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Draft motion for a resolution

Gabriele Albertini

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to wind up the debate on the statement by the Council and the Commission pursuant to Rule 110(2) of the Rules of Procedure on the Commission's 2009 enlargement strategy paper concerning the Western Balkan countries, Iceland and Turkey

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Amendment 1
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Kristian Vigenin

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Richard Howitt, Raimon Obiols, Kristian Vigenin, María Paloma Muñoz De Urquiza, Zoran Thaler, Ana Gomes on behalf of the S&D group

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Elmar Brok

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Ioan Mircea Pașcu

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Ernst Strasser

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Ernst Strasser

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Emphasises that the principles expressed in the Presidency conclusions of the European Council meeting on 14 and 15 December 2006 concerning the "renewed consensus on enlargement", in particular the European Union's ability to function effectively and to develop, must remain indispensable tenets of the EU enlargement policy;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Gabriele Albertini**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Also recalls, as indicated in previous resolutions, the need to allow for adequate institutional, financial and political consolidation whilst pursuing the enlargement process;

Or. en

**Amendment 9
Anna Ibrisagic**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of the process of visa liberalisation for the Western Balkan countries as a powerful pre-accession instrument and points out that the benchmarks for visa liberalisation

have helped to ensure compliance with existing contractual commitments and to steer complicated economic, legal and administrative reforms in the countries concerned, thereby contributing to their early preparation for accession;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Notes that the Western Balkan countries and Turkey continue to face major challenges relating to the rule of law, in particular the fight against corruption and organised crime; considers it a priority to ensure that the media benefits fully from the right of freedom of expression based on respect of code of ethics and be free from political interference and stresses the importance of trade liberalisation to contribute to remedying the impact of the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Kristian Vigenin

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2a. Welcomes the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, which completes the process of institutional reform and will

*strengthen significantly the capacity of
European Union for further enlargement;*

Or. en

Amendment 12

Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

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3. Calls on all the countries concerned to make every possible effort to resolve their disagreements with their neighbours in the early stages of the enlargement process; stresses, however, that such bilateral disputes should be resolved by the parties concerned ***and therefore should not constitute an obstacle for the countries on their way to membership of the Union;***

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3. Calls on all the countries concerned to make every possible effort to resolve their disagreements with their neighbours in the early stages of the enlargement process; stresses, however, that such bilateral disputes should ***in principle*** be resolved by the parties concerned; ***suggests that if the parties concerned fail to resolve such disputes, the European Union should make all efforts to bring about a solution; points out that while such disputes should not, in themselves, constitute an obstacle to progress towards accession, the European Union should avoid being encumbered by such outstanding bilateral disputes and should endeavour to resolve them before accession;***

Or. en

Amendment 13

Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

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3. Calls on all the countries concerned to make every possible effort to resolve their disagreements with their neighbours in the

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early stages of the enlargement process;
stresses, however, that such bilateral disputes should be resolved by the parties concerned and therefore should not constitute an obstacle for the countries on their way to membership of the Union;

an unhindered enlargement process; therefore, calls on all the countries concerned to make every possible effort to resolve their disagreements with their neighbours in the early stages of the enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Ivo Vajgl

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3. Calls on all the countries concerned to make every possible effort to resolve their disagreements with their neighbours, ***in particular as regards ongoing disputes about open border issues,*** in the early stages of the enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Maria Eleni Koppa

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constitute an obstacle for the countries on their way to membership of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Philip Claeys

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

3a. Stresses that finding mutually acceptable solutions, and concluding agreements on outstanding issues with neighbouring countries is part of the Stabilisation and Association Process and of the negotiation frameworks of the candidate countries;

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Krzysztof Lisek

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

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4. Notes with concern the economic problems facing the Western Balkans region as a result of the financial crisis; welcomes the Commission's willingness to provide extraordinary financial aid, such as macro-economic assistance and direct budget support; stresses that the situation is particularly difficult in view of high poverty and unemployment levels in some of the countries concerned; calls on the Commission and on the countries themselves to make every possible effort to mitigate the effects of the crisis, particularly on the most vulnerable members of society;

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
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particularly difficult in view of high poverty and unemployment levels in some of the countries concerned; calls on the Commission and on the countries themselves to make every possible effort to mitigate the effects of the crisis, particularly on the most vulnerable members of society;

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Göran Färm

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

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4a. Notes that some of the potential candidate countries, in particular the smaller Western Balkan countries, are stuck in a one-dimensional economy based on heavy industry; is of the opinion that those countries should concentrate on developing a more diversified economy focusing, for example, on tourism, agriculture, services and small and medium-sized enterprises;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Elmar Brok

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Reaffirms that a firm commitment to the full and rigorous compliance with all

the criteria established at the Copenhagen European Council in 1993 by candidate countries as well as by the European Union is imperative, including for the European Union's integration capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses that rule of law is a key principle of democratic and economic development and one of the main conditions for EU accession; welcomes the efforts made in the region in implementing respective reforms; is concerned, however, that in some countries the reforms are not progressing at the wished-for pace and therefore urges all the countries to speed up the process, especially in the fight against corruption and organised crime;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Observes with concern that in some countries freedom of expression is still not fully respected; calls on the countries to guarantee freedom of expression in setting up proper legal frameworks and,

where such frameworks are in place, to ensure that the law is respected; condemns strongly any form of state-tolerated violation of the freedom of expression, for example by criminal proceedings, and calls, in general, for immediate action to be taken in any cases of such violation or prosecution;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
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Underlines the importance of regional ***multi-dimensional cooperation throughout the Balkans based on the inviolability of borders, co-development and ecological protection of the region*** as an important condition for the enlargement process and at the same time as a vital element of the reconciliation process; moreover, recalls the benefits of such cooperation in terms of increased trade volumes, energy security, environmental policies, and the fight against organised crime and trafficking; stresses that regional political and economic cooperation must include all the political actors as well as civil society, in particular women's organisations, and should not be hampered by bilateral political problems;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
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5. Underlines the importance of regional cooperation in the Western Balkans as an important condition for the enlargement process and at the same time as a vital element of the reconciliation process ***and the enhancement of people-to-people contacts;*** moreover, recalls the benefits of such cooperation in terms of increased trade volumes, energy security, environmental policies, and the fight against organised crime and trafficking; stresses that regional political and economic cooperation must include all the political actors as well as civil society, in particular women' organisations, and should not be hampered by bilateral political problems;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Helmut Scholz

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Amendment 27
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

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Or. en

Amendment 28

María Paloma Muñoz De Urquiza, Raimon Obiols

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Or. en

Amendment 29

Philip Claeys

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Anna Ibrisagic

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Or. en

Amendment 31
Krzysztof Lisek

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Or. en

Amendment 32
Anneli Jäätteenmäki

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cooperation in terms of increased trade volumes, energy security, environmental policies and the fight against organised crime and trafficking; ***calls for more political will and better coordination for the implementation of the anti-trafficking strategy, particularly regarding victim protection***; stresses that regional political and economic cooperation must include all the political players as well as civil society, in particular women's organisations, and should not be hampered by bilateral political problems; in this respect, calls on Serbia to demonstrate a constructive attitude towards Kosovo's participation in regional trade and cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Underlines the need to enhance rule of law in the Western Balkans and calls for intensified efforts in the fight against organised crime and corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Göran Färm

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers it to be a priority for the Western Balkans and Turkey to ensure

that the media benefit fully from the freedom of expression and they be freed from political interference ,to guarantee the independence of the regulatory bodies, and to ensure that free access to public information be ensured fairly;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Marije Cornelissen, Ulrike Lunacek, Antonyia Parvanova, Eva-Britt Svensson

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on all countries concerned to make a greater effort in the area of women's rights and gender equality, particularly as concerns combating gender violence, promoting access to legal remedies for gender discrimination, and furthering the political participation of women;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Göran Färm

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Considers it crucial to encourage increased participation of civil society and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) at both central and local level as well as to improve support and funding for NGOs, to encourage their participation in the planning and the use of the IPA Civil Society Facility, as well as to improve the

Amendment 37

Lívia Járóka

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Amendment 38
Nikolaos Chountis

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6. Calls on the countries in the region to make stronger efforts to improve the situation of the ethnic minorities, and in particular Roma; ***underlines*** that Roma are frequent victims of discrimination and in particular their participation in the labour market and in the education systems should be greatly increased; in this regard, ***and in the spirit of United Nations and Article 13(2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides that "everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own" and Article 12(2) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which provides that "everyone shall be free to leave any country, including his own", calls on the Member States not to proceed with the forcible readmission of Roma to the places where, due to lack of social conditions and infrastructure facilitating their return, their reintegration would face serious obstacles;*** calls on the countries concerned to step up their efforts to create appropriate social conditions and infrastructure in order to facilitate the integration of the Roma; ***urges*** the Member States to assist in these efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Helmut Scholz

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Or. en

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Amendment

6. Calls on the countries in the region to make greater efforts to improve the situation of ethnic minorities; in this regard, takes note of the bilaterally agreed readmission agreements concluded by the Western Balkan countries with the Member States, and calls on the countries concerned to step up their efforts to create appropriate social conditions and infrastructure in order

of the bilaterally agreed readmission agreements concluded by the Western Balkan countries with the Member States, and calls on the countries concerned to step up their efforts to create appropriate social conditions and infrastructure in order to facilitate the reintegration of the Roma after their return; encourages the Member States to assist in these efforts;

to facilitate the reintegration of the Roma after their return; encourages the Member States to assist in these efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Marije Cornelissen, Ulrike Lunacek, Antonia Parvanova, Eva-Britt Svensson

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Urges all countries in the region to adopt or effectively implement laws on the prohibition of discrimination as soon as possible, particularly in light of the fact that many instances of threats, attacks, intimidation, or discrimination of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people remain unreported and unprosecuted;

Or. een

Amendment 42

Lívia Járóka

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the international and the Kosovar authorities to do their utmost for the immediate closure of the lead-contaminated IDP camps of Çesmin Llugë/Česmin Lug, Osterode and

Leposaviq/Leposavić, which are located at the highly toxic tailing stands of the Trepça lead mine, and to ensure the very basic human rights of families living there by relocating them to secure places with decent sanitary conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia have met the criteria for visa liberalisation and the visa-free regime will come into effect on 1 January 2010; underlines the importance of freedom of movement for the people in the region and therefore strongly calls on BiH and Albania to implement the required reforms to fulfil the criteria for visa liberalisation as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the

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benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Ernst Strasser

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information *on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;*

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information; *considers it to be equally essential to listen to and address citizens' concerns and questions;*

Or. en

Amendment 46
Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member

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States to make efforts to that end; ***stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;***

States to make efforts to that end;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Kristian Vigenin

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement ***and the commitment of the citizens of the candidate countries to continue reforms***, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the ***costs and*** benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and

States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;

the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Gabriele Albertini

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits *and implications* of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful, information campaigns should be adequately funded;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful,

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that, in order to maintain the support of EU citizens for further enlargement, it is crucial to present them with clear and comprehensive information on the benefits of this policy; calls on the Commission and the Member States to make efforts to that end; stresses, however, that, in order to be successful,

information campaigns should be adequately funded;

information campaigns should be adequately funded; ***in this context, underlines the importance of sending a clear message of the willingness of the European Union to move forward with the enlargement policy, also by setting up a symbolic target date for the accession of all the Western Balkan countries;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Elmar Brok

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on the EU institutions to analyse and increase the integration capacity of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Bernd Posselt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; is confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia ***steps up its efforts by, inter***

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; is confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010 ***at the latest***, provided that Croatia ***continues to***

alia, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

fulfil the necessary criteria and benchmarks;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Geoffrey Van Orden

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; *is confident* that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia *steps up its efforts* by, inter alia, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Amendment

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting *some of* the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; *considers* that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia *delivers concrete results* by, inter alia, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, *respecting private property rights and properly investigating ownership in disputed cases*, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing access for the ICTY to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Emine Bozkurt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; ***is confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts*** by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Amendment

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; ***calls on Croatia to continue its reform efforts*** by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; is

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8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; is

confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded *by mid-2010*, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded *as soon as possible*, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Hélène Flautre, Ulrike Lunacek, Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Green/EFA group

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; is confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded *by mid-2010*, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Amendment

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; is confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded *soon*, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Jelko Kacin

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; **is confident** that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Amendment

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open all remaining chapters in the accession process; **hopes** that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Ivo Vajgl

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open **all remaining** chapters in the accession process; is

Amendment

8. Commends Croatia for its continued progress in meeting the criteria of accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership; welcomes the bilateral agreement on resolving the border dispute with Slovenia, which has created the momentum to open **further** chapters in the accession process; is confident that the

confident that the accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

accession negotiations can be concluded by mid-2010, provided that Croatia steps up its efforts by, *inter alia*, strengthening public administration, pursuing reform of the judiciary more resolutely, vigorously combating corruption and organised crime, ensuring the sustainability of refugee return and allowing the ICTY to have access to documents requested for use in war crime trials;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Congratulates the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; ***welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to confirm the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and to set a date for the beginning of negotiations;***

Amendment

9. Congratulates the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Andrey Kovatchev, Evgeni Kirilov, Ioannis Kasoulides, Michael Gahler, Arnaud Danjean, Cristian Dan Preda, Anna Ibrisagic, Hans-Gert Pöttering

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Congratulates the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to confirm the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and ***to set a date for the beginning of negotiations;***

Amendment

9. Congratulates the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to confirm the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and ***expects the negotiations to begin in the near future with the hope that mutually satisfactory solutions to outstanding issues with neighbouring countries can be reached;***

Or. en

Amendment 61

Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. ***Congratulates*** the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ***on*** the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for

Amendment

9. ***Commends*** the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ***for*** the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months ***and calls on the country to secure the irreversibility of the reforms;***

visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes *with satisfaction* that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to *confirm* the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 *and to set a date for the beginning of negotiations*;

welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to *take into consideration* the Commission's recommendation *as well as the Presidency conclusions of the European Council meetings in December 2005 and June 2008, with a view to further examining the way forward*, at the summit to be held in December 2009;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. *Congratulates* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia *on the progress achieved by that country* since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; *calls on the Council to confirm the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and to set a date for the beginning of negotiations*;

Amendment

9. *Welcomes the progress achieved by* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. ***Congratulates*** the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ***on the progress achieved by that country*** since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to confirm the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and to set a date for the beginning of negotiations;

Amendment

9. ***Recognises the progress achieved by*** the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and to set a date for the beginning of negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Sarah Ludford

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Congratulates the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; ***welcomes the fact that the country has fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation, and expects that the visa-free regime will***

Amendment

9. Congratulates the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the progress achieved by that country since the last progress report, and in particular during the last few months; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession

apply from 1 January 2010; notes with satisfaction that this progress has been acknowledged by the Commission, which has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to confirm the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and to set a date for the beginning of negotiations;

negotiations with the country; calls on the Council to confirm the Commission's recommendation at the summit to be held in December 2009 and to set a date for the beginning of negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Jorgo Chatzimarkakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the *window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue*;

Amendment

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the *momentum of EU-euphoria caused by the positive progress report of the Commission and the good preconditions provided by the newly elected government for a constructive and mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue*; *calls on all parties to refrain from hostile activities and provocative symbolism in order to facilitate the achievement of a longstanding solution on the name issue*;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the *spirit* of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent **Greek elections** and to find a mutually **satisfactory** solution to the name issue;

Amendment

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, **recalls that maintaining good neighbourly relations, including a negotiated and mutually accepted solution to the name issue, under the auspices of the UN, remains essential**; in the *interest* of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent **Commission's recommendation**, and to find a mutually **acceptable** solution, **with Greece**, to the name issue; **urges the government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to avoid actions and statements which could negatively affect good neighbourly relations**;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process,

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particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece ***to use the window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;***

particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls ***for a speedy resolution of the differences between*** the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece, ***concerning the name of the first, with an agreement within the UN framework on a composite name with a geographical definition, which satisfies both countries and serves the peace in the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ***and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find to the name issue;***

Amendment

10. ***However,*** calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, ***underlines the importance of a compromised solution to the name issue and,*** in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ***to intensify its efforts in order to find a mutually satisfactory solution with Greece;***

Or. en

Amendment 69
Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia **and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find** a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;

Amendment

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia **to contribute actively to the ongoing UN efforts aiming at reaching with** Greece a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Andrey Kovatchev, Ioannis Kasoulides, Cristian Dan Preda, Hans-Gert Pöttering

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the window of

Amendment

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; **calls on the authorities to guarantee the rights of persons sharing an understanding of their ethnic background that is distinct from those**

opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;

officially recognised; also calls on the authorities to take the necessary measures to discourage hate speech against neighbouring Member States in the media and similar statements in school textbooks; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Alojz Peterle

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;

Amendment

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including increasing the participation of minorities in public life and administration; *notes with satisfaction the recent establishment of a diplomatic relations between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Kosovo, as well as the conclusion of the agreement on the physical demarcation of the border between the two countries, as a vital contribution to regional stability; welcomes the commitment and contribution of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in respecting and promoting the good neighbourly relations on the basis of respect for the principles of territorial integrity, sovereignty and peaceful settlement of disputes;* moreover,

in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Bernd Posselt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Calls on the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to continue their efforts in the reform process, particularly in the fields of the reform of public administration and the judiciary, anti-corruption policy, women's rights and inter-ethnic relations, including *increasing* the participation of minorities in public life and administration; moreover, in the spirit of good neighbourly relations, calls on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece to use the window of opportunity following the recent Greek elections and to find a mutually satisfactory solution to the name issue;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 73
Vytautas Landsbergis

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Or. en

Amendment 74

Hélène Flautre, Frieda Brepoels on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. *Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards **meeting** the Copenhagen political criteria; **urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the***

Amendment

11. *Welcomes the ongoing progress towards **the fulfilment of** the Copenhagen political criteria **such as the civilian oversight of the security forces, the broadcasting on Turkish state television (TRT) in the Kurdish language and the recognition of the Kurdish names; welcomes the smooth implementation of the 2008 law on foundations that addresses a number of property-related issues; however, requests legal implementation of the right to use Kurdish in communication and education; considers the project of 'democratic opening' as an important step towards a peaceful solution to the Kurdish question and the democratisation of Turkey and asks all the political forces to support that process; asks the Turkish government, in a process of dialogue with***

Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges ***the Turkish Grand National Assembly*** to ratify the relevant protocols; ***calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran;*** regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Kurdish representatives, to take concrete measures resulting in full rights and freedoms for all Turkish citizens; ***however, requests that further judicial and penal code reforms be implemented so as to ensure fully the rule of law, the freedom of opinion and expression and the freedom of the press;*** ***calls for reforms to social policy, notably regarding trade union law and the integration of women in economic life;*** commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges ***all the parties*** to ratify ***and implement*** the relevant protocols ***which can contribute to a comprehensive lasting settlement in the South Caucasus;*** ***supports all the efforts deployed by Turkey towards neighbouring countries, notably Syria and Iraq, including the Kurdish Federative body in Northern Iraq;*** ***deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement;*** ***calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the ongoing negotiations for a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question and asks all parties to use this historic opportunity for the solution of that problem;*** ***welcomes Turkey's substantial contribution to the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) and notes that the Turkish Government is seeking greater involvement in ESDP activities;*** regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Emine Bozkurt

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that *Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen* political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy *for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made* in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; *deplores the continued non-fulfilment of* commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the ‘Berlin plus’ arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

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11. Notes that Turkey *continues to sufficiently fulfil the* political criteria *and* urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy; *calls on the Turkish Government to step up the pace for significant reforms* in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; *reiterates that the fulfilment of* commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement *remains a fundamental criteria for Turkey's accession to the European Union*; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the ‘Berlin plus’ arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Andrew Duff

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey **has made some** progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus **on** key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; **regrets the limited progress made in the area of** freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Amendment

11. Notes that Turkey **continues to make** progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus **about the formulation and implementation of** key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; **welcomes the increasingly open public debate in Turkey about previous taboos; approves of the opening of dialogue with the Alevi, while still waiting for the achievement of full** freedom of expression and freedom of religion **in line with the European Convention on Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union**; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive **federal** settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the

'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the **Turkish Grand National Assembly** to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets,

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11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government **to continue** to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the **two parliaments** to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets,

however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and **urges Turkey to set aside** those objections as soon as possible;

however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and **expects** those objections **to be solved in connection with a solution to the Cyprus problem**;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to

Amendment

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; **calls on Turkey to conclude the negotiations on the EC readmission agreement and until then to adequately implement readmission agreements with EU Member States; recalls that Turkey has committed itself to good neighbourly relations and calls on the Turkish Government to make serious and intense efforts to resolve any outstanding dispute peacefully and in accordance with the UN Charter, other relevant international conventions and bilateral agreements and obligations;** deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; **recalls that non-**

coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

fulfilment of Turkey's commitments by December 2009 may further seriously affect the process of negotiations; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Kyriakos Mavronikolas

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of

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11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of

expression and freedom of religion; deplors the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

expression and freedom of religion; deplors the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; ***Turkey, as a candidate country for accession, with both rights and obligations, must comply with the Ankara Protocol and recognise the Republic of Cyprus immediately. In addition, Turkey must support with concrete measures the negotiations concerning the resolution of the Cyprus question;*** welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origins; comments the diplomatic effort made to normalise relation with Armenai and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to radify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate to its foreign policy with the EU, in particular, regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the "Berlin plus" arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkish objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Richard Howitt, Raimon Obiols, Kristian Vigenin, María Paloma Muñiz De Urquiza, Zoran Thaler, Ana Gomes on behalf of the the S & D Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

11. **Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria;** urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the **crucial** importance of a **swift** implementation of **the** judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the **Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of** freedom of expression and freedom of religion; **deplores** the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government **to contribute actively to the swift devising of** a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

11. **Commends Turkey for its continued progress in meeting the criteria for accession to the Union as well as the obligations of membership and stresses that the EU accession process provides for a strong incentive for Turkey to pursue reforms, strengthen democracy and human rights and further modernise the country;** urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the importance of a **rapid** implementation of a judicial reform strategy for the **more effective** functioning of the **judicial system; is concerned about the situation in the area of freedom of expression, particularly following the unprecedented fine imposed on a media group known to be critical of the government, and stresses that further improvement in the area of** freedom of expression and freedom of religion **should be made; regrets** the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to **actively support the ongoing negotiations to help achieve** a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question **by the end of 2009 or in the first months of 2010;** welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin, **whilst calling on the PKK to renounce violence;** commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly **and Armenian parliament** to ratify the relevant **historic** protocols; **welcomes the key role of Turkey in regional security, energy supply and the promotion of dialogue between civilisations; welcomes the ongoing cooperation and consultation**

with the Turkish Government on a range of foreign policy issues with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the ‘Berlin plus’ arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Kyriacos Triantaphyllides

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the *swift devising of* a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to

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11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; *stresses however that the necessity of full compliance with the Copenhagen political criteria remains imperative*; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; *calls on Turkey to comply with the European Convention on Human Rights, and ensure full execution of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*; deplores the continued non-fulfillment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey

address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Association Agreement *and urges Turkey to proceed with no further delay to their full implementation; in this respect underlines the Declaration of 21 September 2005, and the Council Conclusions of December 2006;* calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the *ongoing negotiations between the leaders of the two communities in Cyprus to find a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question, based on a bi-zonal and bi-communal federation with political equality as defined by the relevant Security Council resolutions, with single sovereignty, a single international personality and single citizenship, within the UN framework, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, and international and European law; reminds Turkey that refusal to comply with its commitments towards the EU will have consequences for its accession negotiations that will be reviewed at the European Council of December 2009;* welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalize relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Geoffrey Van Orden

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of **religion**; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy **with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;**

Amendment

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; **commends Turkey for the positive steps taken in the area of the judiciary, with the adoption of the judiciary reform strategy and action plan;** regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of **religious minorities**; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish **and Greek Governments** to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols calls on the Turkish government to coordinate its foreign policy **regarding Iran with that of EU Member States; welcomes Turkey's signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Nabucco gas pipeline, the implementation of which remains one of the EU's highest energy security priorities; and calls for the early opening of the energy chapter in the accession negotiations;**

Or. en

Amendment 83
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplors the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; ***regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the ‘Berlin plus’ arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey’s objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;***

Amendment

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplors the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question ***in the framework of UN decisions and the acquis communautaire***; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran;

Amendment 84
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; ***regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as***

Amendment

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran;

soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU

Amendment

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement ***and urges the Turkish government to comply with the relevant obligations***; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; ***recalls that the EU stressed that negotiations on a readmission agreement remain a priority and urges Turkey to resume negotiations with a view to concluding them without delay***; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to

personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National

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11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement **and demands its immediate full and non-discriminatory implementation**; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question **in the framework of UN resolutions and the *acquis communautaire***; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the

Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; **welcomes the reopening of the negotiations on a readmission agreement with the EU, urging Turkey to fully implement, in the meantime, the existing bilateral readmission agreements and protocols with Member States**; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Ivo Vajgl

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; **regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion**; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the

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11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; **notes with satisfaction that there is an increasingly open and free debate in Turkish society, as well as the fact that Article 301 of the Turkish Criminal Code is no longer used**

Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

*systematically to restrict freedom of expression, including on issues traditionally perceived as sensitive; regrets however that Turkish law on freedom of expression and freedom of religion does not provide sufficient guarantees in line with the **European Convention of Human Rights***; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Carlo Casini, Gabriele Albertini

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

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progress toward the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

progress toward the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; ***expresses concern over the unsatisfactory situation of religious minorities, which should be seriously taken into consideration within the accession negotiations***; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Alf Svensson

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; ***calls on the Turkish Government to stop the discrimination against the country's Christian minorities***; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Amendment 90
Ioannis Kasoulides, Markus Ferber

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question;

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11. Notes that Turkey has made some progress towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement ***and recalls that the non-fulfilment of those commitments by December 2009 may further seriously affect the process of negotiations***; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question;

Amendment 91
Metin Kazak

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

11. Notes that Turkey has made ***some*** progress towards meeting the Copenhagen

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11. Notes that Turkey has made ***notable*** progress towards meeting the

political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; ***calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question***; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; notes with calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish Government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish State and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; ***notes with satisfaction Turkey's contributions to regional stability, especially in the Middle East and the Caucasus; welcomes the signature of the Nabucco Intergovernmental Agreement and calls for the rapid implementation of the project***; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; notes with calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' arrangements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

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Draft motion for a resolution

11. **Notes that Turkey has made some progress** towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish state and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' agreements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

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11. **Deplores the very limited progress made by Turkey** towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria; urges the Turkish government and all parliamentary parties to establish consensus on key reforms; points out the crucial importance of a swift implementation of the judicial reform strategy for the functioning of the Turkish state and society; regrets the limited progress made in the area of freedom of expression and freedom of religion; deplores the continued non-fulfilment of commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol to the EC-Turkey Association Agreement; calls on the Turkish Government to contribute actively to the swift devising of a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question; welcomes the efforts to resolve the Kurdish issue and encourages the Turkish Government to take concrete measures to address the situation of citizens of Kurdish origin; commends the diplomatic efforts made to normalise relations with Armenia and urges the Turkish Grand National Assembly to ratify the relevant protocols; calls on the Turkish Government to coordinate its foreign policy with the EU, in particular regarding Iran; regrets, however, that the NATO-EU strategic cooperation extending beyond the 'Berlin plus' agreements continues to be blocked by Turkey's objections, which has negative consequences for the protection of the EU personnel deployed, and urges Turkey to set aside those objections as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Metin Kazak

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Highlights the necessity of a swift and comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus question, and urges all parties involved to contribute actively towards a lasting solution for the island, without which security in the Balkans, the Black Sea and eastern Mediterranean, where EU's vital interests lie, is substantially threatened;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; ***is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay;*** welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in Northern Kosovo;

12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in Northern Kosovo;

Amendment 95
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

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12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay;

Amendment 96
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
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moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; *welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo;*

moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in *northern Kosovo*;

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12. Notes with **great** satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; *welcomes the latest report submitted in July 2009 by the Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY, Serge Brammertz, to the UN Security Council which asserts that Serbia has made additional progress in its co-operation with ICTY; considers equally important the fact that prosecutions are continuing at the War Crimes Chamber at Belgrade District Court;* therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in *the Serb-majority*

areas north of the river Ibar;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo;

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12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; ***requests Serbia to continue to cooperate with the ICTY and do its utmost to submit the suspected war criminal Ratko Mladic***; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX, and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Jelko Kacin

Draft motion for a resolution

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unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; ***provided that Serbia meets the requirements of full cooperation with ICTY***, welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo;

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12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo; ***regrets the call addressed by the Serbian authorities to the Kosovo Serbs for a boycott of the municipal elections***

scheduled for 15 November 2009 and urges them to adopt a constructive approach aimed at encouraging the active participation of the Kosovo Serbian community in the Kosovo institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo;

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12. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by Serbia, and in particular its unilateral implementation of the Interim Agreement; is of opinion that such unilateral implementation, carried out against the background of the financial crisis, shows that country's commitment to moving forward on the path to membership of the Union; therefore urges the Council to decide on the ratification of the Interim Agreement without delay; welcomes the signing of the police protocol by the Serbian authorities with EULEX and calls on Serbia to further step up its cooperation with EULEX, especially as regards EULEX's operations in northern Kosovo; ***urges Serbia to encourage the Serbian citizens of Kosovo to take part in the forthcoming local elections;***

Or. en

Amendment 102

Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. **Expresses** its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, **and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures**; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

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13. **Acknowledges that some progress has been made by BiH in the area of justice, freedom and security, border management and in preventing money laundering**; **expresses however** its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Emine Bozkurt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can

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undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration; ***emphasises the importance of creating a more sustainable constitutional framework to permit the country's institutions to function more effectively; therefore*** welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State ***to contribute to constitutional change***, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Metin Kazak

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its

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13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its

peoples to remain on the path to European integration; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

peoples to remain on the path to European integration; ***urges the Commission to take the necessary measures which will help BiH meet the requirements set out in the roadmap on visa liberalisation***; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Vytautas Landsbergis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

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13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration, ***and not to be dismembered by the ethnic veto right given to Republika Srpska when used on vital state-scale decisions***; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but

also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration; *welcomes* the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the *Swedish Foreign Minister*, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, *but also* recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Amendment

13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path to European integration; *takes note of* the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the *EU Presidency*, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State *and recommends further negotiations taking into account previous arrangements in BiH such as the Prud process*; recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH *as a potential candidate country on the path to membership of the Union*; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain on the path *to European integration*; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Amendment

13. Expresses its dissatisfaction over the limited progress achieved by BiH *in the field of political and economic reform*; notes with growing concern the unstable political climate and the lack of a common vision shared by both entities, and condemns the use of inflammatory language, which can undermine the achievements in the process of inter-ethnic reconciliation and the functioning of State structures; encourages the Council to continue its efforts, with the support of the international community, to pursue a dialogue with political leaders in BiH in order to help that country and its peoples to remain to the path *of political and economic reform*; welcomes the most recent joint diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Foreign Minister, the Enlargement Commissioner and the US Under-Secretary of State, but also recalls the necessity of involving parliamentarians and civil society more closely in sustaining a viable country;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Recalls the UNDP's "Second Millennium Development Goals Report for Kosovo", published in November

2007, which pointed out that overall poverty, particularly extreme poverty, represents a serious challenge; underlines the importance of poverty reduction and the respective need for major legislation on labour laws, the law on social protection, and other legislation related to health care, gender and related social issues, and also to give greater priority to the improvement of the situation of minority communities, particularly the Roma, and other vulnerable groups; urges the Commission and the Member States to intensify their support in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Is seriously concerned about the fact that women are not sufficiently involved in the current political, economic and social reconstruction of Kosovo and that they are disadvantaged as regards all levels of education and employment opportunities; emphasises the interdependence between women's involvement and peace in the long run; calls therefore on Kosovo's government to recognise the important role and participation of women as essential to economic growth, reconstruction and sustainable peace, as laid down in UN Security Council Resolution 1325, and urges the Commission to initiate and implement programmes aimed at improving the participation of women in economic, social and political reconstruction;

Amendment 110
Sarah Ludford

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Is committed to the goal of all five countries of the Western Balkans achieving visa-free travel; welcomes the fact that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro have fulfilled all the benchmarks for visa liberalisation so that the visa-free regime is expected to apply for their citizens from 19 December 2009; expresses the hope that Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina will also qualify for visa liberalisation soon, and urges those two countries to make all efforts to comply with all the benchmarks set out in the roadmaps and is committed to working with the aim of achieving visa liberalisation for citizens of those countries with effect from July 2010, providing each country meets the benchmarks;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Welcomes the latest actions taken by BiH authorities to accelerate meeting the conditions of the roadmap on the visa-free travel regime and urges them to advance

preparations in order to fulfil all relevant criteria by mid-2010;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Urges the *Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;*

Amendment

14. Urges the *leadership of Kosovo to restart the dialogue with Serbia for a common satisfactory solution, under UN Security Council Resolution 1244/99, for peace in the region and respect for international law;*

Or. en

Amendment 113
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as *possible as provided for in the*

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as *the respective negotiations and*

progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

agreements with the Republic of Serbia are finalised; calls on the parties concerned to find a mutually acceptable solution for that issue;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. *Urges* the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

Amendment

14. *Welcomes the approach of the Commission to strengthening relations with Kosovo¹ and, in this context, with the aim of furthering the implementation of the Thessaloniki agenda, urges* the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation *similar to the roadmaps established with other Western Balkan countries, without prejudice to the status of Kosovo; welcomes the possibility of exploring the conditions for the participation of Kosovo in Community programmes, including involvement in areas such as employment, enterprise, education and, on this basis, to develop a negotiating mandate; expects the process*

¹ 22 Member States have recognised Kosovo as an independent state while 5 have not.

of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 115

María Paloma Muñoz De Urquiza, Raimon Obiols

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo *authorities* as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with Kosovo *under UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1244/99* as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo *under UNSCR 1244/99's* integration in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. ***Urges*** the Commission ***to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report,*** with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

Amendment

14. ***Underlines that*** the Commission ***wishes to move forward with a structured approach to bring Kosovo's population closer to the EU, through a visa dialogue*** with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo ***authorities*** as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to ***meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan;*** welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the ***competent authorities in*** Kosovo as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to ***improve the Serbs' living conditions and guarantee political representation for all the inhabitants of Kosovo;*** welcomes the

of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. ***Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects*** the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement of EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo ***and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;***

Amendment

14. ***Expects*** the process of decentralisation ***in Kosovo*** to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement of EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Ivo Vajgl

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union; ***calls upon the Kosovar authorities to strengthen their efforts to ensure the well-being and respect for the minority rights of its Serb population, as well as provide due care for the historical and religious heritage on its territory;***

Or. en

Amendment 120

Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Acknowledges the progress made by ***Albania and*** Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages ***both countries*** to continue ***their*** efforts on the reform path; notes that ***both countries have*** applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application; commends Montenegro on its achievement,

Amendment

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages ***Montenegro*** to continue ***its*** efforts on the reform path; notes that ***the country has*** applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on ***Montenegro's*** application; commends Montenegro on its achievement;

and encourages Albania to continue its efforts on the path of reform so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Acknowledges the progress made by *Albania and* Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages *both countries* to continue *their* efforts on the reform path; notes that *both countries have* applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application; commends Montenegro on its achievement, *and encourages Albania to continue its efforts on the path of reform so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;*

Amendment

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages *the country* to continue *its* efforts on the reform path; notes that *the country has* applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application; commends Montenegro on its achievement;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Albania and Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages *both countries* to continue *their* efforts on the

Amendment

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages *it* to continue *its* efforts on the reform path; commends Montenegro on

reform path; ***notes that both countries have applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application;*** commends Montenegro on its achievement, and encourages *Albania* to continue its efforts on the path of reform ***so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;***

its achievement, and encourages *it* to continue its efforts on the path of reform;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Ivo Vajgl

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Albania and Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages both countries to continue their efforts on the reform path; notes that both countries have applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application; commends Montenegro on its achievement, and encourages Albania to continue its efforts on the path of reform so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;

Amendment

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Albania and Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages both countries to continue their efforts on the reform path; notes that both countries have applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application; commends Montenegro on its achievement, ***especially on the smooth conduct of the recent elections and its solid economic performance in spite of the global economic crisis,*** and encourages Albania to continue its efforts on the path of reform so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Göran Färm

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Albania and Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages both countries to continue their efforts on the reform path; notes that both countries have applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application; commends Montenegro on its achievement, and encourages Albania to continue its efforts on the path of reform so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;

Amendment

15. Acknowledges the progress made by Albania and Montenegro since the last progress report, and encourages both countries to continue their efforts on the reform path; notes that both countries have applied for membership of the Union and that the Council has taken the decision to invite the Commission to prepare its opinion on Montenegro's application; commends Montenegro on its achievement, and encourages Albania to continue its efforts on the path of reform; ***stresses that both countries should further strengthen the fight against corruption and organised crime to ensure the rule of law*** so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Jelko Kacin

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability

Amendment

14. Urges the Commission to start the visa dialogue with the Kosovo authorities as soon as possible as provided for in the progress report, with a view to defining a roadmap for visa liberalisation; expects the process of decentralisation to be concluded before the end of the year in order to meet the basic requirements of the Ahtisaari Plan; welcomes the achievement by EULEX of a full operational capability

such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union;

such as will enable it to fulfil its mandate of promoting the rule of law, public order and security in transparency and accountability throughout the whole of Kosovo and pave the way for Kosovo's integration in the Union; ***welcomes the first readmission agreement between Kosovo and Belgium signed in October 2009 as an important step towards visa liberalisation;***

Or. en

Amendment 126
Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Acknowledges the progress made by Albania since the last progress report; welcomes the issuing of identity cards; notes with satisfaction the meeting of most of the conditions of the roadmap on visa free travel regime; is pleased to refer to the OSCE report on the handling of the last national election; is satisfied with the formation of a new coalition government; urges the opposition to stop boycotting the Parliament and calls on it to perform its duty to represent its voters in the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Acknowledges the progress made by Albania since the last progress report; notes that it has applied for membership of the Union and encourages Albania to continue its efforts on the path of reform so that the Council can shortly be in a position to proceed with its application;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Emine Bozkurt

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should receive candidate status in the near future;

Amendment

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should receive candidate status in the near future ***provided that it fulfils all its obligations under the EEA Agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 129

Ulrike Lunacek, Indrek Tarand on behalf of the Green/EFA group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should receive candidate status in the near future;

Amendment

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's ***well-established democratic tradition and*** high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should

receive candidate status in the near future;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should receive candidate status in the near future;

Amendment

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should receive candidate status in the near future; ***however considers that Iceland's track record in implementing its obligations under the EEA Agreement should be an essential element of the Commission's assessment;***

Or. en

Amendment 131
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should receive candidate status in the near future;

Amendment

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland should receive candidate status in the near future; ***reiterates its call for the Commission to open a delegation office in Reykjavik as soon as the first half of 2010;***

Or. en

Amendment 132
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland **should** receive candidate status in the near future;

Amendment

16. Welcomes Iceland's accession application and expects that ***the Commission will soon formulate an opinion and a recommendation on that application and that***, in view of that country's high level of alignment with the *acquis communautaire*, Iceland **will** receive candidate status in the near future;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Elmar Brok

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls on the Commission and the Council to develop a functional and coherent model for the new EU delegations in the enlargement area, preserving the unity of EU action after the setting up of the European External Action Service (EEAS), especially if competence for enlargement policy remains outside of the scope of the EEAS.

Or. en

Amendment 134
Krzysztof Lisek

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas, on the basis of Article 49 of the EU Treaty, ‘[any] European State ... may apply to become a member of the Union’,

Amendment

A. whereas, on the basis of Article 49 of the EU Treaty, ‘[any] European State ... may apply to become a member of the Union’, ***therefore the perspective of EU membership should be granted to all the applicant countries under equal conditions***”,

Or. en

Amendment 135
Philip Claeys

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the future of the Western Balkans lies with the European Union ***as reaffirmed by the Thessaloniki European Council of 19-20 June 2003, the Brussels European Council of 15-16 June 2006 and subsequent summits; whereas all the existing commitments made to the south-east European countries should be honoured,***

Amendment

B. whereas the future of ***some countries of*** the Western Balkans lies with the European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 136
Elmar Brok

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Ba. whereas the EU's enlargement strategy has both an external and an internal dimension, and whereas the internal dimension directly influences the EU's ability to pursue its policy objectives towards its neighbourhood and to achieve an ever closer union, as laid down in the Treaties,

Or. en

Amendment 137

Metin Kazak

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; and whereas the Commission has announced its intention to propose trade agreements and visa liberalisation for Kosovo in the medium term,

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; ***whereas the EU opened accession negotiations with Turkey and with Croatia in 2005;*** whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; and whereas the Commission has announced its intention to propose trade agreements and visa liberalisation for Kosovo in the medium term,

Or. en

Amendment 138
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; **and whereas the Commission has announced its intention to propose trade agreements and visa liberalisation for Kosovo in the medium term;**

Amendment

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; **whereas UN Security Council Resolution 1244 is still the political and legal basis for resolving the issue of Kosovo's status, and whereas the International Court of Justice is currently considering the legality of Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence and its views on the matter will have far-reaching consequences for the entire international order;**

Or. en

Amendment 139
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the

Amendment

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the

Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; ***and whereas the Commission has announced its intention to propose trade agreements and visa liberalisation for Kosovo in the medium term;***

Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; ***whereas the issue of Kosovo should be solved under UN Security Council Resolution 1244 /99, in order to ensure peace in the region and respect for international law;***

Or. en

Amendment 140

MMaria Paloma Muñoz De Urquiza, Raimon Obiols

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; and whereas the Commission has announced its intention to propose trade agreements and visa liberalisation for Kosovo in the medium term,

Amendment

C. whereas Turkey has been a candidate country since 1999, Croatia since 2004 and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia since 2005; whereas Albania, Montenegro and Iceland have applied for membership of the Union and the Commission is in the process of evaluating the applications of Montenegro and Iceland; whereas Stabilisation and Association Agreements have been signed with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and with Serbia; and whereas the Commission has announced its intention to propose trade agreements and visa liberalisation for Kosovo ***under UNSCR 1244/99*** in the medium term,

Or. en

Amendment 141

Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 142
Alojz Peterle

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

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agreements and visa liberalisation for Kosovo *in the medium term*,

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Or. en

Amendment 143
Elmar Brok

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas, since previous enlargements have undoubtedly been a success both for the EU and for the Member States which joined it and have contributed to the stability, development and prosperity of Europe as a whole, it is essential to create the conditions needed to ensure that future enlargements are a success too,

Or. en

Amendment 144
Elmar Brok

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the enlargement strategy must be much more than a negotiating methodology, reflecting the core belief that the EU is a community of shared values, and is inextricably linked to the debate on the EU's objectives and effectiveness, its future and its role in the neighbourhood and the world,

Or. en

Amendment 145
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. Whereas a number of candidates and potential candidates for EU membership continue to have unresolved issues with their neighbours; whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations remain key factors in the integration process;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas one of the main reasons for offering the European perspective to the countries of Western Balkans was the will of the EU to contribute to the restoration of peace and the maintenance of stability in the region; whereas, therefore, the EU should actively contribute to the reconciliation of the Balkan peoples;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas a new impetus should be given to the Thessaloniki agenda and to the enlargement policy of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission Communication of 14 October 2009 entitled "Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/1999) - Fulfilling its European Perspective" (COM(2009)5343),

Or. en

Amendment 149
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Resolution 1244 of the United Nations Security Council of 10 June 1999,

Or. en