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Amendment 1

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***- having regard to the visit of the
European Parliament's Chair of the
Subcommittee on Human Rights on
behalf of President Martin Schulz to
Saudi Arabia from 24-25 November 2013,***

Or. en

Amendment 2

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) is an influential political, economic and religious actor in the Middle East and the Islamic world, the world's leading oil producer, and a founder and leading member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and of the G-20 group;

A. whereas the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) is an influential political, economic and religious actor in the Middle East and the Islamic world, the world's leading oil producer, and a founder and leading member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and of the G-20 group; ***whereas the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is an important partner for the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 3

Mário David

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. Whereas EU is Saudi Arabia main trading partner with 15% of the global trade and KSA is the 11th largest trade partner for the EU. Whereas large number of EU companies are investors in the Saudi economy, especially in the country's petroleum industry and Saudi Arabia is an important market for the export of EU industrial goods in areas such as Defence, Transportation, Automotive, Medical and Chemical exports;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Mário David

Motion for a resolution

Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. Whereas EU and Saudi Arabia face common challenges that are global in origin and impact, such as a rapidly changing economy, migration, energy security, international terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and environmental degradation;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Susy De Martini

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the changing political and strategic context in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region ***necessitates a reassessment of*** EU-KSA relations;

Amendment

B. whereas the changing political and strategic context in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region ***underlines the importance of strong, positive*** EU-KSA relations;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the changing political and strategic context in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region ***necessitates a reassessment of*** EU-KSA relations;

Amendment

B. whereas the changing political and strategic context in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region ***carries the chance and the need to further develop the*** EU-KSA relations;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Willy Meyer, Sabine Lösing

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas KSA is a hereditary absolute monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas ***it faces the challenge of royal succession; whereas*** KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners and 10 million aged under 18; whereas some reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001, but are

Amendment

C. whereas KSA is a hereditary, ***feudal,*** absolute monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners, ***mostly from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Egypt and Yemen,*** and 10 million aged under 18; whereas some reforms have been

not institutionalised and can thus be easily reversed; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights remains **dismal**, with fundamental gaps between its international obligation and their implementation;

implemented in KSA since 2001, but are not institutionalised and can thus be easily reversed; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights remains **alarming, particularly with regard to discrimination against women, lack of democratic rights and the existence of corporal punishment and the death penalty**, with fundamental gaps between its international obligation and their implementation;

Or. es

Amendment 8 **Mário David**

Motion for a resolution **Recital C**

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas KSA is a **hereditary absolute** monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas **it faces the challenge of royal succession**; whereas KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners and 10 million aged under 18; whereas **some** reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001, but **are not institutionalised and can thus be easily reversed**; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights **remains dismal, with fundamental gaps between its international obligation and their implementation**;

Amendment

C. whereas KSA is a monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners and 10 million aged under 18; whereas **several** reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001, but **not all of them are institutionalised**; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights **needs to improve**;

Or. en

Amendment 9 **Susy De Martini** on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

C. whereas KSA is a hereditary absolute monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas it faces the challenge of royal succession; whereas KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners and 10 million aged under 18; whereas some reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001; whereas ***there are fundamental gaps between its international obligations*** in the field of human rights and their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

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C. whereas KSA is a hereditary absolute monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas it faces the challenge of royal succession; whereas KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners and 10 million aged under 18; whereas some reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001, but are not institutionalised and can thus be easily reversed; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights remains dismal, with fundamental gaps between its international obligation and their implementation; ***whereas despite this track record, on 12 November 2013 Saudi***

*Arabia has been elected as member to the
UN Human Rights Council;*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas KSA is a hereditary absolute monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas it faces the challenge of royal succession; whereas KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners and 10 million aged under 18; whereas *some* reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001, but are not institutionalised and can thus be easily reversed; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights remains dismal, with fundamental gaps between its international *obligation* and their implementation;

Amendment

C. whereas KSA is a hereditary absolute monarchy without an elected parliament; whereas it faces the challenge of royal succession; whereas KSA has a population of 28 million, including 9 million foreigners and 10 million aged under 18; whereas *modest and gradual* reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001, but are not institutionalised and can thus be easily reversed; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights remains dismal, with fundamental gaps between its international *obligations* and their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

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whereas some reforms have been implemented in KSA since 2001, but are not ***still institutionalised***; whereas the country's record in the field of human rights remains dismal, with fundamental gaps between its international obligation and their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Willy Meyer, Sabine Lösing

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the death penalty is still applied in KSA for a wide variety of crimes and at least 82 people were executed in 2011, including minors and foreigners; whereas public executions take place and those executed can be crucified and publicly displayed;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas women's rights are being violated in KSA, as they are considered inferior to men and are under the control of a male member of their family rather than having the freedom to make their own decisions on matters such as going out or travelling; whereas Saudi women

do not have the right to vote and are prohibited from driving and are therefore discriminated against in public life and public space;

Or. es

Amendment 15
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas Saudi Arabia's first-ever municipal elections in 2005 constituted the first electoral process in the history of the country, and whereas in 2015 only half of the members of the municipal councils will be elected, while the other half will still be appointed by the King;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the KSA continues to commit widespread violations of basic human rights despite its declared acceptance of numerous recommendations of the 2009 Universal Periodic Review before the UN Human Rights Council such as to reform its criminal justice system, which violates the most basic international standards and detainees routinely face systematic violations of due process, because there is

no written penal code which clearly defines what constitutes a criminal offence and judges are free to rule according to their interpretations of Islamic law and prophetic traditions; whereas the current Minister of Justice has emphasised his intent to codify Shari'a and to issue sentencing guidelines;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas only this year 30 women were appointed for the first time, to the consultative Shura Council, and whereas only in 2015 will women be allowed to vote in municipal elections;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas UN human rights experts have expressed long-standing concerns about overly broad counter-terrorism measures, involving secret detention, which have also exposed peaceful dissidents to detention and imprisonment under terrorism charges; whereas

international human rights organisations have urged King Abdullah to reject the counterterrorism law adopted by the Council of Ministers on 16 December, because of its overly broad definition of terrorism imposing unfair restrictions on free speech by potentially criminalising any speech critical of the Saudi Arabian government or society;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas the death penalty is carried out in Saudi Arabia and at least 24 individuals have been executed in 2013; at least 80 people were executed in 2011 and a similar number in 2012 – more than triple the figure of at least 27 in 2010;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas Saudi Arabia is one of the rare countries to still maintain public executions, including in 2011 for a case of ‘sorcery’, whereas some 80 people have reportedly been executed in KSA in 2012

and the figures are on the increase for 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cd. whereas Saudi Arabia continues to try children who have reached the age of puberty as adults, despite the promise of reform in the 2009 UPR, and is one of the very last remaining countries to still execute juvenile offenders; whereas corporal punishment (amputation and particularly flogging) continues to be widely used as a sentence for crime;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ce. whereas the KSA is the only country in the world in which women are not allowed to drive and although there is no official law banning women from driving, a ministerial decree in 1990 formalized an existing customary ban and women who attempt to drive face arrests;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas ***freedom of religion is not guaranteed in KSA, since public practice of any religion but Islam is forbidden; whereas minority Islamic groups, such as Shias and Sufis, are targets of discrimination and prejudice which are often condoned by the country's religious establishment;***

Amendment

D. whereas ***KSA needs to improve the Laws on Religion Practices, particularly those regarding public practice and religious minorities, enshrined by the true values of the Islamic religion based on tolerance and acceptance of others.;***

Or. en

Amendment 24
Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas freedom of religion ***is not guaranteed*** in KSA, since public practice of any religion but Islam is forbidden; whereas minority Islamic groups, such as Shias and Sufis, are targets of discrimination and prejudice ***which are often*** condoned by the country's religious establishment;

Amendment

D. whereas freedom of religion ***is violated*** in KSA, since public practice of any religion but Islam is forbidden; whereas minority Islamic groups, such as Shias and Sufis, are targets of discrimination and prejudice condoned by the country's religious establishment;

Or. es

Amendment 25
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

D. whereas freedom of religion is not guaranteed in KSA, since public practice of any religion but Islam is forbidden; whereas ***KSA plays an important role as custodian of the Two Holy Mosques of Islam in Mecca and Medina***; whereas minority Islamic groups, such as Shias and Sufis, are targets of discrimination and prejudice which are often condoned by the country's religious establishment;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas the so-called kafala ('sponsorship') system, despite the stated intention of the current Labour Minister to abolish it, continues to create conditions for abuse and labour exploitation of migrant workers, sometimes amounting to forced labour, including through rules requiring a worker to obtain permission from his or her employer to change jobs or leave the country; whereas these rules leave foreign workers with little option for redress in cases of exploitation and often force them into the illegality;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas freedom of expression and freedom of the press and media, both online and offline, are crucial preconditions and catalysts for democratisation, reform and are essential checks on power;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas over one million Ethiopians, Bangladeshis, Indians, Filipinos, Pakistanis and Yemenis have been sent home in the last months after a labour law reform was introduced to reduce the high number of migrant workers with the aim to combat unemployment among Saudi citizens and whereas the accelerated influx of huge numbers of returnees put an extraordinary strain on the often poor and fragile countries of origin;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas KSA *plays a leading role in disseminating and promoting worldwide a particularly rigorous Salafi/Wahhabi interpretation of Islam; whereas the most extreme manifestations of Salafism/Wahhabism have inspired terrorist organisations such as Al-Qaeda and pose a global security threat, including for KSA itself*; whereas KSA has developed a system to control financial transactions to ensure that no funds are being channelled into terrorist organisations, *but no such control can be guaranteed regarding private charities or entities operating outside KSA*;

Amendment

F. whereas KSA *has taken decisive action and severe measures to combat terrorism and financial activities linked to terrorism. Whereas KSA has promulgated a number of legislative acts and regulations to counter this type of criminal activity and has launched an ongoing national awareness campaign to combat terrorism and extremist ideology through dialogue and elucidation of the true values of the Islamic religion based on tolerance, moderation, justice and acceptance of others. Whereas KSA has supported numerous regional and international initiatives in this regard*; whereas KSA has developed a system to control financial transactions to ensure that no funds are being channelled into terrorist organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

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being channelled into terrorist organisations, ***but no such control can be guaranteed regarding private charities or entities operating outside KSA;***

being channelled into terrorist organisations, ***which must be further reinforced;***

Or. en

Amendment 31
Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

F. whereas KSA plays a leading role in ***financing***, disseminating and promoting worldwide a particularly rigorous Salafi/Wahhabi interpretation of Islam; whereas the most extreme manifestations of Salafism/Wahhabism have inspired terrorist organisations such as Al-Qaeda and pose a global security threat, including for KSA itself; whereas KSA has developed a system to control financial transactions to ensure that no funds are being channelled into terrorist organisations, but no such control can be guaranteed regarding private charities or entities operating outside KSA;

Or. es

Amendment 32
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the 2012 Gender Inequality Index (GII from PNUD) ranks Saudi Arabia 145 out of 148 countries, making

it one of the world's most unequal countries; whereas the Global Gender Gap Report 2012 (World Economic Forum) ranks the women labour market participation in KSA as one of the weakest in the world (133 out of 135 countries);

Or. en

Amendment 33
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas KSA has a lively community of online activists and the highest number of twitter users in the Middle East; whereas dissident bloggers are routinely harassed, fined and arrested;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the Saudi Government has recently implemented several measures and actions to promote and enhance women's rights, particularly in education, decision-making and employment issues;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the imports of goods from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the EU, and the exports of goods from the EU to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have increased considerably from 2010 to 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas the negotiations on a free trade agreement between the EU and the GCC, which were opened 20 years ago, are still not concluded;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas the opening of a dialogue between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the EU on human rights could provide a very useful opportunity to enhance mutual understanding and

promote further reforms in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Recital F c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fc. whereas a number of gradual judicial reforms were initiated in 2007 by King Abdullah when he approved the plan for new judicial system, including the establishment of a Supreme Court and special commercial, labour and administrative courts;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Recital F d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fd. whereas on 12 November 2013 the United Nations General Assembly elected the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to serve a three-years term, beginning on 1 January 2014, on the Human Rights Council;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Recital F e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fe. whereas in 2011, through a voluntary contribution of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Nations Secretariat was able to launch the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Recognises the interdependence between the EU and KSA in terms of regional stability, relations with the Islamic world, the fate of the transitions in the Arab Spring countries, the Israel-Palestine peace process, stability of the global oil and financial markets, and global governance issues, especially through the G-20 framework;

1. Recognises the interdependence between the EU and KSA in terms of regional stability, relations with the Islamic world, the fate of the transitions in the Arab Spring countries, the Israel-Palestine peace process, ***counter-terrorism***, stability of the global oil and financial markets, ***trade, investment*** and global governance issues, especially through the G-20 framework;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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stability, relations with the Islamic world, the fate of the transitions in the Arab Spring countries, the Israel-Palestine peace process, stability of the global oil and financial markets, and global governance issues, especially through the G-20 framework;

stability, relations with the Islamic world, the fate of the transitions in the Arab Spring countries, the Israel-Palestine peace process, ***the war in Syria, improving relations with Iran***, stability of the global oil and financial markets, and global governance issues, especially through the G-20 framework;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Recognises the interdependence between the EU and KSA in terms of regional stability, relations with the Islamic world, the fate of the transitions in the Arab Spring countries, the Israel-Palestine peace process, stability of the global oil and financial markets, and global governance issues, especially through the ***World Bank, the International Monetary Funds and the G-20 framework***;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses again that the objective is a strategic partnership with the GCC and its member states; underlines that its geopolitical environment makes the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the other GCC member states a focus of security challenges that have global and regional implications;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Susy De Martini
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recognises that continued EU-Saudi trade and investment partnerships will benefit the economies of both sides; further recognises the importance of the Saudi energy sector in particular to EU markets; further calls for efforts to conclude a free trade agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Takes note that on October 18 2013 Saudi Arabia turned down its two year rotating seat in the UN Security Council with the argument that the UN Security Council first needs reform in order to enable it to effectively and practically carry out its duties and responsibilities in maintaining international peace and

security, also criticizing the UN Security Council for failing to address the Syrian crisis and the Palestinian issue, as well as neglecting to make the Middle East region free of weapons of mass destruction;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Shares some of the concerns expressed by the KSA, but urges the government to actively and constructively engage with the international community; welcomes in this context notably the agreement between the United States and Russia on ridding Syria of chemical weapons while avoiding a military confrontation which could easily have enticed the whole region in an open conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1c. Equally appeals to the KSA to actively support the recent interim agreement between the E3+3 and Iran and to help secure a diplomatic resolution of

outstanding nuclear issues in a more comprehensive agreement within the next 6 months in the interest of peace and security for the whole region;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Willy Meyer, Sabine Lösing

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Underlines the European interest in a peaceful and orderly evolution and political reform process in KSA, as a key factor for long-term peace, stability and development in the region;

Amendment

2. Deplores the EU policy of double standards demonstrated in the hypocritical and preferential treatment of KSA, motivated by the EU's economic and geostrategic interests and its dependence on oil; condemns European complicity which allows and encourages the sale of arms to said government;

Or. es

Amendment 50
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the contribution agreement to launch the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre signed by the United Nations and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 19 September 2011, and the decision of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to fund it for three years;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the KSA authorities to allow the work of human rights organisations by facilitating the registration of their license; regrets the harassment of human rights activists and their detention without charges;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Recalls that KSA's human rights record was assessed under the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council in February 2009, and that the KSA authorities formally accepted a significant number of the recommendations put forward by EU Member States during the review, including, for example, those calling for abolition of male guardianship and those aimed at limiting the application of the death penalty and corporal punishment; awaits more substantive progress in implementing these recommendations and urges KSA to adopt a constructive approach with regard to the recommendations presented in the context of the on-going 2013 Universal Periodic Review;

Amendment 53
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Believes that being a member of the UN Human Rights Council raises worldwide expectations to show particular respect for human rights and democracy and appeals to the KSA to increase its reform efforts; expects Human Rights Council members to fully cooperate with its special procedures and to allow unhampered visits by all UN Special Rapporteurs, notably to accept the visit of the UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

Amendment 54
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Expresses grave concern that human rights violations such as arbitrary arrests and detention, torture, travel bans, judicial harassment and unfair trials continue to be widespread; is particularly concerned that alleged counter-terrorism measures are being increasingly used as a tool to arrest human rights defenders and

impunity for human rights violations are reportedly increasing; calls on the Saudi government to urgently act upon the recommendations of the 2009 UPR, including by continuing and intensifying its reform of the judicial system ;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Welcomes the engagement of the KSA with the UN human rights system through the Human Rights Council and the universal human right conventions it has ratified so far; calls, however, on the KSA to sign and ratify the other core UN human rights treaties and agreements such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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freedom of expression for all inhabitants *of KSA, and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on digital freedom;*

freedom of expression for all *its* inhabitants; stresses *the importance of the practice of* social media *and the use of internet, acquired over recent years, particularly among young population;*

Or. en

Amendment 57

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

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4. Calls on the KSA authorities to ensure freedom of expression for all inhabitants of KSA, and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on digital freedom;

Amendment

4. *Notes that the KSA has reportedly the highest ratio of twitter users in the World indicating the strong role of internet based social networks in the country;* calls *therefore even more urgently* on the KSA authorities to ensure freedom of expression for all inhabitants of KSA and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on digital freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the KSA authorities to *ensure* freedom of expression for all inhabitants of

Amendment

4. Calls on the KSA authorities to *allow independent press and media and* freedom

KSA, and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on digital freedom;

of expression for all inhabitants of KSA, and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on digital freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the KSA authorities to ensure freedom of expression for all inhabitants of KSA, and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on digital freedom;

Amendment

4. Calls on the KSA authorities to ensure freedom of expression, ***association and peaceful assembly*** for all inhabitants of KSA, and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media, are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on digital freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the KSA authorities to ensure freedom of expression for all inhabitants of KSA, and stresses that the peaceful advocacy of basic legal rights or making critical remarks using social media are expressions of an indispensable right, as Parliament has stressed in its report on

Amendment

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digital freedom;

digital freedom; *emphasises that freedom of the press and media, both online and offline, is essential in a free society and forms a crucial check on power;*

Or. en

Amendment 61

Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the KSA authorities to allow freedom of association and assembly; regrets the repression of activists and protesters when they peacefully manifest;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to honour its commitments to several human rights instruments, including the Arab Human Right Charter, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention against Torture, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Calls on the KSA authorities to improve their Shari'a-based criminal justice system in order to meet the international standards governing procedures for arrest, detention and trials, as well as prisoners' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Calls on the ***KSA authorities to*** speed up implementation of the new legislation on NGOs ***ensuring their freedom of operation;***

5. Calls on the ***KSA authorities to release prisoners of conscience, to end judicial and extra-judicial harassment of human rights defenders and*** speed up ***the*** implementation of the new legislation on NGOs, ***ensuring their registration, freedom to operate and ability to operate legally;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Calls on the KSA authorities to speed up implementation of the new legislation on NGOs ensuring their freedom of operation;

Amendment

5. Calls on the KSA authorities to speed up implementation of the new legislation on NGOs ensuring their freedom of operation ***and notably providing them with the required licenses in order to make it easier in particular for human rights organisations to operate;***

Or. en

Amendment 66

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the EEAS to actively support civil society groups who work in favour of enhancing human rights and democracy in Saudi Arabia and calls on the EU delegation in Riyadh to pursue an active human rights agenda in following law suits as observers and in enacting prison visits;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition of the death penalty ***and*** calls for an immediate moratorium on the carrying

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition/***moratorium*** of the death penalty, calls for an immediate moratorium on the

out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft;

carrying out of death sentences in KSA, ***as a first step, and in particular urges banning public executions***; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty ***to nationals and non-nationals*** for a wide variety of crimes, including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft ***and also regrets that it hands down death penalty sentences including on juveniles aged under 18 at the time of their alleged crimes***;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition of the death penalty and calls for an immediate moratorium on the carrying out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft;

Amendment

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition of ***torture, corporal punishment, and*** the death penalty and calls for an immediate moratorium on the carrying out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Willy Meyer, Sabine Lösing

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft;

out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, including **homosexuality**, drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft;

Or. es

Amendment 70
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition of the death penalty and calls for an immediate moratorium on the carrying out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, **including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft**;

Amendment

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition of the death penalty and calls for an immediate moratorium on the carrying out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition of the death penalty and calls for an immediate moratorium on the carrying out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft;

Amendment

6. Reiterates its call for the universal abolition of the death penalty and calls for an immediate moratorium on the carrying out of death sentences in KSA; regrets that KSA continues to apply the death penalty for a wide variety of crimes, including drug offences, apostasy, sorcery and witchcraft; **equally calls on the Saudi authorities to**

reform the justice system in order to eliminate all forms of corporal punishment; welcomes in this context that Saudi Arabia has recently passed legislation making domestic abuse a crime;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Deplores that last January a Sri Lankan domestic worker, Rizana Nafeek, was beheaded in Saudi Arabia for a crime she allegedly committed while still a child - a clear violation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child, which specifically prohibits capital punishment of persons under 18 at the time of the offense;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Calls on the KSA authorities to ensure that all allegations of torture and other ill-treatment are thoroughly and impartially investigated, that all alleged perpetrators are prosecuted, and that any statement that may have been extracted under torture is not used as evidence in criminal proceedings;

Amendment 74
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Regrets that there is no freedom of religion in KSA; encourages the authorities* to foster moderation ***and tolerance*** of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants;

Amendment

7. *Encourages the authorities of KSA* to foster moderation, ***tolerance and mutual understanding*** of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants, ***through dialogue and explanation of the true values of the Islamic religion based on tolerance and acceptance of others; welcomes in this respect the Sakina Campaign for Dialogue, supported by the Ministry of Islamic Affairs;***

Amendment 75
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Regrets that there is no* freedom of religion in KSA; encourages the authorities to ***foster*** moderation and tolerance of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants;

Amendment

7. *Deplores the absence of* freedom of religion in KSA; encourages the authorities to ***improve inter-religious dialogue, foster*** moderation and tolerance of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants;

Amendment 76
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Regrets that there is no freedom of religion in KSA*; encourages the authorities to foster moderation and tolerance of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants;

Amendment

7. *Calls on the authorities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to respect freedom of religion*; encourages the authorities to foster moderation and tolerance of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets that there is no freedom of religion in KSA; encourages the authorities to foster moderation and tolerance of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants;

Amendment

7. *Welcomes the establishment of the ‘Kind Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue’ (KAICIID) in Vienna for encouraging dialogue among followers of different religions and cultures around the world*, regrets ***however*** that there is no freedom of religion in KSA; encourages the authorities to foster moderation and tolerance of religious diversity at all levels of the education system, including in religious establishments, as well as in the public discourse of officials and civil servants;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the establishment in Vienna of the ‘King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue’ (KAICIID) in 2012, initiated and promoted by KSA; stresses that the Centre has major objectives of enabling, empowering and encouraging dialogue among different religions and cultures around the world. The Founding States of the Centre are the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Austria and the Kingdom of Spain, being the Holy See a Founding Observer. The Board of Directors comprises high-level representatives of the major world religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism) and cultures;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Emphasises the need to respect the fundamental rights of ***Shias and other minorities, including the right to full participation in political life and governance; calls on the KSA authorities to attach safeguards to the anti-terrorist legislation so that it is not used against minorities; calls on the authorities to make***

8. Emphasises the need to respect the fundamental rights of ***all religious*** minorities; calls on the authorities to make greater efforts to ensure tolerance and coexistence among all religious groups; urges them to ***continue reviewing*** the education system, ***in order to eliminate possible existing*** discriminatory references

greater efforts to ensure tolerance and coexistence among all religious groups; urges them to ***purge*** the education system ***of derogatory and*** discriminatory references to believers in other religions or ***members of minority Islamic groups***;

to believers in other religions or ***beliefs***;

Or. en

Amendment 80 **Ana Gomes**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Emphasises the need to respect the fundamental rights of Shias and other minorities, including the right to full participation in political life and governance; calls on the KSA authorities to attach safeguards to the anti-terrorist legislation so that it is not used against minorities; calls on the authorities to make greater efforts to ensure tolerance and coexistence among all religious groups; urges them ***to purge*** the education system ***of derogatory and discriminatory*** references to believers in other religions or members of minority Islamic groups;

Amendment

8. Emphasises the need to respect the fundamental rights of Shias and other minorities, including the right to full participation in political life and governance; calls on the KSA authorities to attach safeguards to the anti-terrorist legislation so that it is not used ***in a discriminatory manner*** against minorities ***or peaceful government critics, as well as to repeal provisions in its latest legislation and long-standing cybercrime laws that are contrary to its obligation under international human rights law***; calls on the authorities to make greater efforts to ensure tolerance and coexistence among all religious groups; urges them ***to remove from*** the education system ***all*** derogatory and discriminatory references to believers in other religions or members of minority Islamic groups;

Or. en

Amendment 81 **Willy Meyer, Sabine Lösing**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Deplores the fact that despite KSA's ratification in October 2004 of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), in practice Saudi women are still discriminated against in many ways, in their personal lives, in matters of employment, participation in public life, submission to men, widespread domestic violence, or by restrictions on their rights to free movement and on the freedom to choose their partner; condemns the criminalisation of women who are victims of rape and sexual exploitation, who are not protected as victims but rather condemned as prostitutes;

Or. es

Amendment 82
Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Welcomes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150;

9. Notes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150;

Or. es

Amendment 83
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150;

Amendment

9. Welcomes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150 ***and is looking forward to further develop the contacts and institutional links between the European Parliament and the Shura Council,***

Or. en

Amendment 84
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150;

Amendment

9. ***Strongly*** welcomes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150;

Amendment

9. Welcomes the King's appointment in 2013 of the first women to serve in the Consultative Assembly (Shura council) of KSA, occupying 30 seats out of 150;

expects the implementation of the King's declaration that women will be allowed to vote and stand for office in the next municipal elections, to be held in 2015, and that they will subsequently be allowed to vote and stand for office in all other elections;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Expects the implementation of the King's declaration that women will be allowed to vote and stand for office in the next municipal elections, to be held in 2015, and that they will subsequently be allowed to vote and stand for office in all other elections;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 87
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Welcomes the great number of female university graduates who nowadays outnumber male graduates and encourages the government to continue and intensify their efforts to invest in women's education;

Amendment 88
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Awaits the lifting of the ban on women driving; **deleted**

Amendment 89
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Awaits the lifting of the ban on women driving; **deleted**

Amendment 90
Marietje Schaaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Awaits the lifting of the ban on women driving;

11. Welcomes the global campaign in support of lifting the ban on women driving; awaits the lifting of this ban;

Amendment 91
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Awaits the lifting of the ban on women driving;

Amendment

11. Awaits the lifting of the ban on women driving; ***calls on the authorities to stop exercising pressure on those who campaign for the right of women to drive;***

Or. en

Amendment 92
Susy De Martini
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Recognises that women are playing an increasing role in aspects of Saudi life; welcomes the growth in the number of women participating in higher education, including those who have the opportunity to study abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Urges the authorities to revoke the medieval male guardianship system, and to take further steps aimed at lifting restrictions on women's rights, including freedom of movement, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life and promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres;***

Amendment

12. ***Recognises the recent efforts made by the Saudi authorities in drawing up legislation in favour of women rights and encouraging the debates which have recently been opened on such matters; urges the authorities to take further steps aimed at enhance women's rights, including movement, employment opportunities, legal personality, representation in judicial processes, and the elimination of all other forms of discrimination against women in private and public life and promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres;***

Or. en

Amendment 94

Susy De Martini

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the authorities to revoke the ***medieval*** male guardianship system, and to take further steps ***aimed at lifting restrictions on women's rights, including freedom of movement, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating*** all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life ***and promoting their participation in the*** economic, social, cultural and political spheres;

Amendment

12. Urges the ***KSA*** authorities to revoke the male guardianship system, and to take further steps ***to eliminate*** all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life ***in order to allow them to participate fully in all*** economic, social, cultural and political spheres;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the authorities to revoke the **medieval** male guardianship system, **and to take further steps aimed at lifting** restrictions on women's rights, including freedom of movement, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life and promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres;

Amendment

12. Urges the **KSA** authorities to revoke the male guardianship system **and lift all** restrictions on women's **human** rights, including freedom of movement, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life and promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural, **civic** and political spheres; **awaits the lifting of the de facto ban on women driving;**

Or. en

Amendment 96
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the authorities to revoke the medieval male guardianship system, and to take further steps aimed at lifting restrictions on women's rights, including freedom of movement, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life and promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres;

Amendment

12. Urges the authorities to revoke the medieval male guardianship system, and to take further steps aimed at lifting restrictions on women's rights, including freedom of movement, **health, education, marriage**, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in **the family law and in** private and public life and promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres;

Amendment 97
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the authorities to revoke the medieval male guardianship system, and to take further steps aimed at lifting restrictions on women's rights, including freedom of movement, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life **and** promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres;

Amendment

12. Urges the authorities to revoke the medieval male guardianship system, and to take further steps aimed at lifting restrictions on women's rights, including freedom of movement, employment opportunities, legal personality and representation in judicial processes, eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in private and public life, promoting their participation in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres, **and lifting the ban on women driving**;

Amendment 98
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

12a. Regrets the high unemployment rates for women and young people; stresses that ending absolute gender segregation is necessary for an efficient labour market;

Amendment 99
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the KSA authorities to unlock the professional and personal potential held by women who, despite making up 70% of those enrolled in universities, due to existing limitations represent only 5% of the workforce; urges the removal of all obstructions to their access to the job market and any professional activities;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Awaits the lifting of the de facto ban on women driving;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Considers that a campaign to promote awareness regarding violence against women in Saudi Arabia,

especially domestic violence, should be introduced as a matter of urgency;

Or. en

Amendment 102

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12d. Expresses its grave consternation at the fact that KSA is one of the countries in the world still practicing lapidation; calls on the KSA authorities to pass legislation outlawing the practice of lapidation, which constitutes a gross violation of a number of international human rights instruments to which KSA is a party to;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Recalls that KSA's human rights record was assessed under the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council in February 2009, and that the KSA authorities formally accepted a significant number of the recommendations put forward by EU Member States during the review, including, for example, those calling for abolition of male guardianship and those aimed at limiting the application of the

deleted

death penalty and corporal punishment; awaits more substantive progress in implementing these recommendations and urges KSA to adopt a constructive approach with regard to the recommendations presented in the context of the on-going 2013 Universal Periodic Review;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recalls that KSA's human rights record was assessed under the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council in February 2009, and that the KSA authorities formally accepted a significant number of the recommendations put forward by EU Member States during the review, including, for example, those calling for abolition of male guardianship and those aimed at limiting the application of the death penalty and corporal punishment; awaits more substantive progress in implementing these recommendations and urges KSA to adopt a constructive approach with regard to the recommendations presented in the context of the on-going 2013 Universal Periodic Review;

Amendment

13. ***Takes note of the election of the KSA as Member of the Human Rights Council in November 2013;*** recalls that KSA's human rights record was assessed under the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council in February 2009, and that the KSA authorities formally accepted a significant number of the recommendations put forward by EU Member States during the review, including, for example, those calling for abolition of male guardianship and those aimed at limiting the application of the death penalty and corporal punishment; awaits more substantive progress in implementing these recommendations and urges KSA to adopt a constructive approach with regard to the recommendations presented in the context of the on-going 2013 Universal Periodic Review;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls on KSA to ratify the International Bill of Human Rights, made up of the two key human rights covenants, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR – ratified by 160 UN Member States) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR – ratified by 167 UN Member States);

Or. en

Amendment 106
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Calls on KSA to sign and ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC);

Or. en

Amendment 107
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13c. Welcomes that KSA ratified four UN human rights treaties, namely:

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW, ratified in 2000), the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT, 1997), Convention on the Rights of the Child (1996), and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1997); but regrets the several reservations attached and calls for their withdrawal;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13d. Welcomes KSA ratification of some of the main ILO conventions (namely, Convention No. 182 concerning elimination of the worst forms of child labour), albeit not Convention No. 87, concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize; applauds its accession to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (Palermo Protocol); expects that legal and political reforms be implementation so as to ensure enactment of all those international treaties;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13e. Regrets that the KSA authorities have not extended an invitation to UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders, despite the recommendation of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for all States to extend official invitations to UN Special Rapporteurs;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13f. Calls on the KSA authorities to enable its National Human Rights Association to operate with independence and to comply with the UN standards on national human rights institutions (Paris principles);

Or. en

Amendment 111
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13g. Calls on the KSA authorities to define a minimum age for marriage and

take steps to ban child marriage in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which were both ratified by KSA;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the first licences issued to women lawyers, ***but deplores the fact that the legal system is in the hands of male judges of religious background***; takes note of the gradual codification of the Sharia and urges that it be speeded up, since lack of codification and the judicial precedent tradition often result in considerable uncertainty in the scope and content of the country's laws and in miscarriages of justice; asserts the crucial importance of securing judicial independence and adequate legal training for judges;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the first licences issued to women lawyers ***and asks for their further advancement in the judicial system***; takes note of the gradual codification of the Sharia and urges that it be speeded up, since lack of codification and the judicial precedent tradition often result in considerable uncertainty in the scope and content of the country's laws and in miscarriages of justice; asserts the crucial importance of securing judicial independence and adequate legal training for judges;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
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the **justice** system is in the hands of male judges of religious background; takes note of the gradual codification of the Sharia and urges that it be speeded up, since lack of codification and the judicial precedent tradition often result in considerable uncertainty in the scope and content of the country's laws and in miscarriages of justice; **remains concerned that newly codified laws continue to criminalise basic freedoms**; asserts the crucial importance of securing judicial independence and adequate legal training for judges;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

14. Welcomes the first licences issued to women lawyers, but deplores the fact that the legal system is in the hands of male judges of religious background; takes note of the gradual codification of the Sharia **aimed at assuring equal application of law in all courts** and urges that it be speeded up, since lack of codification and the judicial precedent tradition often result in considerable uncertainty in the scope and content of the country's laws and in miscarriages of justice; asserts the crucial importance of securing judicial independence and adequate legal **and professional** training for judges;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Susy De Martini

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the first licences issued to women lawyers, but ***deplores*** the fact that the legal system is in the hands of male judges of religious background; takes note of the gradual codification of the Sharia and urges that it be speeded up, since lack of codification and the judicial precedent tradition often result in considerable uncertainty in the scope and content of the country's laws and in miscarriages of justice; asserts the crucial importance of securing judicial independence and adequate legal training for judges;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the first licences issued to women lawyers, but ***regrets*** the fact that the legal system is in the hands of male judges of religious background; takes note of the gradual codification of the Sharia and urges that it be speeded up, since lack of codification and the judicial precedent tradition often result in considerable uncertainty in the scope and content of the country's laws and in miscarriages of justice; asserts the crucial importance of securing judicial independence and adequate legal training for judges;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Deplores that, despite of ratification of the International Convention against Torture, confessions obtained under duress or as a result of torture are common cases; urges the KSA authorities to ensure a complete eradication of torture from the Saudi justice and prison system;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 117
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Welcomes the recent decision of the Ministry of Labour to accelerate the recruitment of women in various private-sector spheres, which has led to an increase of the number of Saudi women working in the private sector from 55.600 in 2010 to about 100.000 in 2011 and 215.840 at the end of 2012. Welcomes the decision of the Ministry of Labour in conjunction with the Human Resources Development Fund to introduce programmes to promote women's employment;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Encourages the efforts of KSA in promoting women higher education, which is developing new education trends in the Kingdom; notes while in 2011, the number of women enrolled in institutions of higher education amounted to 473.725 (429.842 males) whereas in 1961 only 4 women were enrolled, and the number of women graduating from these institutions amounted to 59.948 (55.842 males); the percentage of female students at all school levels increased from 33 % in 1974–75 to 81% percent in 2013; welcomes the international scholarship

programme which allowed the number of female scholarship students abroad to stand at 24.581;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Encourages the national campaign engaged by Government entities and civil society organizations to raise women's awareness of the laws and measures in place to protect their rights, particularly with respect to, inter alia, social welfare services and personal status procedures for the registration of marriages, divorces and births;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14d. Welcomes the adoption by KSA of a law that criminalises domestic violence: the 'Protection from harm act' approved on 26 August 2013, which is aimed at protecting particularly women and children from 'all forms of abuse', offering them shelter as well as 'social, psychological, and medical aid' and penal action against the perpetrators of violence; welcomes the launching of a

public campaign against domestic violence, by the King Khalid Foundation; strongly encourages all awareness campaigns regarding the implementation of these Laws as well as the independent monitoring of the results of these new Acts and Campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the authorities to improve the working conditions and treatment of immigrant workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers, who often find themselves in conditions of virtual slavery; **welcomes recent efforts to introduce national labour laws in order to** provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

Amendment

15. ***Expresses its concern and*** calls on the authorities to improve the working conditions and treatment of immigrant workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers, who often find themselves in conditions of virtual slavery; ***notes the recent introduction of*** national labour laws ***and hopes that they*** provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

Or. es

Amendment 122

Susy De Martini

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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working conditions and treatment of **immigrant** workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers, **who often find themselves in conditions of virtual slavery**; welcomes recent efforts to introduce national labour laws in order to provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

working conditions and treatment of **foreign** workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers; welcomes recent efforts to introduce national labour laws in order to provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the authorities to improve the working conditions and treatment of immigrant workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers, who often find themselves in conditions of virtual slavery; welcomes recent efforts to introduce national labour laws in order to provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

Amendment

15. Calls on the authorities to improve the working conditions and treatment of immigrant workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers, who often find themselves in conditions of virtual slavery; **encourages the Saudi government to continue the reforms of the labour laws and notably to fully abolish the sponsorship ('Kafala') system and welcomes the recent appeal by the National Society for Human Rights to the government to recruit foreign workers instead under a Labour Ministry agency**; welcomes recent efforts to introduce national labour laws in order to provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on the authorities to improve the working conditions and treatment of immigrant workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers, who often find themselves in conditions of virtual slavery; welcomes recent efforts to introduce national labour laws in order to provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

Amendment

15. Calls on the authorities to improve the **‘Kalafa’ sponsorship system, the** working conditions and treatment of immigrant workers, with special attention to the situation of women working as domestic helpers, **who are at particular risk of sexual violence and** who often find themselves in conditions of virtual slavery; welcomes recent efforts to introduce national labour laws in order to provide standardised protection for domestic workers and ensure the prosecution of employers responsible for sexual, physical and labour rights abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15a. Calls on the Saudi authorities to stop the recent violent attacks against migrant workers and to release the thousands who have been arrested and are being kept in makeshift centres reportedly often without adequate shelter, or medical attention and urges the home countries to cooperate with the Saudi authorities in order to organize the workers’ return home as humanely as possible;

Amendment

Amendment 126
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Deplores that implementation of labour laws is often not conducted in line with international standards and unjustified violence is used against irregular migrants, such as in the crackdown occurred in November 2013 which ended with 3 Ethiopian citizens killed, 33.000 persons detained and around 200.000 irregular migrants deported;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Takes note of the fact that KSA has recently rejected a non-permanent seat at the UN Security Council;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Susy De Martini
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Rejects the zero-sum game logic as a paradigm for international relations in the Middle East, since it fuels distrust, sectarian hatred and the arms race in the region, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; in this connection, deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region;* believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

Amendment

16. Believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Rejects the zero-sum game logic as a paradigm for international relations in the Middle East, since it fuels distrust, sectarian hatred and the arms race in the region, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; in this connection, deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region;* believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate

Amendment

16. Believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Barbara Lochbihler

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. *Rejects the zero-sum game logic as a paradigm for international relations in the Middle East, since it fuels distrust, sectarian hatred and the arms race in the region, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; in this connection,* deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region; believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

Amendment

16. Deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region; believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration; ***in this connection, deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 131

Mário David

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Rejects the zero-sum game logic as a paradigm for international relations in the Middle East, since it fuels distrust,

Amendment

16. Rejects the zero-sum game logic as a paradigm for international relations in the Middle East, since it fuels distrust,

sectarian hatred and the arms race in the region, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; in this connection, ***deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region***; believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

sectarian hatred and the arms race in the region, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; in this connection, believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

Or. en

Amendment 132 **Willy Meyer**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 16**

Motion for a resolution

16. Rejects the zero-sum game logic as a paradigm for international relations in the Middle East, since it fuels distrust, sectarian hatred and the arms race in the region, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; in this connection, deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region; believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken into consideration;

Amendment

16. Rejects the zero-sum game logic as a paradigm for international relations in the Middle East, since it fuels distrust, sectarian hatred and the arms race in the region, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; in this connection, deplores the destabilising effects of arms sales by some EU Member States to KSA and other countries in the region; ***deplores the involvement of Spain, which increased arms sales from EUR 14 million in 2011 to EUR 21.3 million in 2012 and recalls the close and publicly notorious relationship between the Spanish royal family and the Al Saud dynasty and their shared interests***; believes that the solution to the region's escalating security problems lies in establishing a common security framework, from which no country is excluded and in which the legitimate security interests of all countries are taken

into consideration;

Or. es

Amendment 133
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Welcomes the contribution of the KSA for the establishment of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Underlines the critical importance that the EU-KSA cooperation could have in countering terrorism and fundamentalism, but questions if it is actually being effective, especially when carried out at the expense of basic human rights and civil liberties; calls on KSA authorities to improve control over the funding of the radical militant groups abroad by Saudi citizens and charities;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on KSA to play a leading role and set the right example in the Middle East, promoting freedom, equality and democratisation, with special attention for Bahrain and other GCC countries;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on KSA to take a leading responsibility in ending the proliferation of violent extremist groups throughout the Middle East and North Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Calls on Saudi Arabia to provide more transparency regarding its financial support of external groups;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 139
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; ***is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;***

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life;

Amendment 140
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; ***is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;***

Amendment

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life;

Amendment 141
Susy De Martini
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that ***KSA***'s financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that ***the unconditional political and financial support offered to***

Amendment

17. ***Stresses the importance of continued cooperation with the KSA authorities on counter-terrorism measures which have implications far beyond the Middle East;*** is concerned that financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic

the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that *such* support *is also* undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to *create* democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt *is* undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for *some* religious and political groups in North Africa, *Middle East, in Asia and in particular in South Asia (namely Pakistan and Afghanistan)*, may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to *nurture* democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt *is* undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Barbara Lochbihler
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups **notably** in North Africa, **Pakistan, Chechnya and Dagestan** may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the **leaders of the military coup in Egypt** is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the **Egyptian authorities** is undermining the efforts of the EU to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts *of the EU* to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that KSA's financial and political support for religious and political groups in North Africa may result in reinforcing fundamentalist and obscurantist forces that undermine efforts to create democratic governance and oppose the participation of women in public life; is further concerned that the unconditional political and financial support offered to the leaders of the military coup in Egypt is undermining the efforts to promote a peaceful and inclusive political solution to the Egyptian crisis;

Or. es

Amendment 146
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Recognises the efforts of KSA to combat terrorism and extremism in Saudi Arabia and worldwide; welcomes the establishment in 2011 of the UNCCT (United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre) to promote international peace and security especially in the global fight against terrorism, through a voluntary contribution of the Government of Saudi Arabia of \$100 million; acknowledges in this regard, that KSA, while working with international partners has taken a leading role in developing coordinated strategies to defeat terrorists either at home and

abroad, to thwart extremist advancements and to engage and rehabilitate at-risk populations; welcomes the fact that KSA has also supported numerous regional and international initiatives in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Susy De Martini
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the KSA authorities to ***act*** to stop Salafi movements supporting the anti-state activities of the military rebels in Mali, which are leading to the destabilisation of the entire region; ***condemns any form of direct and indirect interference;***

Amendment

18. Calls on the KSA authorities to ***work with the EU and internationally*** to stop Salafi movements supporting the anti-state activities of the military rebels in Mali, which are leading to the destabilisation of the entire region;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the KSA authorities to act to stop Salafi movements supporting the anti-state activities of the military rebels in Mali, which are leading to the destabilisation of the entire region; condemns any form of direct and indirect interference;

Amendment

18. Calls on the KSA authorities to act to stop Salafi movements supporting the anti-state activities of the military rebels in Mali, which are leading to the destabilisation of the entire region; condemns any form of direct and indirect interference ***in the region from either Saudi Arabia or the European Union;***

Amendment 149
Susy De Martini
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 150
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the contribution of the KSA to the ‘Friends of Syria Group’ and the assistance the KSA provided to the Syrian people and refugees; calls however on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Calls on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;***

Amendment

19. ***Stresses that KSA is a key member of the ‘Friends of Syria Group’; calls on KSA to contribute to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;***

Or. en

Amendment 152
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on KSA ***to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution,*** notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;

Amendment

19. Calls on KSA ***to contribute to a peaceful, inclusive solution to*** the Syrian conflict, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for *the* more active *involvement* of KSA *in* humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;

Amendment

19. Calls on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for *a* more active *support* of KSA *for* humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war;

Amendment

19. Calls on KSA to refrain from acting on the basis of a narrow sectarian-based zero-sum game logic regarding the Syrian conflict, and to contribute instead to a peaceful, inclusive solution, notably through support for the Geneva II talks, without preconditions; calls also for the more active involvement of KSA in humanitarian relief for victims of the Syrian civil war; ***calls on KSA to end its financial, military and political support of Syrian extremist groups and to encourage other countries to do the same;***

Or. en

Amendment 155
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Condemns the intervention in Bahrain by the armed forces of KSA in 2011 and the supply of military equipment to the Bahraini authorities, facilitating repression of the Bahraini population and its right to freedom of expression and assembly;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Willy Meyer, Sabine Lösing

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Reiterates its call on KSA to contribute constructively and to mediate in the interests of peaceful reforms and national dialogue in Bahrain;

20. Reiterates its condemnation of KSA's military intervention to suppress the popular protests in Bahrain in 2011; in this regard, urges KSA to abstain from taking this kind of action and reiterates its call on KSA to contribute constructively and to mediate in the interests of peaceful reforms and national dialogue in Bahrain;

Or. es

Amendment 157
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates its call on KSA to contribute constructively and to mediate in the interests of peaceful reforms and national dialogue in Bahrain;

Amendment

20. ***Recalls the grave concern it expressed at the presence of Saudi troops under a GCC banner in Bahrain in 2011;*** reiterates *thus* its call on KSA to contribute constructively and to mediate in the interests of peaceful reforms and national dialogue in Bahrain;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Susy De Martini

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Reiterates its call on KSA to contribute constructively and to mediate in the interests of peaceful reforms and national dialogue in Bahrain;

Amendment

20. Reiterates its call on KSA to ***continue to*** contribute constructively and to mediate in the interests of peaceful reforms and national dialogue in Bahrain;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the KSA authorities to engage in peaceful dialogue with Iran over bilateral relations and the future of the region;

Amendment

21. Calls on the KSA authorities to engage in peaceful dialogue with Iran over bilateral relations and the future of the region; ***notes with alarm that hostile rivalry between both countries results in increased insecurity for their peoples, for the whole region and for the world,***

globally; thus, calls on the EU, and the international community, to develop all efforts towards encouraging sustainable and cooperative dialogue between Riyadh and Tehran;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Mário David

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the KSA authorities to engage in peaceful dialogue with Iran over bilateral relations and the future of the region;

Amendment

21. Calls on the KSA authorities to engage in *a* peaceful dialogue with Iran over bilateral relations and the future of the region; *welcomes on this respect, the position of KSA on the Geneva Agreement of the Group '3+3' and Iran, regarding the Iranian nuclear program on 24 November 2013, as a primary step towards a comprehensive solution to the Iranian nuclear program;*

Or. en

Amendment 161

Susy De Martini

on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the KSA authorities to engage in peaceful dialogue with Iran over bilateral relations and the future of the region;

Amendment

21. Calls on the KSA authorities to engage in peaceful dialogue with Iran over bilateral relations and the future of the region; *further welcomes the 24 November statement of the KSA Government on the outcome of the Geneva Agreement with*

Iran;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Susy De Martini
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Urges the KSA, as a member of the Friends of Syria Group, to play a full and active role in reaching a peaceful solution to the conflict in Syria and to providing all possible humanitarian assistance to the Syrian people affected by the fighting;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls for EU and KSA to collaborate effectively with a view to bring about a just and sustainable outcome for ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Welcomes The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia commitment to maintain the stability of the global oil market;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Urges the EU institutions to increase their presence in the region and to strengthen working relations with KSA, by increasing resources to the Delegation in Riyadh and by planning regular visits to the Kingdom, namely by the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Mário David

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Calls on the EU and KSA to work together to combat extremism and terrorism in the world, particularly in the Middle East and North of Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the *UN* High Commissioner for Human Rights, **Crown Prince** Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Secretary-General of the Centre for National Dialogue of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Amendment

22. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the ***High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, the European External Action Service, the UN Secretary General, the UN*** High Commissioner for Human Rights, ***H.M. King*** Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Secretary-General of the Centre for National Dialogue of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Or. en

Amendment 168
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Secretary-General of the Centre for National Dialogue of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Amendment

22. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the ***High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission (HR/VP), the*** Council, the Commission, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Crown Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, the Government ***and Consultative Council*** of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Secretary-General of the Centre for National Dialogue of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

