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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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on the Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2016 and the European Union's policy on the matter
(2017/2122(INI))

Amendment 1
Jordi Solé

Draft opinion
Recital 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment 2
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Recital 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. whereas , in times of armed conflict , women and children ,including female and child refugees, are among the most vulnerable groups in society;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Recital 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. whereas sexual and reproductive health and rights are grounded on basic human rights and are essential elements of human dignity; whereas furthermore, these have not yet been secured in all parts of the world;

Amendment 4
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Recital 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. whereas violence against women and girls is one of the world's most widespread human rights violations, affecting all levels of society, regardless of age, education, income, social position or country of origin or residence, and representing a mayor barrier for gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Recital 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. whereas the EU strategy for equality between men and women provides for the integration for gender equality into its trade policies;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission to integrate gender mainstreaming into all EU **legislation, guidelines, actions and funding** as a core EU principle, with a special emphasis on EU external relations policies; stresses the **need to reinforce** the role of the EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender **by ensuring a specific budget dedicated to her area of competences**;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission to integrate gender mainstreaming into all EU as a core EU principle, with a special emphasis on EU external relations policies; stresses the **importance of the EEAS, EU delegations and** the role of the EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender **who shall cooperate in a synergetic way as well as use the allocated EU budget effectively to eliminate inequalities and promote equality between women and men in the EU external relations policies**;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Recalls that equality between women and men is a core principle of the European Union and its Member States, and its promotion one of its principal objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jordi Solé

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the EU Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development is one of

the fundamental tools of the EU to improve gender equality in third countries and therefore believes that GAP2 should take the form of a Commission communication; calls on the Commission to take into account EP's resolution on the renewal of the GAP;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to include in free-trade agreements with third countries where women's rights are limited or non-existent, clauses calling on those States to implement active policies for the recognition of those rights;

Or. it

Amendment 10
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls on the Commission to promote equality between men and women as referred to in Article 3(3) TEU, not only within the Union but also in other countries around the world;

Or. it

Amendment 11
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to provide continued support to protect human rights defenders, women's organisations and women leaders as active actors committed to promoting, protecting and raising awareness of women's rights;

Amendment

2. ***Observes that neo-liberal framework is actually damaging sustainable development and human rights, including women's rights, which are part of human rights themselves.*** Calls on the Commission to provide continued support to protect human rights defenders, women's organisations and women leaders as active actors committed to promoting, protecting and raising awareness of women's rights;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to provide continued support to protect human rights defenders, women's organisations and women leaders as active actors committed to promoting, protecting and raising awareness of women's rights;

Amendment

2. Calls on ***the Member States and*** the Commission to provide continued support to protect human rights defenders, women's organisations and women leaders as active actors committed to promoting, protecting and raising awareness of women's rights;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the EEAS to **ensure that** the outcomes of the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) **will be included** in its policies **and will provide** a renewed impetus in promoting ‘women’s economic empowerment’ in addressing gender inequalities in the changing world of work;

Amendment

3. Calls on the EEAS to **consider** the outcomes of the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in its policies **this way providing** a renewed impetus in promoting ‘women’s economic empowerment’ in addressing gender inequalities in the changing world of work;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Points at the positive contribution of women’s empowerment in achieving an inclusive, equitable and peaceful society and sustainable development; stresses that more efforts should be pursued to seek the full realization of women’s rights and the effective implementation of policies promoting economic and social empowerment and women’s participation in decision-making; stresses that particular attention should be given to **‘empowering indigenous** women’;

Amendment

4. Points at the positive contribution of women’s empowerment in achieving an inclusive, equitable and peaceful society and sustainable development; stresses that **the focus on gender equality and women’s empowerment is explicit across all the SDGs and** more efforts should be pursued to seek the full realization of women’s rights and the effective implementation of policies promoting economic and social empowerment and women’s participation in decision-making; stresses that particular attention should be given to **migrant women and asylum seekers**;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Points at the positive contribution of women's empowerment in achieving an inclusive, equitable and peaceful society and sustainable development; stresses that more efforts should be pursued to seek the full realization of women's rights and the effective implementation of policies promoting economic and social empowerment and women's participation in decision-making; stresses that particular attention should be given to 'empowering indigenous women';

Amendment

4. Points at the positive contribution of women's empowerment in achieving an inclusive, equitable and peaceful society and sustainable development; stresses that more efforts should be pursued to seek the full realization of women's rights and the effective implementation of policies promoting economic and social empowerment and women's participation in decision-making *processes*; stresses that particular attention should be given to 'empowering indigenous women';

Or. en

Amendment 16
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Points out that the EU is committed to promoting gender equality and ensuring gender mainstreaming in all of its actions as enshrined in its treaties;*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Points out women should be encouraged to organise, via trade unions, and they should not be discriminated when seeking financing of businesses;*

Amendment 18
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly recommends including education at the core of EEAS policies with the aim of ensuring full and equal access to education to all children, in particular in the context of conflict and humanitarian crises where children can be deprived of basic education; stresses that special attention should be put to girls' access to education without risks;

Amendment

5. Strongly recommends including education at the core of EEAS policies with the aim of ensuring full and equal access to education to all children, in particular in the context of conflict and humanitarian ***and migration*** crises where children can be deprived of basic education; stresses that special attention should be put to girls' access to education without risks;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the EEAS to promote the role of women as peace-builders and place it at the core of the EU Global Strategy and Political Dialogues, particularly when it comes to conflict prevention;

Amendment

6. Calls on the EEAS to promote the role of women as peace-builders and place it at the core of the EU Global Strategy and Political Dialogues, particularly when it comes to conflict prevention ***and in promoting human rights and democratic reform in post-conflict reconstruction;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the EEAS to promote the role of women as peace-builders and place it at the core of the EU Global Strategy and Political Dialogues, particularly when it comes to conflict prevention;

Amendment

6. Calls on the EEAS to promote the role of women as peace-builders, ***to encourage women's participation in leadership and decision-making process***, and place it at the core of the EU Global Strategy and Political Dialogues, particularly when it comes to conflict prevention;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the EEAS to promote the role of women in the prevention of terrorism: as mothers, they can have a strong influence in persuading their children not to become radicalised and to join extremist groups and, as the contact point between the community and the family, they can play the role of 'gatekeepers', providing vital information which could promote non-violent interventions to prevent any acts of terrorism;

Or. it

Amendment 22
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Is concerned about the vulnerability of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, especially women and children or members of marginalised groups, and calls for urgent development of proper safe legal channels for migration, while guaranteeing access to family reunification and psychological support;*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Calls on the EU to support all women's associations that on an everyday basis work to support women in humanitarian crises and conflicts;*

Or. it

Amendment 24
Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Condemns *all forms of* violence against women and *gender-based violence*, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; *calls on the EU and its* Member States to ratify the *Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal*

7. Condemns violence against women and *their physical integrity*, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; *strongly reiterates its call to fight sex-selective abortions which result in gendercide; recalls the Council decision to access the Istanbul Convention, on*

and external action in this field;

behalf of the European Union, only as regards matters falling within the competence of the Union; emphasises that the signature of the Convention on behalf of the European Union does not oblige Member States to ratify the Convention domestically;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;

Amendment

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field; ***underlines that religious, cultural and traditional differences can in no way justify discrimination or any form of violence;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul

Amendment

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify ***and sign*** the

Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;

Istanbul Convention, *the first legally binding international instrument seeking to prevent and combat violence against women*; in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;

Amendment

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, including *trafficking in human beings, forced marriage, honour crimes, female genital mutilation or* the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and

Amendment

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women *and girls* and gender-based violence, including the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal

external action in this field;

and external action in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, ***including*** the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;

Amendment

7. Condemns all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, ***specially*** the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war; calls on the EU and its Member States to ratify the Istanbul Convention in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the EU to strongly condemn all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence, as well as to adopt active and effective policies to prevent and combat them;

Or. it

Amendment 31
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. *Stresses that gender stereotypes are among the main reasons for violations of women's rights and inequalities between men and women; emphasises the importance of the involvement of men and boys in awareness-raising campaigns on women's rights, both as targets and agent of change;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. *Stresses that one of the obstacles to women's economic empowerment is violence against women, in particular sexual harassment and sexism inflicted on many of them in workplaces;*

Or. it

Amendment 33
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. *Condemns the fact that in some third countries, marriages between adults and minors are legal;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to tackle trafficking in human beings effectively and efficiently; notes that research has shown that the majority of victims of trafficking in human beings are women, who, once they have arrived in Europe, are forced into the prostitution market;

Or. it

Amendment 35
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Condemns the fact that in some third countries homosexuality is a crime;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to prenatal

8. Strongly condemns the Global Gag Rule and its impact on girls access to comprehensive sexuality education,

care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives.

sexual and reproductive health and rights services, including safe and legal abortions; calls on the EU and the Member States to counter the impact of the gag rule by significantly increasing financing for sexual and reproductive health and rights, in particular funding explicitly destined to ensure access to birth control and safe and legal abortion, using both national as well as EU development funding, in order to fill the financing gap left after the Trump administration's moves to cease funding all overseas aid organisations that provide sexual and reproductive health and rights services; emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives.

Amendment

8. Emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives. ***Finds it unacceptable that women's and girls' bodies, specifically with respect to their sexual and reproductive health and rights, still remain an ideological battleground, and calls for the EU and its***

Member States to recognise the inalienable rights of women and girls to bodily integrity and autonomous decision-making as regards,

Or. en

Amendment 38
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives.

Amendment

8. Emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives. ***Stresses the importance of having accessible and adequate feminine hygiene products that promote sanitation.***

Or. en

Amendment 39
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Emphasises that universal respect for and access to ***sexual and reproductive*** health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health ***and safe abortion services*** are important elements to save women's lives.

Amendment

8. Emphasises that universal respect for and access to health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning ***and*** maternal health are important elements to save women's lives.

Amendment 40
Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Emphasises that *universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to* prenatal care and the ability to *avoid high-risk births*, reduce infant and child mortality; *points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives.*

Amendment

8. Emphasises that prenatal care and the ability to *provide maternal health services should contribute to the good development of pregnancy, safe birth giving, and* reduce infant and child mortality; *emphasises States' international commitment to protect pregnant women and pregnancy, and to reduce the number of abortions.*

Or. en

Amendment 41
Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

8a. Condemns all types of surrogacy, which violates the human dignity of the surrogate and the child since her body and its reproductive functions are used as a commodity for financial or other gain, and the child is reduced to a commodity; emphasises that surrogacy, with or without financial gain, is a form of reproductive exploitation, in particular in the case of vulnerable women in developing countries.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 42
Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Condemns and rejects laws, regulations, or government pressure imposing undue restrictions on freedom of expression, especially for women and other gender categories.

Or. en

Amendment 43
Jordi Solé

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Strongly condemns the reinstatement and expansion of the Global Gag Rule and its impact on women's and girls' global health care and rights; reiterates its call on the EU and its Member States to fill the financing gap left by the US in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights, using both national as well as EU development funding.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Calls on the EU Member States to implement new public awareness campaigns with an emphasis on discouraging violence against women, sexual assault, cyber-bullying and gender stereotypes.*

Or. en

**Amendment 45
Biljana Borzan**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. *Condemns the frequent violations of women's sexual and reproductive rights, including the denial of access to family planning services, contraceptives and safe and legal abortion services.*

Or. en

**Amendment 46
Jordi Solé**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. *Calls on the Member States to take all necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants, 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.*

Amendment 47

Jordi Solé

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. 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 48

Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Underlines the need for women to be afforded proper and free health care, especially prenatal and neonatal, in order to reduce the high number of mothers and babies who die in childbirth in many third countries.

Or. en

Amendment 49

Jordi Solé

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8d. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; calls on the EEAS to raise and promote global awareness on LGBTI rights through the EU external actions in order to end the discrimination they face on a daily basis.

Or. en

Amendment 50

Jordi Solé

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8e. Points out that the rates of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion are higher amongst women and asks the Commission to increase its efforts in implementing measures to combat poverty and social exclusion as part of its development policies.

Or. en