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Amendment 1
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Title

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 2
Viktor Uspaskich

Motion for a resolution
Title

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

on EU *Policies* in favour of *Human Rights Defenders*

on EU *policies* in favour of *human rights defenders acting outside EU territory*

Or. lt

Amendment 3
Vittorio Prodi, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Citation -1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Citation -2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***– having regard to the Lisbon Treaty,
notably Articles 3 and 21, and the Charter
of Fundamental Rights,***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***- having regard to human rights clauses
in the EU Preferential Trade Agreements;***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***– having regard to the programmes for
protecting and sheltering threatened
human rights defenders which are being
implemented in some EU Member States,***

Or. es

Amendment 7

Vittorio Prodi, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Recital A (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas, under the Charter of the United Nations, every member state has the responsibility to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and freedoms,

Or. en

Amendment 8

Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas human rights defenders all over the world are crucial actors when it comes to the protection and promotion of basic human rights, many times at the risk of their own lives and whereas human rights defenders are also key players for the consolidation of democratic principles in their countries, thereby constituting the human link between democracy and respect for human rights,

B. whereas human rights defenders all over the world are crucial actors when it comes to the protection and promotion of basic human rights, many times at the risk of their own lives and whereas human rights defenders are also key players for the consolidation of democratic principles in their countries, ***maintain impartiality and transparency in their work and develop credibility through accurate reporting;*** thereby constituting the human link between democracy and respect for human rights,

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. Whereas human rights defenders all over the world are crucial actors when it comes to the protection and promotion of basic human rights, many times at the risk of their own lives and whereas human rights defenders are *also* key players for the consolidation of democratic principles in their countries, thereby constituting the human link between democracy and respect for human rights,

Amendment

B. Whereas human rights defenders all over the world are crucial actors when it comes to the protection and promotion of basic human rights, many times at the risk of their own lives and whereas human rights defenders are *often* key players for the consolidation of democratic principles in their countries, thereby constituting the human link between democracy and respect for human rights,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. Whereas support for human rights defenders is a long-established element of the European Union's human rights external relations policy,

Amendment

C. Whereas support for human rights defenders is a long-established element of the European Union's human rights external relations policy, *and whereas in particular the European Union is specifically concerned with strengthening protection of human rights, as provided for in the Lisbon Treaty, through the accession of the European Union to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR),*

Or. el

Amendment 11
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. Whereas support for human rights defenders is a long-established element of the European Union's human rights external relations policy,

Amendment

C. Whereas support for human rights defenders is a long-established element of the European Union's human rights external relations policy; ***whereas, however, that EU support varies depending on the countries concerned and the partnerships which the EU and its Member States have concluded,***

Or. fr

Amendment 12
Vittorio Prodi, Maria Eleni Koppa, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. Whereas the European Parliament plays an important role as regards the promotion and protection of human rights defenders, through hearings, resolutions, letters and not the least the Sakharov Prize,

Amendment

D. Whereas the European Parliament plays an important role as regards the promotion of human rights ***and democracy, including protection of their defenders,*** through ***delegations to third countries,*** hearings, resolutions, letters and not the least the Sakharov Prize;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. Whereas the European Parliament plays an important role as regards the promotion and protection of human rights defenders, through hearings, resolutions, letters and not *the* least the Sakharov Prize,

Amendment

D. Whereas the European Parliament plays an important role as regards the promotion and protection of human rights defenders, through hearings, resolutions, letters, ***delegation visits to the relevant regions*** and, not least, the Sakharov Prize,

Or. de

Amendment 14
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. Whereas the European Parliament plays an important role as regards the promotion and protection of human rights defenders, through hearings, resolutions, letters and not the least the Sakharov Prize,

Amendment

D. Whereas the European Parliament plays an important role as regards the promotion and protection of human rights defenders, through hearings, resolutions, letters and not the least the Sakharov Prize, ***as well as in its reports on human rights worldwide,***

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Recital Ea (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. Whereas the credibility of the European Union to protect human rights defenders in the world is closely linked to the EU's internal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. Whereas human rights defenders face human rights violations themselves in the course of their work and whereas these violations include killings, death threats, abductions and kidnappings, arbitrary arrest and detention, and other actions of harassment and intimidation, for example through defamation campaigns and whereas all these violations can also target family members and relatives of human rights defenders, so as to refrain them from continuing to carry on their activities,

Amendment

F. Whereas human rights defenders face human rights violations themselves in the course of their work and whereas these violations include killings, death threats, abductions and kidnappings, arbitrary arrest and detention, and other actions of harassment and intimidation, for example through defamation campaigns and whereas all these violations can also target family members, ***including their children***, and relatives of human rights defenders, so as to refrain them from continuing to carry on their activities,

Or. en

Amendment 17
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. Whereas human rights defenders face human rights violations themselves in the course of their work and whereas these violations include killings, death threats, abductions and kidnappings, arbitrary arrest and detention, and other actions of harassment and intimidation, for example through defamation campaigns and whereas all these violations can also target family members and relatives of human rights defenders, so as to refrain them from continuing to carry on their activities,

Amendment

F. Whereas human rights defenders face human rights violations themselves in the course of their work and whereas these violations include killings, death threats, abductions and kidnappings, arbitrary arrest and detention, and other actions of harassment and intimidation, for example through defamation campaigns and whereas all these violations can also target family members and relatives of human rights defenders, so as to refrain them from continuing to carry on their activities;

whereas human rights campaigns are affected in many regions by restrictions on their activities and the persecution of human rights defenders;

Or. ro

Amendment 18
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Recital Fa (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Whereas protecting individual human rights defenders requires the enforcement of EU human rights policies in general,

Or. en

Amendment 19
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. Whereas women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of defenders who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out, ***include*** defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights ***and*** those working with ***minorities' rights***, indigenous peoples and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people,

G. Whereas women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of defenders who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out, include ***but are not limited to***, defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights ***(including trade-unionists)***, those working with minorities' and ***community*** rights, indigenous peoples and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people ***and people fighting against corruption***,

Or. en

Amendment 20
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. Whereas women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of defenders who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out, include defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples and **lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people**,

Amendment

G. Whereas women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of defenders who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out, include defenders working to **protect the rights of religious minorities and freedom of expression**, promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples and **preventing sexual orientation discrimination**,

Or. en

Amendment 21
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. *Whereas* women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of *defenders* who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out, include defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people,

Amendment

G. *whereas* women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of *defenders*, who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out, include defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, **children**, indigenous peoples and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people,

Or. es

Amendment 22
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. Whereas women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of defenders who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out, include defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples *and* lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people,

Amendment

G. Whereas women human rights defenders are particularly at risk and other groups and categories of defenders who are particularly exposed to attacks and human rights violations as a result of the work they carry out include defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people *and journalists*,

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Vittorio Prodi, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Recital Ha (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. Whereas these actions constitute a clear violation of the international human rights law and a series of universally recognised fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Recital Ia (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. Whereas the specific difficulties faced by associations and assemblies of human rights defenders remain the seizure of furniture, the closure of premises and the meticulous and subjective scrutiny of bank accounts,

Or. en

Amendment 25
Viktor Uspaskich

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas human rights violations within the EU cannot be taken as grounds for non-EU states to lower their standard of human rights protection to the EU minimum;

Or. lt

Amendment 26
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Recital La (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. Whereas Preferential Trade Agreements including a human rights clause can provide the EU leverage to require respect for human rights as a condition for trade

Or. en

Amendment 27
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Pays tribute to the invaluable contribution human rights defenders make to the **protection** and promotion of human rights, the rule of law, democracy and the prevention of conflicts at the risk of their own personal security;

Amendment

1. Pays tribute to the invaluable contribution human rights defenders make to the **defence** and promotion of human rights, the rule of law, democracy and the prevention of conflicts at the risk of their own personal security **and that of their families and parents**;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Pays tribute to the invaluable contribution human rights defenders make to the protection and promotion of human rights, the rule of law, democracy and the prevention of conflicts at the risk of their own personal security;

Amendment

1. Pays tribute to the invaluable contribution human rights defenders make to the protection and promotion of human rights, the rule of law, democracy and the prevention of conflicts at the risk of their own personal security; **welcomes that the UN Declaration of 1998 does not provide a strict definition of Human Rights defenders and in this sense, calls on the Council and the Commission to strongly support this approach**;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Viktor Uspaskich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Pays tribute to the invaluable contribution human rights defenders make to the protection and promotion of human rights, the rule of law, democracy and the prevention of conflicts at the risk of their own personal security;

Amendment

1. Pays tribute to the invaluable contribution human rights defenders ***outside the EU*** make to the protection and promotion of human rights, the rule of law, democracy and the prevention of conflicts at the risk of their own personal security;

Or. It

Amendment 30
László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved, recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more result-oriented methodology in this regard.

Amendment

2. Calls on the EU to prioritize a more effective implementation of the existing tools and mechanisms for a coherent and systematic protection of human rights defenders within the European Union, recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more result-oriented methodology in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to ***actively look into developing*** a more result-oriented methodology in this regard;

Amendment

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to ***develop measures and*** a more result-oriented methodology in this regard;

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Vittorio Prodi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more result-oriented methodology in this regard;

Amendment

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more result-oriented methodology in this regard, ***and to expand the interpretation of human rights to include the right of access to resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more result-oriented methodology in this regard;

Amendment

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more result-oriented methodology in this regard ***including evaluations of existing Human Rights policies and dialogues;***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more ***result-oriented*** methodology ***in this regard;***

Amendment

2. Regrets that despite existing tools and mechanisms, within the European Union no coherent and systematic protection for human rights defenders has been achieved; recommends the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to actively look into developing a more ***effective*** methodology;

Or. el

Amendment 35
László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Reminds that support for human rights defenders is a long-established component of the EU's human rights external relations policy, as reflected through the conception of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights and the Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. **Considers that** the EU needs to express its political support to the action of human rights defenders and thus, **to** use all existing tools and develop new mechanisms to support and promote the work of human rights defenders through a participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from **hostilities**, through both urgent and long term measures;

Amendment

3. **Calls for** the EU to express its political support to the action of human rights defenders and thus use all existing tools and develop new mechanisms to support and promote the work of human rights defenders through a participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from **measures and action taken against human rights defenders**, through both urgent and long term measures;

Or. fr

Amendment 37
László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. **Considers that** the EU **needs to express** its political support to the action of human rights defenders and thus, to use all existing tools and develop new mechanisms to support and promote the work of human rights defenders through a participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from hostilities, through both urgent and long term measures;

Amendment

3. **Urges** the EU and **its Member States to strengthen** its political **will to** support the action of human rights defenders and thus, **to make better use of** all existing tools and develop new **complementary** mechanisms to support and promote **their** work through a **genuinely** participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from hostilities, through both urgent and long term measures;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the EU needs to express its political support to the action of human rights defenders and thus, to use all existing tools and develop new mechanisms to support and promote the work of human rights defenders through a participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from hostilities, through both urgent and long term measures;

Amendment

3. Considers that the EU needs to express its political **and substantive** support to the action of human rights defenders and thus, to use all existing tools and develop new mechanisms to support and promote the work of human rights defenders through a participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders **in which they can perform their duties and enjoy protection**; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from hostilities, through both urgent and long term measures;

Or. el

Amendment 39
Viktor Uspaskich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Considers that the EU needs to express its political support *to* the action of human rights defenders and thus, to use all existing tools and develop new mechanisms to support and promote the work of human rights defenders through a participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from hostilities, through both urgent and *long term* measures;

Amendment

3. Considers that the EU needs to express its political support *for* the action of human rights defenders ***outside the EU*** and thus to use all existing tools and develop new mechanisms to support and promote the work of human rights defenders through a participative strategy, which should contribute to an enabling environment for defenders; underlines that this must be combined with a policy aimed at prevention and protection from hostilities, through both urgent and *long-term* measures;

Or. It

Amendment 40
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3a. Considers that the EU must set specific criteria defining the concept of human rights defender, since, under the United Nations 1998 Declaration, the term human rights defender remains particularly broad and vague, thereby hampering the proper appreciation and evaluation of the work and contribution of genuine human rights defenders;

Or. el

Amendment 41
László Tóké

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. ***Recalls that the Treaty of Lisbon, as outlined in its article 3 and 21,*** puts the promotion and protection of human rights at the centre of the Union's external action; underlines that priority must be given to ensure that the promotion of human rights as both a basic value and an objective of the Union's foreign policy is duly mirrored in the creation and structure of the European External Action Service, including through the designation of sufficient human resources; calls therefore for the appointment of a central focal point with a specific responsibility on human rights defenders within the EEAS;

Amendment

4. ***Recalls that the articles 3 and 21 of the TEU as amended by the Treaty of Lisbon,*** puts the promotion and protection of human rights at the centre of the Union's external action; underlines that priority must be given to ensure that the promotion of human rights as both a basic value and an objective of the Union's foreign policy is duly mirrored in the creation and structure of the European External Action Service, including through the designation of sufficient human resources; calls therefore for the appointment of a central focal point with a specific responsibility on human rights defenders within the EEAS;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Recalls that the Treaty of Lisbon, as outlined in its article 3 and 21, puts the promotion and ***protection*** of human rights at the centre of the Union's external action; underlines that priority must be given to ensure that ***the promotion of*** human rights as both a basic value and an objective of the Union's foreign policy is duly mirrored in the creation and structure of the European External Action Service, including through the designation of sufficient human resources; calls therefore

Amendment

4. Recalls that the Treaty of Lisbon, as outlined in its article 3 and 21, puts the promotion and ***defence*** of human rights at the centre of the Union's external action; underlines that priority must be given to ensure that ***respect for*** human rights as both a basic value and, ***together with their promotion,*** an objective of the Union's foreign policy is duly mirrored in the creation and structure of the European External Action Service, including through the designation of sufficient human

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resources; calls therefore for the appointment of a central focal point with a specific responsibility on human rights defenders within the EEAS;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Is concerned by the lack of implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders; insists on these guidelines being duly and fully implemented by all EU delegations and on instructions being given to the delegations to ensure that they have local implementation strategies drawn up before the end of 2010, or where such strategies already exist that they are revised by the same deadline; calls for a list of these local strategies to be made available to the European Parliament and published in the EU Annual Report on Human Rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 44
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Strongly recommends that the elaboration of local strategies, including their evaluation, be institutionalised by

the HR/VP, so as to ensure a real implementation of the protection measures enshrined in the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders;

Or. fr

Amendment 45

Vittorio Prodi, Maria Eleni Koppa, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reminds that implementation by the EU missions of the guidelines on human rights defenders has so far been unsatisfactory, **but through** the Lisbon Treaty, Commission delegations in third countries will now have a rare opportunity to address this issue as they become Union delegations, with an increasingly important role in terms of representation of the EU and the implementation of the human rights policy; reiterates therefore its call to systematically appoint a highly qualified political official with a specific responsibility on human rights and democracy, and to integrate guidelines on human rights and their implementation in EU mission staff training programmes, job descriptions and appraisal processes;

Amendment

5. Reminds that implementation by the EU missions of the guidelines on human rights defenders has so far been unsatisfactory **and calls on the Commission to undertake an in-depth analysis to ensure that this issue will be addressed; notes, in this regard, that as a consequence of the adoption of** the Lisbon Treaty, Commission delegations in third countries will now have a rare opportunity to address this issue as they become Union delegations, with an increasingly important role in terms of representation of the EU and the implementation of the human rights policy; reiterates therefore its call to systematically appoint **to each country** a highly qualified political official with a specific responsibility on human rights and democracy, and to integrate guidelines on human rights and their implementation in EU mission staff training programmes, job descriptions and appraisal processes;

Or. en

Amendment 46
László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. **Reminds** that implementation by the EU missions of the guidelines on human rights defenders **has so far been unsatisfactory, but** through the Lisbon Treaty, Commission delegations in third countries will now have **a rare** opportunity to address this issue as they become Union delegations, with an increasingly important role in terms of representation of the EU and the implementation of the human rights policy; reiterates therefore its call to systematically appoint a highly qualified political official with a specific responsibility on human rights and democracy, and to integrate guidelines on human rights and their implementation in EU mission staff training programmes, job descriptions and appraisal processes;

Amendment

5. **Underlines** that implementation by the EU missions of the guidelines on human rights defenders **needs to be further improved**, through the Lisbon Treaty, Commission delegations in third countries will now have **the opportunity, but also further challenges and responsibilities to better** address this issue as they become Union delegations, with an increasingly important role in terms of representation of the EU and the implementation of the human rights policy; reiterates therefore its call to systematically appoint a highly qualified political official with a specific responsibility on human rights and democracy, and to integrate guidelines on human rights and their implementation in EU mission staff training programmes, job descriptions and appraisal processes, **thus encouraging the staff of EU Missions to adopt a pro-active role towards human rights defenders**;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. **Reminds** that **implementation by the EU missions of the guidelines on human rights defenders has so far been unsatisfactory, but through the Lisbon Treaty**, Commission delegations in third

Amendment

5. **Points out** that Commission delegations in third countries will now have **the task of addressing** this issue as they become Union delegations, with an increasingly important role in terms of representation of

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the EU and the implementation of the human rights policy reiterates therefore its call to systematically appoint a highly qualified political official with a specific responsibility on human rights and democracy, and to integrate guidelines on human rights and their implementation in EU mission staff training programmes, job descriptions and appraisal processes;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reminds that implementation by the EU missions of the guidelines on human rights defenders has so far been unsatisfactory, but through the Lisbon Treaty, Commission delegations in third countries **will now have a rare opportunity** to address this issue as they become Union delegations, with an increasingly important role in terms of representation of the EU and the implementation of the human rights policy; reiterates therefore its call to systematically appoint a highly qualified political official with a specific responsibility on human rights and democracy, and to integrate guidelines on human rights and their implementation in EU mission staff training programmes, job descriptions and appraisal processes;

Amendment

5. Reminds that implementation by the EU missions of the guidelines on human rights defenders has so far been unsatisfactory, but through the Lisbon Treaty, Commission delegations in third countries **shall now make full use of the new opportunities** to address this issue as they become Union delegations, with an increasingly important role in terms of representation of the EU and the implementation of the human rights policy; reiterates therefore its call to systematically appoint a highly qualified political official with a specific responsibility on human rights and democracy, and to integrate guidelines on human rights and their implementation in EU mission staff training programmes, job descriptions and appraisal processes;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 50
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Emphasizes the importance of human rights clauses in trade policies, partnerships and Preferred Trade Agreements between the EU and third countries

Amendment

Amendment 51
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Expects that the appointment of the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, who is at the same time Vice-President of the Commission, and the creation of a common external action service, could considerably enhance the coherence and effectiveness of the EU in this field, and strongly recommends that the elaboration of local strategies, including their evaluation, be institutionalised by the HR/VP, so as to ensure a real implementation of the protecting measures enshrined in the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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evaluation, be institutionalised by the HR/VP, so as to ensure a real implementation of the protecting measures enshrined in the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

6. Expects that the appointment of the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, who is at the same time Vice-President of the Commission, and the creation of a common external action service, could considerably enhance the coherence and effectiveness of the EU in this field, and strongly recommends that the elaboration of local strategies ***in close cooperation with the local independent civil society***, including their ***regular*** evaluation, be institutionalised by the HR/VP, so as to ensure a real implementation of the protecting measures enshrined in the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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contacts, and systematically follow up on the latter, with the independent civil society, as well as access for human rights defenders to EU delegations and missions on the ground; welcomes in this regard the request by the Spanish Presidency to appoint a common local liaison officer from amongst the EU missions for human rights defenders, with the responsibility to coordinate the activities of the European Union; ***considers that this would facilitate exchange of information*** with civil society and the possibility of a rapid reaction in case of emergency; requests the EP to be informed of these appointments;

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Or. el

Amendment 55

Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers it necessary to improve contacts, and systematically follow up on the latter, with the independent civil society, as well as access for human rights defenders to EU delegations and missions on the ground; welcomes in this regard the request by the Spanish Presidency to appoint a common local liaison officer from amongst the EU missions for human rights defenders, with the responsibility to coordinate the activities of the European Union; considers that this would facilitate exchange of information with civil society and the possibility of a rapid reaction in case of ***emergency***; requests the EP to be informed of these appointments;

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7. Considers it necessary to improve contacts, and systematically follow up on the latter, with the independent civil society, as well as access for human rights defenders to EU delegations and missions on the ground; welcomes in this regard the request by the Spanish Presidency to appoint a common local liaison officer from amongst the EU missions for human rights defenders, with the responsibility to coordinate the activities of the European Union; considers that this would facilitate exchange of information with civil society and the possibility of a rapid reaction in case of ***emergency, in a flexible manner***; requests the EP to be informed of these

appointments;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Is concerned by the lack of implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders; insists on these guidelines to be duly and fully implemented by all EU Delegations and that increased efforts are made so as to ensure that all of them have developed local implementation strategies before the end of 2010, or, in case strategies already exist, are revised by the same time; requests that the list of these local strategies should be made available to the European Parliament and published in the EU Annual Report on Human Rights;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 57
László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Calls on the Council and the Commission to actively involve human rights defenders into the drafting, monitoring and review processes of local strategies, as this will condition the effective value of these strategies

9. Calls on the Council, the Commission ***and the EU Missions*** to actively involve human rights defenders ***and their organizations*** into the drafting, monitoring and review processes of local strategies, as this will condition the effective value of these strategies

Amendment 58
László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the *annual* meetings between human rights defenders and diplomats requested in the EU guidelines can clearly contribute to the setting-up of such process

Amendment

10. Considers that meetings *at least once a year, aiming for meetings on a more regular basis*, between human rights defenders and diplomats *as* requested in the EU guidelines can clearly contribute to the setting-up of such process

Or. en

Amendment 59
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the annual meetings between human rights defenders and diplomats requested in the EU guidelines can clearly contribute to the setting-up of such *process*;

Amendment

10. Considers that the annual meetings between human rights defenders and diplomats requested in the EU guidelines can clearly contribute to the setting-up of such *process, and encourages more regular meetings when possible*;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the annual meetings between human rights defenders and diplomats requested in the EU guidelines can clearly contribute to the setting-up of such process;

Amendment

10. Considers that the annual meetings between human rights defenders and diplomats requested in the EU guidelines can clearly contribute to the setting-up of such process; ***calls for efforts to ensure participation in such meetings by the various profiles of human rights defenders active in the country and participation by defenders from the regions;***

Or. es

Amendment 61
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that the annual meetings between human rights defenders and diplomats requested in the EU guidelines ***can*** clearly contribute to the setting-up of such process;

Amendment

10. Considers that the annual meetings between human rights defenders and diplomats requested in the EU guidelines clearly contribute to the setting-up of such process; ***calls, therefore, on the High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, simultaneously a Commission Vice-President, to hold such meetings on a systematic basis and to consider the possibility of organising an international meeting of human rights defenders, with the participation of the relevant United Nations bodies, the secretariats of the regional human rights conventions and international and regional NGOs, with a view to improving the protection of human rights defenders and promoting human rights throughout the world;***

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' *rights*, indigenous peoples and *lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people*;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with *rights of religious and language* minorities, indigenous peoples and *sexual minorities*; *furthermore special attention should be paid to students activists.*

Or. en

Amendment 63
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples *and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people*;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights and *particularly religious minorities rights*, indigenous peoples *and LGBT individuals*;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, **children**, indigenous peoples and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people;

Or. es

Amendment 65
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples **and** lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the need for a gender perspective in the implementation of the guidelines, with targeted actions in favour of women human rights defenders and other particularly vulnerable groups, such as defenders working to promote economic, social and cultural rights and those working with minorities' rights, indigenous peoples, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people **and journalists**;

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Emphasises the importance of freedom of speech and the role of the media, both online and offline, as a enablers for human rights defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Considers that the developments of new technologies and their impact on human rights defenders needs to be assessed and the results integrated in existing EU programs on human rights and human rights defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Takes the view that major aspects of local strategies for the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights

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Defenders should be reflected in Country Strategy *papers*, ENP Action Plans, Annual Action Programmes of the EIDHR and the Instrument for Stability (IfS);

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Or. en

Amendment 69

Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates *its request* that the promotion *and* protection of human rights defenders have to be integrated at all levels and in all aspects and instruments of the Union's Foreign policy in order to increase coherence, effectiveness and credibility of the EU support for human rights defenders; considers that the development of specific country strategies on human rights and democracy could substantially contribute to this targeting approach;

Amendment

13. Reiterates that the promotion, protection *and security* of human rights defenders have to *be placed as a priority issue in the EU relationship with third-countries and* have to be integrated at all levels and in all aspects and instruments of the Union's Foreign policy in order to increase coherence, effectiveness and credibility of the EU support for human rights defenders; considers that the development, *effective implementation and regular follow-up* of specific country strategies on human rights and democracy could substantially contribute to this targeting approach;

Or. en

Amendment 70

László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its request that the promotion and protection of human rights defenders

Amendment

13. Reiterates its request that *through the Lisbon Treaty* the promotion and

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protection of human rights defenders have to be **better** integrated at all levels and in all aspects and instruments of the Union's Foreign policy in order to increase coherence, effectiveness and credibility of the EU support for human rights defenders; considers that the development of specific country strategies on human rights and democracy could substantially contribute to this targeting approach

Or. en

Amendment 71

László Tőkés

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers that human rights defenders in third countries **can** be better protected by making the EU human rights dialogues more effective; stresses the need **to systematically raise** the situation of human rights defenders in all political and human rights dialogues with third countries, reminding of the responsibility of States to ensure that all the obligations and rights embodied in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders are included in national law, including the right to freedom of association and the right to receive domestic and foreign funding, as well as freedom of expression, which is a right essential to the work of human rights defenders; underlines that partner states should also be reminded of the obligation and the responsibility to protect and promote respect of human rights defenders and their work, by creating conditions that fully enable the exercise of advocacy, monitoring and reporting on human rights;

Amendment

14. Considers that human rights defenders in third countries **will** be better protected **only** by making the EU human rights dialogues more effective; stresses the need **to influence third countries by systematically raising** the situation of human rights defenders in all political and human rights dialogues with third countries, reminding of the responsibility of States to ensure that all the obligations and rights embodied in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders are included in national law, including the right to freedom of association and the right to receive domestic and foreign funding, as well as freedom of expression, which is a right essential to the work of human rights defenders; underlines that partner states should also be reminded of the obligation and the responsibility to protect and promote respect of human rights defenders and their work, by creating conditions that fully enable the exercise of advocacy, monitoring and reporting on human rights;

Amendment 72
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers that human rights defenders in third countries can be better protected by making the EU human rights dialogues more effective; stresses the need to systematically raise the situation of human rights defenders in all political and human rights dialogues with third countries, reminding of the responsibility of States to ensure that all the obligations and rights embodied in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders are included in national law, including the right to freedom of association and the right to receive domestic and foreign funding, as well as freedom of expression, which is a right essential to the work of human rights defenders; underlines that partner states should also be reminded of the obligation and the responsibility to protect and promote respect of human rights defenders and their work, by creating conditions that fully enable the exercise of advocacy, monitoring and reporting on human rights;

Amendment

14. Considers that human rights defenders in third countries can be better protected by making the EU human rights dialogues more effective; stresses the need to systematically raise the situation of human rights defenders in all political and human rights dialogues ***or in trade negotiations*** with third countries, reminding of the responsibility of States to ensure that all the obligations and rights embodied in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders are included in national law, including the right to freedom of association, ***freedom of assembly*** and the right to receive domestic and foreign funding, as well as freedom of expression, which is a right essential to the work of human rights defenders; underlines that partner states should also be reminded of the obligation and the responsibility to protect and promote respect of human rights defenders and their work, by creating conditions that fully enable the exercise of advocacy, monitoring and reporting on human rights;

Amendment 73
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers that human rights defenders in third countries can be better protected by making the EU human rights dialogues more effective; stresses the need to systematically raise the situation of human rights defenders in all political and human rights dialogues with third countries, reminding of the responsibility of States to ensure that all the obligations and rights embodied in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders are included in national law, including the right to freedom of association and the right to receive domestic and foreign funding, as well as freedom of expression, which is a right essential to the work of human rights defenders; underlines that partner states should also be reminded of the obligation and the responsibility to protect and promote respect of human rights defenders and their work, by creating conditions that fully enable the exercise of advocacy, monitoring and reporting on human rights;

Amendment

14. Considers that human rights defenders in third countries can be better protected by making the EU human rights dialogues more effective; stresses the need to systematically raise the situation of human rights defenders in all political and human rights dialogues with third countries, **and more generally the situation and the improvement of the right to freedom of association, in national legislations, regulations and practices**, reminding of the responsibility of States to ensure that all the obligations and rights embodied in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders are included in national law, including the right to freedom of association and the right to receive domestic and foreign funding **in full transparency and in respect of their autonomy of decision**, as well as freedom of expression, which is a right essential to the work of human rights defenders; underlines that partner states should also be reminded of the obligation and the responsibility to protect and promote respect of human rights defenders and their work, by creating conditions that fully enable the exercise of advocacy, monitoring and reporting on human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

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more effective; stresses the need to systematically raise the situation of human rights defenders in all political and human rights dialogues with third countries, reminding of the responsibility of States to ensure that all the obligations and rights embodied in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders are included in national law, including the right to freedom of association ***and*** freedom of expression, which is a right essential to the work of human rights defenders; underlines that partner states should also be reminded of the obligation and the responsibility to protect and promote respect of human rights defenders and their work, by creating conditions that fully enable the exercise of advocacy, monitoring and reporting on human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Vittorio Prodi, Maria Eleni Koppa, Richard Howitt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Reminds that the European Parliament's delegations, as responsible bodies of the EP relations with third countries, could play an even more substantial role in the effort to help human right defenders, pursuant to the specific guidelines for human rights and democracy actions of MEPs in their visits to third countries,

Or. en

Amendment 76
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. As regards receipt of domestic and foreign funding, specific criteria which are, in principle, indicative and non-exhaustive must be adopted in order to boost transparency and controls. Criteria which may be taken into account purely indicatively include: the nature of the organisation of human rights defenders, the number of participants, the degree of urgency in seeking financial support, an analysis of the intervention plan for defending human rights and the needs of the local community. Measures must be taken to ensure that account is taken of any other criterion which may be invoked by human rights defenders if it is considered essential for carrying out their work;

Or. el

Amendment 77
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls for more emphasis to be placed on the role of the European Parliament in the EU's human rights dialogues with third countries;

Or. de

Amendment 78
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Proposes a 'human rights assessment' of third countries that engage in trade relations with the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Encourages the inclusion of the business community in human rights dialogues;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Considers the need for both a coherent, coordinated EU approach as well as room for complementary roles for Member States when it comes to protecting human rights defenders, as to prevent domestic political or cultural sensitivities to hamper actions to protect human rights defenders

Amendment 81
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Condemns the climate of impunity for violations committed against defenders prevailing in numerous countries of the world; calls upon the Council and the Commission to raise this issue in their bilateral contacts, urging all states to ensure that perpetrators, regardless of their position or function, are brought to justice through independent and effective disciplinary and criminal procedures;

Amendment

15. Condemns the climate of impunity for violations committed against defenders prevailing in numerous countries of the world; calls upon the Council and the Commission to raise this issue in their bilateral contacts, urging all states to ensure that perpetrators, regardless of their position or function, are brought to justice through independent and effective disciplinary and criminal procedures; ***calls on the Commission and the Council to introduce sanctions – possibly going as far as partially or totally suspending association or partnership agreements – against third countries which do not quickly put a stop to such violations or do not bring the perpetrators of such violations to justice;***

Amendment 82
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Condemns the climate of impunity for violations committed against defenders prevailing in numerous countries of the world; calls upon the Council and the Commission to raise this issue in their bilateral contacts, urging all states to

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ensure that perpetrators, regardless of their position or function, are brought to justice through independent and effective disciplinary and criminal procedures;

ensure that perpetrators, regardless of their position or function, are brought to justice through independent and effective disciplinary and criminal procedures, ***bearing in mind always the possibility of appealing finally, after exhausting the domestic judicial instances of a state, to the European Court of Human Rights;***

Or. el

Amendment 83

Vittorio Prodi, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Stresses the need to ensure that the invocation of national and public security, including counter-terrorism, is not used arbitrarily against human rights defenders,

Or. en

Amendment 84

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Points out that parliamentarians also play a crucial role when ensuring that national legislation potentially affecting human rights defenders and their activities is ***brought*** into conformity with internationally recognised human rights standards; underlines therefore the importance of these issues being systematically addressed by Members of

16. Points out that parliamentarians also play a crucial role when ensuring that national legislation potentially affecting human rights defenders and their activities is ***repealed in order to bring the national legislation of the country concerned*** into conformity with internationally recognised human rights standards; underlines therefore the importance of these issues

the European Parliament in bi- and multilateral meetings with other parliamentarians, in line with its specific guidelines for human rights and democracy actions of MEPs in their visits to third countries;

being systematically addressed by Members of the European Parliament in bi- and multilateral meetings with other parliamentarians, in line with its specific guidelines for human rights and democracy actions of MEPs in their visits to third countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 85
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Points out that parliamentarians also play a crucial role when ensuring that national legislation potentially affecting human rights defenders and their activities is brought into conformity with internationally recognised human rights standards; underlines therefore the importance *if* these issues being systematically addressed by Members of the European Parliament in bi- and multilateral meetings with other parliamentarians, in line with its specific guidelines for human rights and democracy actions of MEPs in their visits to third countries;

Amendment

16. Points out that parliamentarians also play a crucial role when ensuring that national legislation potentially affecting human rights defenders and their activities is brought into conformity with internationally recognised human rights standards; underlines therefore the importance of these issues being systematically addressed by Members of the European Parliament in bi- and multilateral meetings with other parliamentarians ***and with experts on the ground***, in line with its specific guidelines for human rights and democracy actions of MEPs in their visits to third countries;

Or. de

Amendment 86
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Points out that **parliamentarians** also play a crucial role when ensuring that national legislation potentially affecting human rights defenders and their activities is brought into conformity with internationally recognised human rights standards; underlines therefore the importance *of* these issues being systematically addressed by Members of the European Parliament in bi- and multilateral meetings with other parliamentarians, in line with its specific guidelines for human rights and democracy actions of MEPs in their visits to third countries;

Amendment

16. Points out that **members of the national parliaments of third countries** also play a crucial role when ensuring that national legislation potentially affecting human rights defenders and their activities is brought into conformity with internationally recognised human rights standards; underlines therefore the importance *of* these issues being systematically addressed by Members of the European Parliament in bi- and multilateral meetings with other parliamentarians, in line with its specific guidelines for human rights and democracy actions of MEPs in their visits to third countries; **considers that EP delegations and interparliamentary assemblies have a key role to play in dialogues and consultations concerning human rights defenders**;

Or. ro

Amendment 87
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines the importance of independent civil society being fully involved in the preparations of all human rights dialogues, either through civil society seminars or other means; considers that the link between the civil society seminars and the formal dialogue needs to be strengthened, through *publications* of the recommendations issued and a better follow-up and feed-back to civil society once a dialogue has taken place; stresses the importance *to continue* to raise

Amendment

17. Underlines the importance of independent civil society being fully involved in the preparations of all human rights dialogues, either through civil society seminars or other means; considers that the link between the civil society seminars and the formal dialogue needs to be strengthened, through *publication* of the recommendations issued and better follow-up and feed-back to civil society once a dialogue has taken place; stresses the importance *of continuing* to raise

individual cases during the dialogues and considers that making the list of names public would enhance the impact of EU actions and increase public attention *for* these cases;

individual cases during the dialogues and considers that making the list of names public, ***provided that this does not involve the human rights defenders in greater risks***, would enhance the impact of EU actions and increase public attention *to* these cases;

Or. es

Amendment 88
David Martin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines the importance of independent civil society being fully involved in the preparations of all human rights dialogues, either through civil society seminars or other means; considers that the link between the civil society seminars and the formal dialogue needs to be strengthened, through publications of the recommendations issued and a better follow-up and feed-back to civil society once a dialogue has taken place; stresses the importance to continue to raise individual cases during the dialogues and considers that making the list of names public would enhance the impact of EU actions and increase public attention for these cases;

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Or. en

Amendment 89
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines the importance of independent civil society being fully involved in the preparations of all human rights dialogues, either through civil society seminars or other means; considers that the link between the civil society seminars and the formal dialogue needs to be strengthened, through publications of the recommendations issued and a better follow-up and feed-back to civil society once a dialogue has taken place; stresses the importance to continue to raise individual cases during the dialogues and considers that making the list of names public would enhance the impact of EU actions and increase public attention for these cases;

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Or. en

Amendment 90
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines the importance of independent civil society being fully involved in the preparations of all human rights dialogues, either through civil society seminars or other means; considers

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17. Underlines the importance of independent civil society being fully involved in the preparations of all human rights dialogues, either through civil society seminars or other means; considers

that the link between the civil society seminars and the formal dialogue needs to be strengthened, through publications of the recommendations issued and a better follow-up and feed-back to civil society once a dialogue has taken place; stresses the importance to continue to raise individual cases during the dialogues and considers that making the list of names public would enhance the impact of EU actions and increase public attention for these cases;

that the link between the civil society seminars and the formal dialogue needs to be strengthened, through publications of the recommendations issued and a better follow-up and feed-back to civil society once a dialogue has taken place; stresses the importance to continue to raise individual cases during the dialogues and considers that making the list of names public would enhance the impact of EU actions and increase public attention for these cases; ***considers that respect for the confidentiality of EU actions in support of human rights defenders is in some cases desirable, especially where their or their families' lives or safety may be at risk;***

Or. ro

Amendment 91
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers that the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), which has already demonstrated its capacity to support and promote the respect for human rights and the strengthening of the rule of law, should continue to further enhance the direct support for human rights defenders so as to meet both their short-term and long-term needs, ensuring that it also reaches out to particular vulnerable groups and defenders living in remote areas;

Amendment

18. Considers that the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), which has already demonstrated its capacity to support and promote the respect for human rights and the strengthening of the rule of law, should continue to further enhance the direct support for human rights defenders so as to meet both their short-term and long-term needs, ensuring that it also reaches out to particular vulnerable groups and defenders living in remote areas ***and areas on which less attention is focused;***

Or. de

Amendment 92
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls for the Council and the High Representative to systematically denounce and reprimand international companies when providing oppressive regimes with surveillance technology, thereby facilitating persecution and arrests of human rights defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Calls on the Council and the Commission to increase awareness among human rights defenders, the EEAS, EU embassies and EU Foreign Ministries about the existence of the guidelines through targeted actions; considers that the annual meetings foreseen in the guidelines would be one way of better reaching out to human rights defenders and also increase the visibility of EU action;

19. Calls on the Council and the Commission to increase awareness among human rights defenders, the EEAS, EU embassies and EU Foreign Ministries about the existence of the guidelines through targeted actions, ***furthermore these officials of Member States should receive human rights trainings;*** considers that the annual meetings foreseen in the guidelines would be one way of better reaching out to human rights defenders and also increase the visibility of EU action;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Council and the Commission to increase awareness among human rights defenders, the EEAS, EU embassies and EU Foreign Ministries about the existence of the guidelines through targeted actions; considers that the annual meetings foreseen in the guidelines would ***be one way of better reaching out*** to human rights defenders and also increase the ***visibility*** of EU action;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Council and the Commission to increase awareness among human rights defenders, the EEAS, EU embassies and EU Foreign Ministries about the existence of the guidelines through targeted actions ***in order to ensure their full ownership and application***; considers that the annual meetings foreseen in the guidelines would ***provide substantial support*** to human rights defenders and also increase the ***credibility*** of EU action ***in the area of human rights***;

Or. fr

Amendment 95
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Council and the Commission to increase awareness among human rights defenders, the EEAS, EU embassies and EU Foreign Ministries about the existence of the guidelines through targeted actions; considers that the annual meetings foreseen in the guidelines would be one way of better reaching out to human rights defenders and also ***increase*** the visibility of EU action;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Council and the Commission to increase awareness among human rights defenders, the EEAS, EU embassies and EU Foreign Ministries about the existence of the guidelines through targeted actions; considers that the annual meetings foreseen in the guidelines would be one way of better reaching out to human rights defenders and also ***increasing*** the visibility of EU action, ***and thereby clearly showing how important the protection of human rights is to the EU***;

Or. de

Amendment 96
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that public recognition and visibility given to human rights defenders and their work can also contribute to their protection in difficult circumstances, as perpetrators might refrain from action when abuses will not occur unnoticed; calls on EU Member States and EU delegation to, whenever possible, publish démarches and other activities undertaken regarding a specific case, always in consultation with the human rights defender and his or her family; calls on EU Missions to provide human rights defenders and/or their families with systematic feedback about any action, whatever format, taken on their behalf, as spelled out in the guidelines;

Amendment

20. Stresses that public recognition and visibility given to human rights defenders and their work can also contribute to their protection in difficult circumstances, as perpetrators might refrain from action when abuses will not occur unnoticed; calls on EU Member States and EU delegation to, whenever possible, publish démarches and other activities undertaken regarding a specific case, always in consultation with the human rights defender and his or her family; calls on EU Missions to provide human rights defenders and/or their ***families as well as NGOs which alerted the EU on a particular case*** with systematic feedback about any action, whatever format, taken on their behalf, as spelled out in the guidelines;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Stresses that public recognition and visibility given to human rights defenders and their work can also contribute to their protection in difficult circumstances, as perpetrators might refrain from action when abuses will not occur unnoticed; calls on EU Member States and EU delegation

Amendment

20. Stresses that public recognition and visibility given to human rights defenders and their work can also contribute to their protection in difficult circumstances, as perpetrators might refrain from action when abuses will not occur unnoticed; calls on EU Member States and EU delegation

to, *whenever possible*, publish *démarches and other activities* undertaken regarding a specific case, always in consultation with the human rights defender and his or her family; calls on EU Missions to provide human rights defenders and/or their families with systematic feedback about any action, *whatever format*, taken on their behalf, as spelled out in the guidelines;

to publish *actions* undertaken regarding a specific case, always in consultation with the human rights defender and his or her family; calls on EU Missions to provide human rights defenders and/or their families with systematic feedback about any action taken on their behalf, as spelled out in the guidelines;

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls on the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to systematically meet with human rights defenders when she officially travels in third countries and underlines that the support to human rights defenders should also be imperatively included in the mandate of EU Special Representatives; underlines that both the High Representative and the Special Representatives will be held accountable by the European Parliament for their action in this regard;

Amendment

21. Calls on the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to systematically meet with human rights defenders when she officially travels in third countries and underlines that the support to human rights defenders should also be imperatively included in the mandate of EU Special Representatives, ***promoting respect for human rights defenders***; underlines that both the High Representative and the Special Representatives will be held accountable by the European Parliament for their action in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Underlines the need to actively support and develop proposals on how the Sakharov Prize network, launched in December 2008 at the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Sakharov Prize, could be used as part of a sustained support for human rights defenders, as well as to better capitalise on the possible contribution of the laureates for different actions by the European Parliament, with aim to fulfil its mandate;

Amendment

22. Underlines the need to actively support and develop proposals on how the Sakharov Prize network, launched in December 2008 at the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Sakharov Prize, could be used as part of a sustained support for human rights defenders, as well as to better capitalise on the possible contribution of the laureates for different actions by the European Parliament, with aim to fulfil its mandate; ***reiterates its concern over the infringements of the human rights of certain Sakharov Prize winners;***

Or. ro

Amendment 100
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Considers that EU needs to develop a holistic approach towards human rights defenders in order to increase the credibility and efficiency of the EU policy amongst EU member states and in relation to third countries, including at the same time support measures to secure their activities, as well as preventive and protection measures, while taking into account both short-term and long-term needs of human rights defenders; underlines that the revised Strategy for EIDHR and the EU guidelines on human rights defenders should reflect this approach;

Amendment

23. Considers that EU needs to develop a holistic approach towards human rights defenders in order to increase the credibility and efficiency of the EU policy amongst EU member states and in relation to third countries, including at the same time support measures to secure their activities ***from any coercion and terrorist activity***, as well as preventive and protection measures, while taking into account both short-term and long-term needs of human rights defenders; underlines that the revised Strategy for EIDHR and the EU guidelines on human rights defenders should reflect this approach;

Or. el

Amendment 101
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Considers that the EU should clearly indicate the possible sanctions which could be applied to third countries which perpetrate serious human rights violations, and if necessary apply them;

Or. de

Amendment 102
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Considers, in order to develop more result-oriented action, that the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy should evaluate the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders by each EU delegations in third countries and prioritize those missions for enhanced action where the implementation has been noticeably weak;

24. Considers, in order to develop more result-oriented action, that the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy should ***regularly*** evaluate the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders by each EU delegations in third countries and prioritize, ***closely follow-up the work, and make recommendations to*** those missions for enhanced action where the implementation has been noticeably weak;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls on the Council to make Europe more accessible for human rights defenders who are unable to stay in their home countries; calls for the Council and Commission to prepare and execute specific measures to ease access to Europe for such human rights defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Recalls the need to overcome the lack of a coherent strategy of protection and asylum by the systematic implementation of emergency measures and initiatives on a short and long term basis; Requests the High Representative to report to the European Parliament by the end of 2010 of the measures taken accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Reiterates its request for Member States to develop as a matter of priority a coordinated policy on the issuing of emergency visas for Human Rights Defenders and members of their families, for which special schemes in Spain and Ireland can serve as example; takes the view that a clear reference to this possibility in the Draft handbook for the processing of visa applications and the modification of issued visas would be of great help to achieve this common approach, as has already been expressed by the European Parliament during the process of legal scrutiny for the above mentioned measure;

Amendment

25. Reiterates its request for Member States to develop as a matter of priority a coordinated policy on the issuing of emergency visas for Human Rights Defenders and members of their families, for which special schemes in Spain and Ireland can serve as example; ***strongly believes that giving the new delegations of the European Union the power to make recommendations to Member States on the issuing of emergency visas would be a great step forward for the human rights policy of the Union;*** takes the view that a clear reference to this possibility in the Draft handbook for the processing of visa applications and the modification of issued visas would be of great help to achieve this common approach, as has already been expressed by the European Parliament during the process of legal scrutiny for the above mentioned measure;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Urges the 27 Member States to follow the same line with regard to the issuing of visas for human rights defenders;

Or. fr

Amendment 107
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with possibilities of temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights defenders; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency, and requests it to be further advanced; calls for further support to other existing initiatives in this regard;

Amendment

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with possibilities of temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights ***defenders, providing for financial resources and housing to possibly shelter human rights defenders, as well as accompanying programmes (human rights activities, lecturing in European universities language courses, etc.)***; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency, and requests it to be further advanced; ***invites therefore the High Representative to present to the European Parliament a manual on how to set up a shelter city as well as a framework proposal supporting networking between such cities***; calls for further support to other existing initiatives in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with ***possibilities of*** temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights defenders; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency, and ***requests*** it to be ***further advanced***; calls for further support to other existing initiatives in this regard;

Amendment

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights defenders; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency, and ***calls for*** it to be ***finalised by the end of 2010 and implemented by the end of 2011***; calls for further support to

other existing initiatives in this regard;

Or. fr

Amendment 109
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with possibilities of temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights defenders; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency, and requests it to be further advanced; calls for further support to other existing initiatives in this regard;

Amendment

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with possibilities of temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights defenders; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency ***or the Protection and Shelter Programme implemented by the Spanish Government since 2008***, and requests it to be further advanced; calls for further support to other existing initiatives in this regard;

Or. es

Amendment 110
Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with possibilities of temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights defenders; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency, and ***requests*** it to be further advanced; calls for further support to other existing initiatives in this regard;

Amendment

26. Emphasises the need to accompany these emergency visas with possibilities of temporary protection and shelter in Europe for human rights defenders; welcomes the Shelter Cities initiative promoted by the Czech Presidency, and ***calls for*** it to be further advanced ***while not, however, taking responsibility away from other cities***; calls for further support to other existing initiatives in this regard;

Amendment 111
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Further emphasises that in case of situations where life or physical and mental health of a human rights defender might be at risk, Member States and EU delegations should support and develop also other protection tools and urgent response mechanisms; ***considers that this should be done in close cooperation with local human rights defenders and civil society;***

Amendment

27. Further emphasises that in case of situations where life or physical and mental health of a human rights defender might be at risk, Member States and EU delegations should support and develop also other protection tools and urgent response mechanisms;

Amendment 112
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Welcomes current cooperation between the existing protection mechanisms at European and international level, which could be further strengthened through systematic exchange of information and strategy, so as to ensure a better complementarity between all of them in terms of both sharing information for emergency cases and coordination for long-term support actions; welcomes in this respect the annual meetings organised by the Council of Europe as well as the initiative taken by the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, a joint programme of the International

Amendment

28. Welcomes current cooperation between the existing protection mechanisms at European and international level, which could be further strengthened through systematic exchange of information and strategy, so as to ensure a better complementarity between all of them in terms of both sharing information for emergency cases and coordination for long-term support actions ***such as through the use of a secure online platform accessible to all official stakeholders;*** welcomes in this respect the annual meetings organised by the Council of Europe as well as the initiative taken by the

Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), with the aim to strengthen the interaction between international and regional mechanisms and institutions for the protection of human rights defenders; invites the existing taskforces on human rights defenders in Europe, within the framework of the Council Working Party on Human Rights and the Council of Europe, the latter being an initiative of the Commissioner for Human Rights, to explore ways to work closer together;

Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, a joint programme of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), with the aim to strengthen the interaction between international and regional mechanisms and institutions for the protection of human rights defenders; invites the existing taskforces on human rights defenders in Europe, within the framework of the Council Working Party on Human Rights and the Council of Europe, the latter being an initiative of the **Council of Europe's** Commissioner for Human Rights, to explore ways to work closer together;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Welcomes current cooperation between the existing protection mechanisms at European and international level, which could be further strengthened through systematic exchange of information and strategy, so as to ensure a better complementarity between all of them in terms of both sharing information for emergency cases and coordination for long-term support actions; welcomes in this respect the annual meetings organised by the Council of Europe as well as the **initiative taken** by the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, a joint programme of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the World Organisation Against Torture

Amendment

28. Welcomes current cooperation between the existing protection mechanisms at European and international level, which could be further strengthened through systematic exchange of information and strategy, so as to ensure a better complementarity between all of them in terms of both sharing information for emergency cases and coordination for long-term support actions; welcomes in this respect the annual meetings organised by the Council of Europe as well as the **"inter-mechanisms" annual meetings organised** by the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, a joint programme of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and

(OMCT), *and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)*, with the aim to strengthen the interaction between international and regional mechanisms and institutions for the protection of human rights defenders; invites the existing taskforces on human rights defenders in Europe, within the framework of the Council Working Party on Human Rights and the Council of Europe, the latter being an initiative of the Commissioner for Human Rights, to explore ways to work closer together;

the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), with the aim to strengthen the interaction between international and regional mechanisms and institutions for the protection of human rights defenders; invites the existing taskforces on human rights defenders in Europe, within the framework of the Council Working Party on Human Rights and the Council of Europe, the latter being an initiative of the Commissioner for Human Rights, to explore ways to work closer together;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. ***Considers that*** in the context of the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon, EU institutions ***should make special efforts*** to establish an inter-institutional cooperation mechanism on human rights defenders; understands that the creation of such a mechanism could be eased by the setting up of focal points for human rights defenders in all the EU institutions and organs;

Amendment

29. ***Calls***, in the context of the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon, ***for the*** EU institutions to establish an inter-institutional cooperation mechanism on human rights defenders; understands that the creation of such a mechanism could be eased by the setting up of focal points for human rights defenders in all the EU institutions and organs, ***with such focal points working in close cooperation with those responsible for human rights and democracy in EU missions and delegations***;

Or. fr

Amendment 115
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Believes that information sharing **would also be facilitated by the creation of specific data bases, or "log books"**, in order to **keep track of** activities undertaken, especially in regard to individuals;

Amendment

31. Believes that information sharing **between the various human rights actors around the world should be improved** in order to **better understand the activities and actions** undertaken, especially in regard to individuals;

Or. fr

Amendment 116
Heidi Hautala

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Believes that information sharing would also be facilitated by the creation of specific data bases, or "log books", in order to keep track of activities undertaken, especially in regard to individuals;

Amendment

31. Believes that information sharing would also be facilitated by the creation of specific data bases, or "log books", in order to keep track of activities undertaken, especially in regard to individuals, **while guaranteeing full respect for confidentiality**;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Calls the European Commission to follow and monitor regularly the short-

***and long term implementation of the EU
Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders
and report back to the Human Rights
Subcommittee of the European
Parliament.***

Or. en