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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Amendment 1**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to all previous Communications from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions regarding the need of Better Regulation in order to achieve better result for the benefit of EU citizens,*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the decision of the President of the European Commission of 14 November 2017 on the establishment of a Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently",*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas 2015 and 2016 were the two first full years of the Juncker Commission, which took office in November 2014; whereas President Juncker undertook to place subsidiarity at the heart of the European democratic process;

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Or. ro

**Amendment 4**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas the new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making, signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in April 2016, includes an undertaking by the three institutions to respect and implement the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 5**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas in 2015 the Commission received eight reasoned opinions addressing three Commission proposals; whereas the total number of submissions

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*reasoned opinions received in a calendar year since the subsidiarity control mechanism was introduced by the Lisbon Treaty in 2009;<sup>1a</sup> whereas the total number of submissions received that year by the Commission was 350; whereas in 2016 the Commission received 65 reasoned opinions addressing 26 Commission proposals; whereas the total number of submissions received that year by the Commission was 620;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 6**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ba. whereas in 2016 the Commission received 65 reasoned opinions addressing 26 Commission proposals; whereas this is 713% more than the eight reasoned opinions received in 2015, and the third highest in a calendar year since the subsidiarity control mechanism was introduced by the Lisbon Treaty in 2009 (after 84 in 2012 and 70 in 2013)<sup>2a</sup>; whereas the total number of submissions received that year by the Commission increased significantly to 620;*

Or. ro

**Amendment 7**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Bb. whereas, in 2016, the European Parliament officially received 410 communications from national Parliaments, 76 of which were reasoned opinions under Protocol 2 to the Treaties, while the remaining 334 were contributions unrelated to the subsidiarity control mechanism; whereas these figures have increased in comparison with 2015, when nine reasoned opinions and 242 contributions were officially forwarded to the European Parliament<sup>2a</sup>.***

Or. ro

**Amendment 8  
Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution  
Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ca. whereas, in 2015, the Commission launched the 'Lighten the load - Have your say' website,<sup>2a</sup> as well as the REFIT Platform (for effective and efficient regulation), giving stakeholders additional opportunities to notify the Commission of any shortcomings regarding existing regulatory measures, including matters relating to subsidiarity and/or proportionality;***

Or. ro

**Amendment 9  
Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution  
Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas subsidiarity and proportionality are **relevant considerations** in the context of retrospective evaluations, which assess whether **EU actions** are actually delivering the expected results in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, relevance and EU added value;

*Amendment*

F. whereas subsidiarity and proportionality are **fundamental principles** in the context of retrospective evaluations **and suitability checks**, which assess whether **actions at EU level are still necessary, whether their objective can be achieved more effectively by other means and whether they** are actually delivering the expected results in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, relevance and EU added value;

Or. ro

**Amendment 10**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas subsidiarity and proportionality are **relevant** considerations in the context of retrospective evaluations, which assess whether EU actions are actually delivering the expected results in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, relevance and EU added value;

*Amendment*

F. whereas subsidiarity and proportionality are **essential** considerations in the context of retrospective evaluations, which assess whether EU actions are actually delivering the expected results in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, relevance and EU added value;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F**

*Motion for a resolution*

F. whereas subsidiarity and proportionality are **relevant** considerations

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Fa. whereas assessments of subsidiarity and proportionality are integral and permanent parts of the EU policy making procedures and key considerations in the context of retrospective evaluations, as they assess whether EU actions are actually delivering the expected results in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, relevance and EU added value;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Fa. whereas in 2014, three national chambers (the Danish Folketing, the Dutch Tweede Kamer and the UK House of Lords) issued reports with detailed proposals on how the role of national parliaments could be strengthened in the decision making process;*



**Amendment 14**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**1a. Stresses the importance of the European Union only acting where it can add value in order to reduce the "democratic deficit";**

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**1b. Calls on the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently", when evaluating international regulatory cooperation, to fully evaluate the European Union's relative competitiveness;**

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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proportionality are fundamental principles that the EU institutions should ***respect*** when exercising EU competences; recalls that these principles are aimed at enhancing the functioning of the Union by ensuring that actions ***at Union level are necessary, that the objective of the recommended actions cannot be adequately achieved by the Member States, that the nature and substance of actions at Union level do not exceed what is necessary to fulfil the objectives of the Treaties and that they*** are always taken at the most appropriate level of government; draws attention to the fact that these principles can be distorted to serve Eurosceptic ends and emphasises that the EU institutions should be vigilant in order to avoid and counteract this risk;

Or. ro

## **Amendment 17** **Sajjad Karim**

### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 2**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Underlines that subsidiarity and proportionality are fundamental principles that the EU institutions should take into consideration when exercising EU competences; recalls that these principles are aimed at ***enhancing the functioning of the Union by*** ensuring that actions are always taken at the most appropriate level ***of government; draws attention to the fact that these principles can be distorted to serve Eurosceptic ends and emphasises that the EU institutions should be vigilant in order to avoid and counteract this risk;***

#### *Amendment*

2. Underlines that subsidiarity and proportionality are fundamental principles that the EU institutions should take into consideration when exercising EU competences ***in order to ensure that the EU adds value;*** recalls that these principles are aimed at ensuring that actions are always taken at the most appropriate level;

Or. en

## Amendment 18

Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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##### *Amendment*

2. Underlines that subsidiarity and proportionality are fundamental principles, ***enshrined by the Member States in the Edinburgh Declaration of 1992***, that the EU institutions should take into consideration when exercising EU competences; recalls that these principles are aimed at enhancing the functioning of the Union by ensuring that actions are always taken at the most appropriate level of government;

Or. fr

## Amendment 19

Kostas Chrysogonos

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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in order to avoid and counteract this risk;

be vigilant in order to avoid and counteract this risk;

Or. en

## **Amendment 20**

**Emil Radev**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

3. *Notes* the initiative announced by the President of the Commission Jean-Claude Juncker during his State of the Union Address 2017 to create a Task Force dedicated to Subsidiarity and Proportionality and headed by Commission Vice-President Frans Timmermans, which will include Members of the European Parliament and of national parliaments; *invites the Commission to provide Parliament with more complete information about the proposed organisation and competences of this Task Force;*

##### *Amendment*

3. *Welcomes* the initiative announced by the President of the Commission Jean-Claude Juncker during his State of the Union Address 2017 to create a Task Force dedicated to Subsidiarity and Proportionality and headed by Commission Vice-President Frans Timmermans, which will include Members of the European Parliament and of national parliaments;

Or. bg

## **Amendment 21**

**Sajjad Karim**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 3**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3a. Strongly supports the objectives of that Task Force, in particular, how to better apply the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality in the work of the Union's institutions, notably regarding the preparation and implementation of Union legislation and policies and the identification of policy areas where decision making and implementation could be redelegated in whole or in part and definitively returned to Member States;**

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3b. Calls on the Task Force to take into account recommendations put**

*forward in previously adopted European Parliament reports, including proposals for impact assessments on subsidiarity and proportionality at the end of the legislative process to assess whether these principles have been sufficiently complied with, an evaluation of the number of national parliament responses required to trigger a "yellow card" or "orange card" procedure and the requests of some national parliaments to extend the eight week period in which they can issue a reasoned opinion under Article 6 of Protocol No 2;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. *Notes* the Commission's methodology in the 2015 and 2016 Annual reports, within which statistics are used to classify reasoned opinions submitted by national parliaments on a package of proposals as one single reasoned opinion, rather than a reasoned opinion on each of the individual proposals;

*Amendment*

4. *Regrets* the Commission's methodology in the 2015 and 2016 Annual reports, within which statistics are used to classify reasoned opinions submitted by national parliaments on a package of proposals as one single reasoned opinion, rather than a reasoned opinion on each of the individual proposals;

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Notes the continuing decrease in the number of reasoned opinions -related to subsidiarity issues- submitted from national parliaments during the last years; notes the decrease of 62% in the number of those received in 2015 compared to 2014 and that the total number of reasoned opinions received are the lowest since 2009;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 26**

**Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Recognises the work done by the Impact Assessment Board (IAB) and its successor as of July 2015 the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB); notes that the IAB and the RSB considered that 23 % of the impact assessments (IAs) reviewed by them in 2015 needed improvements on either subsidiarity or proportionality, or both; observes that in 2016 the percentage of IAs considered unsatisfactory by the RSB was of 15 %; **welcomes the fact** that these percentages have decreased compared with previous years; **underlines** that the Commission reviewed all of the IAs concerned taking into account the analyses from the RSB;

###### *Amendment*

5. Recognises the work done by the Impact Assessment Board (IAB) and its successor as of July 2015 the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB); notes that the IAB and the RSB considered that 23 % of the impact assessments (IAs) reviewed by them in 2015 needed improvements on either subsidiarity or proportionality, or both; observes that in 2016 the percentage of IAs considered unsatisfactory by the RSB was of 15 %; **notes** that these percentages have decreased compared with previous years **but they remain too high;** **notes** that the Commission reviewed all of the IAs concerned taking into account the analyses from the RSB;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 27**

**Kostas Chrysogonos**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5a.** *Stresses the importance of impact studies regarding the respect of proportionality and subsidiarity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption by the Commission in May 2015 of a new Better Regulation package to ensure, inter alia, that the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality are ***applied in a more integrated and*** comprehensive manner; considers that the new Better Regulation framework should be a tool for the European Union to ***deliver legislation*** in full compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality; stresses, notwithstanding the above, that it should not give rise to unnecessary delays in the adoption of the relevant legislation;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption by the Commission in May 2015 of a new Better Regulation package to ensure, inter alia, that the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality are ***respected in a*** comprehensive manner; considers that the new Better Regulation framework should be a tool for the European Union to ***act*** in full compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality; stresses, notwithstanding the above, that, ***while it should provide for detailed tests of compliance with these principles so that the European Union only acts where it adds value,*** it should not give rise to unnecessary delays in the adoption of the relevant legislation;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Emil Radev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*



6. Welcomes the adoption by the Commission in May 2015 of a new Better Regulation package to ensure, *inter alia*, **that** the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality are applied in a more integrated and comprehensive manner; considers that the new Better Regulation framework should be a tool for the European Union to deliver legislation in full compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality; stresses, notwithstanding the above, that it should not give rise to unnecessary delays in the adoption of the relevant legislation;

6. Welcomes the adoption by the Commission in May 2015 of a new Better Regulation package to ensure **that EU legislation serves the public interest more effectively and guarantees** the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality are applied in a more integrated and comprehensive manner; considers that the new Better Regulation framework should be a tool for the European Union to deliver legislation in full compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality; stresses, notwithstanding the above, that it should not give rise to unnecessary delays in the adoption of the relevant legislation;

Or. bg

### **Amendment 30**

**Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 6**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 31**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Welcomes the fact that, in 2016, the Commission continued putting into practice its reinforced Better Regulation agenda by providing more effective guidance on how to assess subsidiarity and proportionality in the policy-making process, as well as new opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to participate; notes in this connection the smooth functioning of the Commission's 'Lighten the load — Have your say!' website and the effective and efficient regulation programme (REFIT), which came into effect in 2016;**

Or. ro

**Amendment 32**  
**Emil Radev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Welcomes the publication, on 24 October 2017, of the Communication from the Commission on Completing the Better Regulation Agenda: Better solutions for better results, in which the Commission details its efforts to increase the transparency, legitimacy and accountability of its work on better lawmaking, in particular with regard to the consultation process and the possibilities for the parties concerned to give their views on its proposals;**

**Amendment 33**  
**Angelika Niebler, Markus Pieper**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Considers that during the policy development process, in which subsidiarity and proportionality aspects are amongst others analysed in impact assessments and thereafter reviewed by the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB), the independence of the RSB should be improved by extending its mandate to the other institutions and by requiring its prior confirmation on impact assessments for these assessments' presentation to the College of Commissioners;**

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6b. Notes that, in 2016, the REFIT platform delivered a first set of recommendations to the Commission on how to simplify and reduce regulatory burdens of existing EU legislation, to which the Commission is responding through the implementation of its 2017 Work Programme.**

Or. ro

**Amendment 35**  
**Emil Radev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6b.** *Welcomes the introduction by the Commission, in 2015, of new consultation and feedback mechanisms for new policy initiatives;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 36**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

7. Praises the Commission's commitment to 'evaluate first' before considering potential legislative changes; considers, in this respect, that the European Union and the authorities of the Member States should work closely together to ensure better monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the actual impact of EU regulation on the economy, social structure and environment in the Member States;

7. Praises the Commission's commitment to 'evaluate first' ***existing policy frameworks to establish whether they are still 'fit for purpose' and in line with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality*** before considering potential legislative changes; considers, in this respect, that the European Union and the authorities of the Member States should work closely together to ensure better monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the actual impact of EU regulation on the economy, social structure and environment in the Member States;

Or. ro

**Amendment 37**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. **Praises** the Commission's commitment to 'evaluate first' before considering potential legislative changes; considers, in this respect, that the European Union and the authorities of the Member States should work closely together to ensure better monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the actual impact of EU regulation on the economy, social structure and environment *in* the Member States;

*Amendment*

7. **Welcomes** the Commission's commitment to 'evaluate first' before considering potential legislative changes; considers, in this respect, that the European Union and the authorities of the Member States should work closely together to ensure better monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the actual impact of EU regulation on the economy, social structure and *cohesion of societies and of the Union as a whole, with particular emphasis on inequality, the protection of the environment and the development of a sustainable economy in all* the Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Praises the Commission's commitment to 'evaluate first' before considering potential legislative changes; considers, in this respect, that the European Union *and* the authorities of the Member States *should work closely together* to ensure better monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the actual impact of EU regulation on the economy, social structure and environment in the Member States;

*Amendment*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. *Praises* the Commission's commitment to 'evaluate first' before considering potential legislative changes; considers, in this respect, that the European Union and the authorities of the Member States should work closely together to ensure better monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the actual impact of EU regulation on the economy, *social structure* and environment in the Member States;

*Amendment*

7. *Supports* the Commission's commitment to 'evaluate first' before considering potential legislative changes; considers, in this respect, that the European Union and the authorities of the Member States should work closely together to ensure better monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the actual impact of EU regulation on the economy, *citizens* and environment in the Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*7a. Underlines that impact assessments are a tool designed to assist the thorough evaluation of several different policy options before putting forward a proposal to the co-legislators; highlights, therefore, the importance of stakeholder consultation at the earliest possible stage in the legislative process to ensure that a thorough analysis of the impact of each policy option has been carried out; notes, furthermore, the importance of providing more detailed explanatory memoranda to support policy choices; highlights that in instances when thorough impact assessments have not been carried out by the Commission, the*

*Amendment*

*proposals have, in several cases, later been withdrawn or substantially amended;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the signature by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in 2016 of *a* new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making; recalls that the Commission is committed to setting out in its explanatory memoranda how its proposals are justified in the light of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the signature by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission in 2016 of *the* new Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making; recalls that the Commission is committed to setting out in its explanatory memoranda *an assessment of* how its proposals are justified in the light of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

Or. ro

**Amendment 42**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Invites national parliaments to clearly indicate from the outset that their submission is a reasoned opinion under Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties and the legislative proposal(s) it refers to, to clearly state the reasons for which it considers that the proposal breaches the subsidiarity principle, to include a brief summary of the argumentation, and to respect the eight-

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week time limit from the date of transmission of the relevant draft legislative act; notes that *this will facilitate a timely and adequate treatment of reasoned opinions by all the institutions involved*;

week time limit from the date of transmission of the relevant draft legislative act, *as far as possible*; notes that *in some circumstances the eight-week deadline cannot be respected by national parliaments and that this should not lead to opinions not being considered*;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Invites national parliaments to clearly indicate from the outset *that* their submission is a reasoned opinion under Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties and *the* legislative proposal(s) it refers to, to clearly state the reasons for which it considers that the proposal breaches the subsidiarity principle, to include a brief summary of the argumentation, and to respect the eight-week time limit from the date of transmission of the relevant draft legislative act; notes that this will facilitate a timely and adequate treatment of reasoned opinions by all the institutions involved;

*Amendment*

9. Invites national parliaments to clearly indicate from the outset *whether or not* their submission is a reasoned opinion under Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties and *what* legislative proposal(s) it refers to, to clearly state the *de facto and de jure* reasons for which it considers that the proposal breaches the subsidiarity principle, to include a brief summary of the argumentation, and to respect the eight-week time limit from the date of transmission of the relevant draft legislative act; notes that this will facilitate a timely, *efficient* and adequate treatment of reasoned opinions by all the institutions involved;

Or. ro

**Amendment 44**  
**Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**



*Motion for a resolution*

9. **Invites** national parliaments to clearly indicate from the outset that their submission is a reasoned opinion under Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties and the legislative proposal(s) it refers to, to clearly state the reasons for which it considers that the proposal breaches the subsidiarity principle, to include a brief summary of the argumentation, and to respect the eight-week time limit from the date of transmission of the relevant draft legislative act; notes that this will facilitate a timely and adequate treatment of reasoned opinions by all the institutions involved;

*Amendment*

9. **Respectfully invites** national parliaments to clearly indicate from the outset that their submission is a reasoned opinion under Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties and the legislative proposal(s) it refers to, to clearly state the reasons for which it considers that the proposal breaches the subsidiarity principle, to include a brief summary of the argumentation, and, **where possible**, to respect the eight-week time limit from the date of transmission of the relevant draft legislative act; notes that this will facilitate a timely and adequate treatment of reasoned opinions by all the institutions involved;

Or. fr

**Amendment 45**

**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Is of the opinion that, since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty, the involvement of national parliaments in **EU affairs** has developed significantly, **including** through **their linking up** with other national parliaments; encourages national parliaments to continue and reinforce inter-parliamentary contacts, also on bilateral basis, as a means of enhancing cooperation between Member States, and to do so **with a European vision and in a European spirit**, based on the rule of law and fundamental rights; underlines that these contacts can facilitate an exchange of best practices concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

*Amendment*

10. Is of the opinion that, since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty, the involvement of national parliaments in **the EU legislative procedure** has developed significantly, through **contacts** with other national parliaments **for example**; encourages national parliaments to continue and reinforce inter-parliamentary contacts, also on bilateral basis, as a means of enhancing cooperation between Member States, and to do so **in line with the letter and spirit of Union principles**, based on the rule of law and fundamental rights; underlines that these contacts **and enhanced cooperation** can facilitate an exchange of best practices concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity

and proportionality;

Or. ro

#### **Amendment 46**

**Sajjad Karim**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 10**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Is of the opinion that, ***since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty***, the involvement of national parliaments in EU affairs has developed ***significantly***, including through their linking up with other national parliaments; encourages national parliaments to continue and reinforce inter-parliamentary contacts, also on bilateral basis, as a means of enhancing cooperation between Member States, and to do so ***with a European vision and in a European spirit***, based on ***the rule of law and fundamental rights***; underlines that these contacts can facilitate an exchange of best practices concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

##### *Amendment*

10. Is of the opinion that the involvement of national parliaments in EU affairs has developed, including through their linking up with other national parliaments; encourages national parliaments to continue and ***further*** reinforce inter-parliamentary contacts, also on bilateral basis, as a means of enhancing cooperation between Member States, and to do so based on ***considering where the EU can add value***; underlines that these contacts can facilitate an exchange of best practices concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 47**

**Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 10**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

10. Is of the opinion that, since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty, the involvement of national parliaments in EU affairs has developed significantly,

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including through their linking up with other national parliaments; encourages national parliaments to continue and reinforce inter-parliamentary contacts, also on bilateral basis, as a means of enhancing cooperation between Member States, and to do so with a European vision and in a European spirit *of cooperation, when necessary*, based on the rule of law and fundamental rights; underlines that these contacts can facilitate an exchange of best practices concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

Or. fr

**Amendment 48**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Is of the opinion that, since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty, the involvement of national parliaments in EU affairs has developed significantly, including through their linking up with other national parliaments; encourages national parliaments to continue and reinforce inter-parliamentary contacts, also on bilateral basis, as a means of enhancing cooperation between Member States, and to do so with a European vision and in a *European* spirit, based on the rule of law and fundamental rights; underlines that these contacts can facilitate an exchange of best practices concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

*Amendment*

10. Is of the opinion that, since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty, the involvement of national parliaments in EU affairs has developed significantly, including through their linking up with other national parliaments; encourages national parliaments to continue and reinforce inter-parliamentary contacts, also on bilateral basis, as a means of enhancing cooperation between Member States, and to do so with a *democratic* European vision and in a spirit *of solidarity*, based on the rule of law and fundamental rights; underlines that these contacts can facilitate an exchange of best practices concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

Or. en

## Amendment 49

Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 11

##### *Motion for a resolution*

11. Draws attention to the fact that in 2016 14 chambers of 11 national parliaments submitted reasoned opinions on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 96/71/EC of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services<sup>3</sup>, thus reaching the threshold of one third of the votes required by Article 7(2) of Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties to trigger the so-called ‘yellow card’ procedure; recalls that the arguments put forward by the national parliaments were widely debated in Parliament with the Commission; notes that the Commission engaged with national parliaments within the framework of COSAC; notes that the Commission issued a communication in which it gave extensive reasons for maintaining the proposal<sup>4</sup>; ***considers that, with the reasons set out therein, the Commission fully complied with its obligation to give reasons for its decision;***

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<sup>3</sup> COM(2016)0128.

<sup>4</sup> Communication of 20.7.2016 from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the National Parliaments on the proposal for a Directive amending the Posting of Workers Directive, with regard to the principle of subsidiarity, in accordance with Protocol No 2 (COM(2016)0505).

##### *Amendment*

11. Draws attention to the fact that in 2016 14 chambers of 11 national parliaments submitted reasoned opinions on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 96/71/EC of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services<sup>3</sup>, thus reaching the threshold of one third of the votes required by Article 7(2) of Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties to trigger the so-called ‘yellow card’ procedure; recalls that the arguments put forward by the national parliaments were widely debated in Parliament with the Commission; notes that the Commission engaged with national parliaments within the framework of COSAC; notes that the Commission issued a communication in which it gave extensive reasons for maintaining the proposal<sup>4</sup>;

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<sup>4</sup> Communication of 20.7.2016 from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the National Parliaments on the proposal for a Directive amending the Posting of Workers Directive, with regard to the principle of subsidiarity, in accordance with Protocol No 2 (COM(2016)0505).

Or. fr

## Amendment 50

## Sajjad Karim

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 11

##### *Motion for a resolution*

11. Draws attention to the fact that in 2016 14 chambers of 11 national parliaments submitted reasoned opinions on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 96/71/EC of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services<sup>3</sup>, thus reaching the threshold of one third of the votes required by Article 7(2) of Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties to trigger the so-called ‘yellow card’ procedure; recalls that the arguments put forward by the national parliaments were widely debated in Parliament with the Commission; notes that the Commission engaged with national parliaments within the framework of COSAC; **notes** that the Commission issued a communication in which it ***gave extensive reasons for maintaining*** the proposal<sup>4</sup>; **considers that, with the reasons set out therein, the Commission fully complied with its obligation to give reasons for its decision;**

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<sup>4</sup> Communication of 20.7.2016 from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the National Parliaments on the proposal for a Directive amending the Posting of Workers Directive, with regard to the principle of subsidiarity, in accordance with Protocol No 2 (COM(2016)0505).

##### *Amendment*

11. Draws attention to the fact that in 2016 14 chambers of 11 national parliaments submitted reasoned opinions on the proposal for a Directive amending Directive 96/71/EC of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services<sup>3</sup>, thus reaching the threshold of one third of the votes required by Article 7(2) of Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties to trigger the so-called ‘yellow card’ procedure; recalls that the arguments put forward by the national parliaments were widely debated in Parliament with the Commission; notes that the Commission engaged with national parliaments within the framework of COSAC; **regrets** that the Commission issued a communication in which it ***maintained*** the proposal<sup>4</sup> ***nonetheless, despite the concerns raised by national parliaments;***

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<sup>3</sup> COM(2016)0128.

<sup>4</sup> Communication of 20.7.2016 from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the National Parliaments on the proposal for a Directive amending the Posting of Workers Directive, with regard to the principle of subsidiarity, in accordance with Protocol No 2 (COM(2016)0505).

Or. en

### Amendment 51

**Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**12.** *Notes that, in relation to the above-mentioned Commission proposal, seven national chambers sent opinions in the framework of the political dialogue, which mainly considered the proposal as compatible with the principle of subsidiarity; observes that the Committee of the Regions' Subsidiarity Expert Group considered that the objective of the proposal could be better achieved at EU level;*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 52**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**12.** *Notes that, in relation to the above-mentioned Commission proposal, seven national chambers sent opinions in the framework of the political dialogue, which mainly considered the proposal as compatible with the principle of subsidiarity; observes that the Committee of the Regions' Subsidiarity Expert Group considered that the objective of the proposal could be better achieved at EU level;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Daniel Buda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Recalls that the ‘yellow card’ procedure has been triggered twice in the past (once in 2012 and once in 2013), which, together with this new ‘yellow card’ procedure, proves that the system functions and that national parliaments can easily and in a timely fashion participate in the subsidiarity debate when they wish to do so;

*Amendment*

13. Recalls that the ‘yellow card’ procedure has been triggered twice in the past (once in 2012 and once in 2013), which, together with this new ‘yellow card’ procedure, proves that the system functions and that national parliaments ***fulfil an important role in the legislative procedure at Union level and*** can easily and in a timely fashion participate in the subsidiarity debate when they wish to do so;

Or. ro

**Amendment 54**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Recalls that the ‘yellow card’ procedure has been triggered twice in the past (once in 2012 and once in 2013), which, together with this new ‘yellow card’ procedure, proves that ***the system functions and that*** national parliaments ***can easily and in a timely fashion*** participate in ***the*** subsidiarity ***debate when they wish to do so;***

*Amendment*

13. Recalls that the ‘yellow card’ procedure has been triggered twice in the past (once in 2012 and once in 2013), which, together with this new ‘yellow card’ procedure, proves that national parliaments ***are keen to*** participate in subsidiarity ***debates;***

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 14

### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Recalls that, according to Article 7 of Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties, the European institutions should take account of the reasoned opinions issued by national parliaments or by a chamber of a national parliament; observes that the Commission has put in place procedures to ensure that it provides national parliaments with substantive and political responses in a timely manner; calls on the Commission to systematically forward its replies to reasoned opinions to the European Parliament;

### *Amendment*

14. Recalls that, according to Article 7 of Protocol (No 2) to the Treaties, the European institutions should take account of the reasoned opinions issued by national parliaments or by a chamber of a national parliament; observes that the Commission has put in place procedures to ensure that it provides national parliaments with substantive and political responses in a timely manner; calls on the Commission to systematically forward its replies to reasoned opinions to the European Parliament ***so that these can be considered;***

Or. en

## Amendment 56

Sajjad Karim

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 15

### *Motion for a resolution*

15. Takes note of the changes proposed by some national parliaments to the subsidiarity control mechanism; welcomes the conclusion reached by COSAC that any improvement to the subsidiarity control mechanism should not entail Treaty change; ***notes that an extension of the eight-week time limit in which national parliaments can issue a reasoned opinion would require an amendment of the Treaties or the Protocols thereto; notes that exclusions in addition to the month of August for the calculation of the eight-week period would unnecessarily slow down the legislative process and the adoption of important legislation;***

### *Amendment*

15. Takes note of the changes proposed by some national parliaments to the subsidiarity control mechanism; welcomes the conclusion reached by COSAC that any improvement to the subsidiarity control mechanism should not entail Treaty change;



**Amendment 57****Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 15***Motion for a resolution*

15. Takes note of the changes proposed by some national parliaments to the subsidiarity control mechanism; **welcomes** the conclusion reached by COSAC that any improvement to the subsidiarity control mechanism should not entail Treaty change; notes that an extension of the eight-week time limit in which national parliaments can issue a reasoned opinion would require an amendment of the Treaties or the Protocols thereto; notes that exclusions in addition to the month of August for the calculation of the eight-week period would ***unnecessarily slow down the legislative process and the adoption of important legislation***;

*Amendment*

15. Takes note of the changes proposed by some national parliaments to the subsidiarity control mechanism; **notes** the conclusion reached by COSAC that any improvement to the subsidiarity control mechanism should not entail Treaty change; notes that an extension of the eight-week time limit in which national parliaments can issue a reasoned opinion would require an amendment of the Treaties or the Protocols thereto; notes that exclusions in addition to the month of August for the calculation of the eight-week period would ***improve the scrutiny of the enforcement of and compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality***; **notes, in that regard, that the time that national parliaments currently have to assess compliance with the subsidiarity principle is often considered too short; takes the view that a period of 12 weeks would be more appropriate at the start of the legislative process**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 58****Angelika Niebler, Markus Pieper****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 15***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

15. Takes note of the changes proposed by some national parliaments to the subsidiarity control mechanism; welcomes the conclusion reached by COSAC that any improvement to the subsidiarity control mechanism should not entail Treaty change; notes that an extension of the eight-week time limit in which national parliaments can issue a reasoned opinion would require an amendment of the Treaties or the Protocols thereto; *notes that exclusions in addition to the month of August for the calculation of the eight-week period would unnecessarily slow down the legislative process and the adoption of important legislation;*

15. Takes note of the changes proposed by some national parliaments to the subsidiarity control mechanism; welcomes the conclusion reached by COSAC that any improvement to the subsidiarity control mechanism should not entail Treaty change; notes that an extension of the eight-week time limit in which national parliaments can issue a reasoned opinion would require an amendment of the Treaties or the Protocols thereto;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 59**

**Angelika Niebler, Markus Pieper, Paulo Rangel**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15a. Expresses disappointment at some of the responses of the Commission to national parliaments in instances where "yellow cards" procedures have been triggered; is concerned that a mishandling of the issue at stake might lead to divergence within the Union; believes that it is necessary for the Commission to respond comprehensively to any concern raised by national parliaments;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 60**

**Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15a.** *Notes, further, that national parliaments should be able to issue a reasoned opinion at any point in the legislative process or at the very least at its mid-point and its end;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 61**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

16. Notes that a number of tools enabling national parliaments and citizens to participate in every step of the legislative process, which ensure monitoring of respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, already exist; encourages, therefore, that full use of these existing tools be made ***without creating*** even more complex administrative structures and lengthy procedures in times when the EU is struggling to make itself understood by its citizens;

16. Notes that a number of tools enabling national parliaments and citizens to participate in every step of the legislative process, which ensure monitoring of respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, already exist; encourages, therefore, that full use of these existing tools be made, ***avoiding - when possible- the creation of*** even more complex administrative structures and lengthy procedures in times when the EU is struggling to make itself understood by its citizens, ***always with the aim of respecting and protecting their rights and interests; calls on the Member States to organize information campaigns and relevant seminars, to precisely inform citizens about their possibilities to participate in every stage of the legislative process;***

Or. en

## Amendment 62

Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Gerolf Annemans, Gilles Lebreton

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 16

##### *Motion for a resolution*

16. Notes that a number of tools enabling national parliaments and citizens to participate in every step of the legislative process, which *ensure* monitoring of respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, *already* exist; encourages, therefore, that full use of these existing tools be made without creating even more complex administrative structures and lengthy procedures in times when the EU is struggling to *make itself understood by its* citizens;

##### *Amendment*

16. Notes that a number of tools enabling national parliaments and citizens to participate in every step of the legislative process, which *could be used to guarantee* monitoring of respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, exist; encourages, therefore, that full use of these existing tools be made without creating even more complex administrative structures and lengthy procedures in times when the EU is struggling to *meet the needs of the Member States'* citizens;

Or. fr

## Amendment 63

Angelika Niebler, Markus Pieper

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 16 a (new)

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

***16a. Suggests that in a possible review of the Treaties and the Protocols thereto consideration should be given to proportionately extend the period in which national parliaments may send to the Presidents of the Parliament, the Council and the Commission a reasoned opinion stating the reasons why it is considered that the proposal in question does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity;***

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16a.** *Underlines the importance of sufficiently explaining the need of legislative initiatives and their impact on all important sectors (economic, environmental, social) with the aim of respecting the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16b.** *Highlights that legislation should be comprehensive and clear to allow affected parties to understand their rights and obligations, including appropriate reporting, monitoring and evaluating requirements, avoiding disproportionate costs, as well as being practical to implement;*

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Kostas Chrysogonos**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16c.** *Stresses that the adoption of legal acts requires the agreement of a large majority within the Council, comprising the national Ministers of all the Member States, who should be accountable to their national parliaments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**17.** *Recalls the possibilities of **obtaining** access to the impact assessments and roadmaps prepared by the Commission, of participating in public and/or stakeholder consultations organised by the Commission and/or the European Parliament, and of making suggestions through the REFIT platform ‘Lighten the load: Suggestions’;*

**17.** *Stresses the importance of **promoting** access to the impact assessments and roadmaps prepared by the Commission, of participating in public and/or stakeholder consultations organised by the Commission and/or the European Parliament, and of making suggestions through the REFIT platform ‘Lighten the load: Suggestions’;*

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Angelika Niebler, Markus Pieper, Paulo Rangel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**17a.** *Calls on the Commission to change its customary practice concerning Protocol No 2 to the Treaties with regard to the calculation of the eight-week period to allow for more time for the national*

*parliaments to participate more thoroughly in the EU law making process;*

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**António Marinho e Pinto**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Encourages national parliaments to give opinions on Commission proposals, which are all available for consultation at any time on the internal *database* CONNECT; recalls that all of the information is available on the platform REGPEX;

*Amendment*

18. Encourages national parliaments to give opinions on Commission proposals, which are all available for consultation *together with other relevant documents* at any time on the internal *databases* CONNECT *and IPEX*; recalls that all of the information is available on the platform REGPEX;

Or. pt

**Amendment 70**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Notes, in relation to the above, that in 2015 20 parliamentary chambers co-signed or supported the first ‘green card’ initiative on food waste, and that in July 2016 nine parliamentary chambers co-signed the second ‘green card’ inviting the Commission to submit a legislative proposal implementing corporate social responsibility principles at European level; observes that some of the suggestions in the first ‘green card’ initiative were

*Amendment*

21. Notes, in relation to the above, that in 2015 20 parliamentary chambers co-signed or supported the first ‘green card’ initiative on food waste, and that in July 2016 nine parliamentary chambers co-signed the second ‘green card’ inviting the Commission to submit a legislative proposal implementing corporate social responsibility principles at European level; observes that some of the suggestions in the first ‘green card’ initiative were

subsequently reflected in the revised Circular Economy package adopted by the Commission in December 2015; ***observes, therefore, that national parliaments already play a constructive role in the institutional framework and that there is no need, at this point in time, to create new institutional and administrative structures, which would make the whole process unnecessarily complicated;***

subsequently reflected in the revised Circular Economy package adopted by the Commission in December 2015;

Or. en