137 Iliana Iotova

# Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

# Amendment

5b. Points out that women are particularly more vulnerable to certain forms of forced labour, also due to increased economic uncertainty and the higher risk of unemployment and poverty; calls on the Member States to address also the demand side of trafficking and exploitation of human beings in their national strategies and action plans;

Or. en

Amendment 138 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

5b. Stresses the need for family reunification procedures to afford individual rights for women and girls joining their families in the EU, in order not to have to depend on a possibly abusive relationship with the male family member for access to health, education or work;

Or. en

Amendment 139 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

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Amendment

5b. Stresses that undocumented

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migrant women and girls should have full access to their basic fundamental rights and channels for legal migration should be developed;

Or. en

Amendment 140 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

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#### **Amendment**

5b. Condemns any form of surrogate motherhood, which disregards the rights of all women;

Or. de

Amendment 141 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 c (new)

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#### Amendment

5c. Recalls that women and children may be compelled to exchange sex for protection, in order to survive, in order to advance along their migratory route, and for basic sustenance; underlines that survival sex is frequently a direct consequence of gaps in assistance, failures of registration systems, family separations, and absence of safe and legal entry ways into the EU and that women and children engaging in survival sex are not considered trafficking victims, and thus cannot receive the required assistance;

Or. en

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Amendment 142 Iliana Iotova, Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 c (new)

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Amendment

5c. Points out that domestic workers are predominantly women and calls on the Member States to speed up the process of ratifying and implementing the ILO Domestic Workers Convention after Council Decision 2014/51/EU as a key instrument in ensuring decent work conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 143 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 c (new)

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Amendment

5c. Firmly opposes the use of detention of refugees, including pregnant women, children and breastfeeding mothers;

Or. en

Amendment 144 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 d (new)

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Amendment

5d. Notes that according to Europol's

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last report on the situation of trafficking in human beings, 70% of the identified victims in the EU are EU nationals, and that most reported victims are female EU nationals from Central and Eastern Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 145 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 d (new)

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#### Amendment

5d. Calls for the strengthening of the rights to family reunification across the EU, as well as for improving the implementation, with swifter and less costly processes;

Or. en

Amendment 146 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

5e. Expresses concern about the lack of data regarding Romani women and children at risk of being trafficked for forced labour or services, which include begging; calls on the Commission to provide data regarding Romani women and children recognised as trafficking victims, how many have received victim assistance and in which countries;

Or. en

Amendment 147 Mara Bizzotto

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Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

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Or. it

**Amendment 148 Julie Girling** 

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Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

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Or. en

Amendment 149 Beatrix von Storch

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Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

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Or. en

Amendment 150 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Mariya Gabriel, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

#### Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

#### **Amendment**

6. Calls on the Commission to step up its work on equality between women and men and to incorporate visible equality perspective into EU activities and policies;

Or. en

Amendment 151 Arne Gericke

**Draft opinion Paragraph 6** 

#### Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance

#### Amendment

6. **Praises** the Commission **for its efforts** to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation;

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# Amendment 152 Anna Hedh

# Draft opinion Paragraph 6

# Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

#### Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment and as an integrated criterion in dialogue with, inter alia, countries which are candidates for accession; stresses once again the need for strong and comprehensive protection of EU citizens against discrimination and reiterates its position on the anti-discrimination directive, which is blocked within the Council;

Or. sv

# Amendment 153 Viorica Dăncilă

# **Draft opinion Paragraph 6**

# Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

#### Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making *in European* strategies for more effective promotion of gender equality and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the

Or. ro

Amendment 154 Notis Marias

# Draft opinion Paragraph 6

# Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

#### Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights *and social rights* compliance assessment;

Or. el

**Amendment 155 Eleftherios Synadinos** 

# Draft opinion Paragraph 6

# Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce *gender* mainstreaming in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

#### Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to introduce mainstreaming *of both genders* in all areas of policy making and in all proposed legislation, including systematic gender impact assessments as part of the fundamental rights compliance assessment;

Or. el

Amendment 156 Iliana Iotova, Biljana Borzan

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#### Amendment

6a. Underlines that the gender pay gap, which currently is at 16% in average in the EU, embodies an inadmissible discrimination and runs counter to the EU Treaties (Article 157 TFEU); urges the Member States to ensure that the principle of equal pay for equal work is applied in all segments of the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 157 Jordi Sebastià

Draft opinion Paragraph 6 a (new)

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Amendment

6a. Calls on the European
Commission and the Member States to
implement gender budgeting as a tool for
ensuring budgetary decisions take into
account the gender dimension and
address differentiated impacts;

Or. en

Amendment 158 Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers it important that Member States, using every available means on all appropriate occasions, should support a process of sociocultural change informed by the principles of

equal opportunities, gender equality education, and prevention of violence;

Or. it

Amendment 159 Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 6 a (new)

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**Amendment** 

6a. Calls on the European Commission to set up programs to efficiently promote gender equality in schools;

Or. en

Amendment 160 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

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Or. de

Amendment 161 Mara Bizzotto

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Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

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Or. it

**Amendment 162 Julie Girling** 

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Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

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Or. en

Amendment 163 Beatrix von Storch

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Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater

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inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

Or. en

Amendment 164 Anna Záborská

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# Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

#### Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to further promote the principle of equality between men and women in all its strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 165 Marijana Petir, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Mariya Gabriel

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# Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

# Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to *mutually reinforce* the Europe 2020 strategy and *the Strategy for equality between women and men*;

Or. en

# Amendment 166 Eleftherios Synadinos

# Draft opinion Paragraph 7

# Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a *gender equality* pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the *gender mainstreaming* perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

#### Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a pillar *for the equality of both genders* into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the perspective *for the mainstreaming of both genders* in the European Semester;

Or. el

Amendment 167 Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

# Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

#### Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester;

Or. en

Amendment 168 Julie Ward

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7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs;

#### Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for greater inclusion of the gender mainstreaming perspective in the European Semester by introducing a gender dimension in the annual growth survey and in the formulation process of the CSRs; recognises that austerity policies and an excessive focus on fiscal consolidation have exacerbated poverty and social exclusion across Europe, and have had a disproportionate impact on women, and that these impacts must be taken into account in economic CSRs:

Or. en

Amendment 169 Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Regrets that levels of gender discrimination remain high, including in areas other than employment;

Or. en

Amendment 170 Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion Paragraph 7 a (new)

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Amendment

7a. Calls on the European Commission to combat the unfair

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treatment of women and image of gender inequality in the media industry by exchanging best practices for media companies to better apply a gender equal approach in broadcasting and publicity;

Or. en

Amendment 171 Julie Ward

Draft opinion Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

7a. Recognises that upholding women and girls' fundamental rights can only truly be guaranteed through further economic, political, and social empowerment, representation, and inclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 172 Julie Ward

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#### Amendment

7b. Highlights the need for targeted policies to guarantee the fundamental rights of vulnerable women in specific groups, such as refugees and asylum seekers, Roma women, women from ethnic minorities, elderly women, or women with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 173 Arne Gericke

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on gender equality, including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE, in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

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Or. de

Amendment 174 Beatrix von Storch

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Amendment

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on gender equality, including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE, in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

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Or. en

Amendment 175 Eleftherios Synadinos

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Amendment

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on *gender* 

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equality, *including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE*, in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

equality *of both genders* in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

Or. el

Amendment 176 Marijana Petir, Anna Záborská

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# Draft opinion

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on gender equality, including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE, in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

#### Amendment

8. Calls on the EU institutions to use efficiently, within the limits of EU competences and in full compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, the existing EU mechanisms and tools to monitor respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

Or. en

Amendment 177 Notis Marias

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# Draft opinion

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on gender equality, including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE, in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law *and* fundamental rights.

#### Amendment

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on gender equality, including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE, in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law, fundamental rights *and social rights*.

Or. el

# Amendment 178 Angelika Mlinar

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# Draft opinion

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on gender equality, including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE, in the monitoring system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

#### Amendment

8. Calls on the EU institutions to introduce specific indicators on gender equality, including the Gender Equality Index of EIGE, in the monitoring *and safeguarding* system of the future EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

Or. en

Amendment 179 Anna Hedh

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 a (new)

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#### Amendment

8a. Calls both on the EU institutions and on all Member States to work actively with gender mainstreaming, wage mapping and the fair division of parental leave; notes that social vulnerability and weak social inclusion stem from the fact that fewer women than men are in employment, and more women than men work part-time.

Or. sv

Amendment 180 Angelika Mlinar

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#### Amendment

8a. Expresses serious concern for the situation of migrants and asylum seekers who are smuggled to the EU, they are at risk of becoming victims of exploitation or abuse with women and children facing heightened risks of sexual and genderbased violence;

Or. en

Amendment 181 Malin Björk

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 a (new)

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#### Amendment

8a. Calls for the EU to adopt an approach where human, labour, consumer and environmental rights should guide transnational and national trade and investment, not the other way around;

Or. en

Amendment 182 Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion Paragraph 8 b (new)

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#### Amendment

8b. Calls on EU institutions and Member States for a concerted action to increase awareness of the already existing protection and to ensure better practical implementation and application of the Equality Directives;

