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Draft motion for a resolution
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on the European Integration process of Albania

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Amendment 1
Adrian Severin, Victor Boştinaru

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the first meeting of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, which took place on 3-4 May 2010,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Adrian Severin, Victor Boştinaru

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Resolution 1709(2010) of the Council of Europe on the "Functioning of Democratic Institutions in Albania",

Or. en

Amendment 3
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the renewed consensus on enlargement, as expressed in the conclusions of the European Council of 14/15 December 2006, reaffirms that the future of the Western Balkans lies in the

A. whereas ***the EU has repeatedly reaffirmed*** that the future of the Western Balkans lies in the European Union,

European Union,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Barry Madlener

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas the prospect of EU integration is an impetus to several reforms in the Western Balkans region and should play a constructive role towards increasing the region's peace and stability,

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 5
Helmut Scholz

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Recital B

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Amendment

B. whereas the prospect of EU integration is an impetus to several reforms in the Western Balkans region and should play a constructive role towards increasing the region's peace ***and*** stability,

B. whereas the prospect of EU integration is an impetus to several reforms in the Western Balkans region and should play a constructive role towards increasing the region's peace, stability ***and conflict prevention capacity; whereas any realistic prospect of membership involves more than completion of an administrative/technical procedure and requires also genuine political commitment by the relevant decision-makers in the Member States,***

Or. de

Amendment 6
Maria Eleni Koppa

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Recital B

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B. whereas the prospect of EU integration is an impetus to several reforms in the Western Balkans region and should play a constructive role towards increasing the region's peace and stability,

Amendment

B. whereas the prospect of EU integration is an impetus to several reforms in the Western Balkans region and should play a constructive role towards increasing the region's peace and stability, ***enhancing good neighbourly relations, and addressing economic and social needs through sustainable development,***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Nikolaos Chountis

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Recital C

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C. whereas the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Albania entered into force on 1 April 2009; whereas the country applied for membership of the European Union on 28 April 2009 and the Commission is preparing its opinion in merit,

Amendment

C. whereas the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Albania entered into force on 1 April 2009; whereas the country applied for membership of the European Union on 28 April 2009 and ***handed the answers to the Commission's pre-accession questionnaire on 14 April;*** ***whereas*** the Commission is preparing its opinion in merit,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. Confirms, in line with the conclusions of the Thessaloniki European Council of 19-20 June 2003, its full support for Albania's European perspective and future in the EU;

Amendment

1. Confirms, in line with the conclusions of the Thessaloniki European Council of 19-20 June 2003, ***the Salzburg Declaration of 11 March 2006 and the subsequent relevant Council Conclusions***, its full support for Albania's European perspective and ***the future of all other Western Balkan countries*** in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Adrian Severin, Victor Boştinaru

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Paragraph 1**

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Confirms, in line with the conclusions of the Thessaloniki European Council of 19-20 June 2003, its full support for Albania's European perspective and future in the EU, ***once the country will reach a level of political stability and reliability, and the Copenhagen criteria will be fully met;***

Or. en

Amendment 10

Fiorello Provera, Nikolaos Salavrakos

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Paragraph 2**

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2. Acknowledges progress in the reform process achieved by Albania but underlines the need for further substantial efforts, necessary both for consolidating democracy and the rule of law and for the

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2. Acknowledges progress in the reform process achieved by Albania but underlines the need for further substantial efforts, necessary both for consolidating democracy and the rule of law and for the

sustainable development of the country;

sustainable development of the country,
*which lies also on the ability to attract
foreign investment, a sector where
negative experience with rule of law has
been reported;*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

*2a. Notes with satisfaction that the
country replied on 14 April 2010 to the
Commission's questionnaire on the
preparation of the opinion on Albania's
application for EU membership and at the
same time stress that a candidate country
's progress towards the European Union
depends on its ability to comply with the
Copenhagen criteria, including stability of
institutions guaranteeing democracy;*

Or. en

Amendment 12

Nikolaos Chountis

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Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Deplores the political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; *welcomes therefore* the fact that

3. Deplores the political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; *expresses its deep concern about*

all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office ***and calls on all political parties to be engaged in*** full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

the continues political stalemate of the Parliament despite the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office; ***underlines that fully functioning representative institutions, and specially the Parliament, is of most importance for the political criteria towards EU integration; therefore, calls on all political actors to assume their responsibilities and to engage into a constructive political dialogue in order to achieve*** full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Zoran Thaler

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3. ***Deplores the*** political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; ***welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office and*** calls on all political parties to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Amendment

3. ***Is seriously concerned about*** political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and ***is still lasting;*** considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; calls on all political parties to ***resolve political and institutional crises and to*** be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Cristian Dan Preda

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3. Deplores the political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is **necessary** for the democratic functioning of state institutions, **as well as** to advance key reforms; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office and calls on all political parties to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Amendment

3. Deplores the political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is **both indispensable** for the democratic functioning of state institutions, **and necessary** to advance key reforms **needed to keep Albania on track for joining the EU**; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office and calls on all political parties to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Andrew Duff

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Deplores the political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; **emphasizes that a solution to this crisis can only be found by fully respecting the constitution and principles of transparency**; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office and calls on all political parties to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Adrian Severin, Victor Boştinaru

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Paragraph 3

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3. Deplores the political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office and calls on ***all political parties to be engaged in*** full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Amendment

3. Deplores the political and institutional crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office and calls on ***the Government and opposition to find a stable compromise in order to guarantee the full respect, in all future elections, of the democratic will of the Albanian citizens, while ensuring a*** full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Eduard Kukan

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Paragraph 3

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3. Deplores the political ***and institutional*** crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office and calls on ***all political parties*** to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Amendment

3. Deplores the political crisis which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of Parliament took the oath of office, ***however express its concern about continuous lack of full participation of political opposition in the work of the Parliament*** and calls on ***the opposition*** to

be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

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3. Deplores the political ***and institutional crisis*** which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of ***Parliament*** took the oath of office and calls on ***all political parties*** to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Amendment

3. Deplores the political ***stalemate*** which followed the parliamentary elections of June 2009 in Albania and considers that parliamentary dialogue is necessary for the democratic functioning of state institutions, as well as to advance key reforms; welcomes therefore the fact that all the Members of the ***opposition finally*** took the oath of office and calls on ***them*** to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Libor Rouček

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parties to be engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

engaged in full and uninterrupted parliamentary activity;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Hannes Swoboda

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Asks both sides to find a solution to the conflict concerning the election procedures, with respective compromise proposals from all parties; if a solution cannot be found without help from the outside, calls on government and opposition to agree on a mediation e.g. by jointly inviting members from the Council of Europe and/or the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Considers that the recurrent absence of the opposition in the parliament since the elections is delaying the approval of the laws that need 3/5 of the votes; reminds that the biggest part of the penal legislation needs a similar majority of votes like the awaited law for the administrative courts; therefore asks the opposition to reflect deeply their political actions;

Amendment 22
Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

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4. Welcomes improvements made in the legal and administrative framework of the election process and notes that, according to the OSCE/ODIHR assessment, the parliamentary elections of June 2009 met most international standards; draws attention, *however, to a number of identified shortcomings, in particular concerning the transparency of the process, pressure and intimidation of voters, voter registration and monitoring of vote counting, issues which still need to be addressed, and calls on all political parties to pursue a constructive political dialogue with a view to eliminating these problems, in favour of political plurality, ahead of future elections, including the local elections of 2011; moreover, underlines the urgent need for swift and effective prosecution of the perpetrators of irregularities;*

Amendment

4. Welcomes improvements made in the legal and administrative framework of the election process and notes that, according to the OSCE/ODIHR assessment, the parliamentary elections of June 2009 met most international standards; draws attention *to the full implementation of the recommendations expressed in the Final Report of 2009 parliamentary elections of OSCE/ODIHR and calls on both sides, majority and opposition in the Albanian parliament to begin immediately the work for their full implementation;*

Amendment 23
Eduard Kukan

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4. Welcomes improvements made in the legal and administrative framework of the election process and notes that, according

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to the OSCE/ODIHR assessment, the parliamentary elections of June 2009 met most international standards ***but did not fully realize Albania's potential to adhere the highest standards for democratic elections;*** ***calls on the authorities to address indentified all shortcomings*** and calls on all political parties to pursue a constructive political dialogue ***on the ground of democratic institutions*** with a view to eliminating these problems ahead of future elections, including the local elections of 2011; moreover, underlines the urgent need for swift and effective prosecution of the perpetrators of irregularities;

Or. en

Amendment 24 **Maria Eleni Koppa**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Welcomes improvements made in the legal and administrative framework of the election process and notes that, according to the OSCE/ODIHR assessment, the parliamentary elections of June 2009 met most international standards; draws attention, ***however,*** to a number of identified shortcomings, in particular concerning the transparency of the process, pressure and intimidation of voters, voter registration and monitoring of vote counting, issues which still need to be addressed, and calls on all political parties to pursue a constructive political dialogue with a view to eliminating these problems, ***in favour of political plurality,*** ahead of future elections, including the local

Amendment

4. Welcomes improvements made in the legal and administrative framework of the election process and notes ***the overall positive assessment of the Venice Commission in its Joint Opinion on the Electoral code of the Republic of Albania;*** ***notes, furthermore,*** that, according to the OSCE/ODIHR assessment, the parliamentary elections of June 2009 met most international standards, ***but failed the aim of enhancing confidence in the electoral process;*** draws attention to a number of identified shortcomings, in particular concerning the transparency of the process, pressure and intimidation of voters, voter registration and monitoring of vote counting, issues which still need to be

elections of 2011; moreover, underlines the urgent need for swift and effective prosecution of the perpetrators of irregularities;

addressed, and calls on all political parties to pursue a constructive political dialogue with a view to eliminating these problems, in favour of political plurality, ahead of future elections, including the local elections of 2011; moreover, underlines the urgent need for swift and effective prosecution of the perpetrators of irregularities;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Considers the functional democratic institutions a backbone of the consolidated democratic system; calls on all political actors to engage in political dialogue on the ground of these institutions and respect their decisions;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Libor Rouček

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Regrets that in the meetings of the Parliamentary Law Committee ahead of the 18 March plenary session of the Albanian Parliament, majority and opposition did not find agreement on the proposals concerning the inquiry committee into the 2009 elections; reiterates that a solution to the current

stalemate needs to take into account the fundamental democratic principles of transparency and dialogue; urges both the majority and the opposition to make every effort to adopt a constructive approach;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Barry Madlener

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Underlines the urgent need for the establishment of a cross-party consensus on economic, political and social reforms in order to improve the well-being of Albanian citizens and to allow the country to progress on its way to European Union membership;

Amendment

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 28
Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

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Paragraph 5

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5. Underlines the urgent need for the establishment of a cross-party consensus on economic, political and social reforms in order to improve the well-being of Albanian citizens and to allow the country to progress on its way to European Union membership;

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parties, which is a key priority of the European Partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Barry Madlener

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the significant progress made in the preparations for visa liberalisation, and expects the Commission to present the new proposal as soon as possible and at the latest in May; recalls the joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council in which the two institutions committed themselves to examining this proposal as a matter of urgency;

Amendment

6. Notes that Albania is not yet ready for visa liberalisation;

Or. nl

Amendment 30
Ernst Strasser

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the significant progress made in the preparations for visa liberalisation, and expects the Commission to present the new proposal *as soon as possible and at the latest in May*; recalls the joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council in which the two institutions committed themselves to examining this proposal as a matter of urgency;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the significant progress made in the preparations for visa liberalisation, and expects the Commission to present the new proposal *once the benchmarks, as defined in the relevant roadmaps, are met*; recalls the joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council in which the two institutions committed themselves to examining this proposal as a matter of urgency;

Amendment 31
Adrian Severin, Victor Boştinaru

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the significant progress made in the preparations for visa liberalisation, and expects the Commission to present the new proposal as soon as possible and at the latest in May; recalls the joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council in which the two institutions committed themselves to examining this proposal as a matter of urgency;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the significant progress made in the preparations for visa liberalisation, and expects the Commission to present the new proposal as soon as possible and at the latest in May; recalls the joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council in which the two institutions committed themselves to examining this proposal as a matter of urgency; ***underlines, however, that the worsening of the political crisis in Albania, and the attitude of the political blocks at the first meeting of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, which resulted in the failure to adopt a joint declaration, can undermine the visa liberalisation process; urges therefore the two political sides to negotiate in view of a positive and stable outcome of the crisis, underlining that if a compromise is not found, the European Commission should put on hold the entire process;***

Amendment 32
Fiorello Provera, Nikolaos Salavrakos

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Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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and expects the Commission to present the new proposal as soon as possible and at the latest in May;

and expects the Commission to present the new proposal as soon as possible and at the latest in May, ***but conditional on progresses on rule of law and level playing field for EU investors on which the Commission will report specifically;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the decision of the Republic of Albania to abolish its visa regime towards Serbian citizens, as a positive step that facilitates people-to-people contacts and enhances regional reconciliation;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the initiatives to provide Albanian students with study opportunities in the EU countries; calls on EU Member States to seek for new ways of interaction with Albanian people;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Hannes Swoboda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that the protection of human rights and personal data should always be respected and not be "put aside" arbitrarily and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that rule;

Amendment

7. Underlines the importance of the respect for human and minority rights and their protection as a number one priority;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Fiorello Provera, Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that the protection of human rights and personal data should always be respected **and not be "put aside" arbitrarily** and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that rule;

Amendment

7. Recalls that the protection of human **and minority** rights **as well as** personal data should always be respected and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that rule;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Libor Rouček

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that the protection of human rights and personal data should **always be respected** and not be "put aside" arbitrarily and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that rule;

Amendment

7. Recalls that the protection of human rights and personal data should **continue to be rapidly implemented** and not be "put aside" arbitrarily and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that

rule;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that the protection of human rights and personal data should always be respected and not be "put aside" arbitrarily and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that rule;

Amendment

7. Recalls that the protection of human ***and minority*** rights and personal data should always be respected and not be "put aside" arbitrarily and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that rule;

Or. el

Amendment 39

Hannes Swoboda

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Recalls that the protection of personal data should always be respected and not be "put aside" arbitrarily and calls on all the authorities to legislate and act under that rule;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Andrew Duff

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. Deplores the fact that modifications of the constitution concerning the procedures of the presidential election has served to undermine the constitutional architecture with respect to the powers of the president to appoint members of various state institutions and agencies, including the judiciary;

Or. en

**Amendment 41
Nikolaos Chountis**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8**

8. **Considers that reform** of the judicial system is a major prerequisite for Albania's EU integration process; underlines **the overwhelming importance** of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of government control and other pressures, **for** the rule of law; **notes progress made in the field, but** underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

8. **Welcomes the progress made in the field** of the judicial system **and considers that judicial reform** is a major prerequisite for Albania's EU integration process; underlines **the importance of the separation of powers in a democratic society and that** a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of government control and other pressures, **is fundamental to** the rule of law; underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

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8. Considers that reform of the judicial system is a major *prerequisite* for *Albania's* EU integration process; underlines the overwhelming importance of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of government control and other pressures, for the rule of law; notes progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

Amendment

8. Considers that reform of the judicial system is a major *challenge* for *Albania in the framework of the* EU integration process; underlines the overwhelming importance of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of government control and other pressures, for the rule of law; notes progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country; *looks forwards for new assistance initiatives by the European Commission and welcomes, in this regard, the recent inauguration of a Serious Crimes Court in Tirana;*

Or. en

Amendment 43
Doris Pack

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8. Considers that reform of the judicial system is a major prerequisite for Albania's EU integration process; underlines the overwhelming importance of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of government control and

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other pressures, for the rule of law; notes progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; *moreover*, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

other pressures, for the rule of law; notes progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; ***calls on the opposition to be part of its elaboration and to give full support to the judiciary reform***; stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Adrian Severin, Victor Boştinaru

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8. Considers that reform of the judicial system ***is a major prerequisite*** for Albania's EU integration process; underlines the overwhelming importance of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of government control and other pressures, for the rule of law; notes progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

Amendment

8. Considers that reform of the judicial system, ***and the guarantee of the sentence, are major prerequisites*** for Albania's EU integration process; underlines the overwhelming importance of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of government control and other pressures, for the rule of law; notes progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Eduard Kukan

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Paragraph 8

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8. Considers that reform of the judicial system is a major prerequisite for Albania's EU integration process; underlines the overwhelming importance of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of **government control and other pressures**, for the rule of law; notes progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

Amendment

8. Considers that reform of the judicial system is a major prerequisite for Albania's EU integration process; underlines the overwhelming importance of a transparent, impartial and efficient judiciary, independent of **any political pressure or control**, for the rule of law; notes **the limited** progress made in the field, but underlines that reforms are still at an early stage of implementation; calls for the urgent adoption of a comprehensive long-term strategy in this field, including a roadmap for the adoption of the necessary legislation and measures for its implementation; moreover, stresses that sufficient funding needs to be provided to the judiciary so that it can work effectively throughout the country;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes the fact that the implementation of the lustration law was suspended by the Constitutional Court **and that the law is currently under review**; asks for wider consultation and consensus, especially with the Venice Commission, should a new draft law be prepared, and

Amendment

9. Welcomes the fact that the implementation of the lustration law was suspended by the Constitutional Court; asks for wider consultation and consensus, especially with the Venice Commission, should a new draft law be prepared, and stresses the importance of safeguarding the

stresses the importance of safeguarding the independence of constitutional institutions;

independence of constitutional institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the measures undertaken to fight corruption, ***both in the legal framework and in its implementation***; notes however that corruption is still a prevailing problem in the country and that further vigorous steps need to be taken to reverse the situation of impunity; underlines the need to pursue the implementation of the latest GRECO recommendations ***as well as the need for effective law enforcement bodies and prosecution to this end***; ***is of the opinion that*** strategic documents ***should be*** made public to allow ***for*** monitoring of the progress ***achieved*** in their implementation; furthermore, calls for full transparency of political party financing;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the measures undertaken to fight corruption, ***and in particular the adoption of the integrated Anti-Corruption Action Plan for 2010***; notes however that corruption is still a prevailing problem in the country, ***that the law enforcement and the prosecution remain weak*** and that further vigorous steps need to be taken to reverse the situation of impunity; underlines the need to ***establish a track record of investigations and convictions, even in cases of high level corruption***; ***and the need to*** pursue the implementation of the latest GRECO recommendations; ***welcomes*** strategic documents ***were*** made public ***in order*** to allow ***the*** monitoring of the progress in their implementation; furthermore, calls for full transparency of political party financing;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

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fight corruption, both in the legal framework and in its implementation; notes that **the fight against** corruption **remain** still **a major political challenge** and that further vigorous steps need to be taken to reverse the situation of impunity; underlines the need to pursue the implementation of the latest GRECO recommendations **especially recommendation on the reduction of the list of officials covered by immunity**, as well as the need for effective law enforcement bodies and prosecution to this end; is of the opinion that strategic documents should be made public to allow for monitoring of the progress achieved in their implementation; furthermore, calls for **adopting a legislative framework on** full transparency of political party financing;

Or. en

Amendment 49 **Andrew Duff**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 10**

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the measures undertaken to fight corruption, both in the legal framework and in its implementation; notes however that corruption is still a prevailing problem in the country and that further vigorous steps need to be taken to reverse the situation of impunity; underlines the need to pursue the implementation of the latest GRECO recommendations as well as the need for effective law enforcement bodies and prosecution to this end; is of the opinion that strategic documents should be made public to allow for monitoring of the progress achieved in their implementation; furthermore, calls for full transparency of political party financing;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the measures undertaken to fight **petty** corruption, both in the legal framework and in its implementation; notes however that **Albania is still in this respect the worst performer in the region, moreover that especially high-level** corruption is still a prevailing problem in the country and that further vigorous steps need to be taken to reverse the situation of impunity; underlines the need to pursue the implementation of the latest GRECO recommendations as well as the need for effective law enforcement bodies and prosecution to this end; is of the opinion that strategic documents should be made public to allow for monitoring of the

progress achieved in their implementation;
furthermore, calls for full transparency of
political party financing;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Calls for further steps to implement the strategy for public administration reform and to ensure full enforcement of the civil service law, including an adequate human resources management system; draw attention to the risks of politicising the administration by non-transparent recruitment procedures and to the practice of hiring of temporary staff outside the scope of the law and calls on the authorities to put an end to these practices ***and put in place a system based on merit;***

Amendment

11. ***Welcomes plans for establishment of an Institute on Public Administration and*** calls for further steps to implement the strategy for public administration reform and to ensure full enforcement of the civil service law, including an adequate human resources management system ***in order to create depoliticised and merit based civil service;*** draw attention to the risks of politicising the administration by non-transparent recruitment procedures and to the practice of hiring of temporary staff outside the scope of the law and calls on the authorities to put an end to these practices;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Andrew Duff

Draft motion for a resolution

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11. Calls for further steps to implement the strategy for public administration reform and to ensure full enforcement of the civil service law, including an adequate human resources management system; draw

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attention to the risks of politicising the administration by non-transparent recruitment procedures and to the practice of hiring of temporary staff outside the scope of the law and calls on the authorities to put an end to these practices and put in place a system based on merit, ***which would also contribute to enhancing citizens' trust in the public administration; suggests that a specific statute for higher-level officials would shield the administration against corruption and help to combat the disruptive spoils system;***

Or. en

Amendment 52

Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Underlines the crucial importance of professional, independent and diverse media as a cornerstone of democracy; urges the authorities to make every effort to adopt and implement the legal framework in line with European standards and to ensure their freedom from political - including that of the executive - and any other interference; calls for steps to be taken to ensure the transparency of media ownership and funding; deplores the absence of established working rights for journalists, a fact that undermines the ability to work objectively and independently, and calls on the authorities to take adequate steps to overcome this situation;

Amendment

12. Underlines the crucial importance of professional, independent and diverse media, ***both public and private***, as a cornerstone of democracy; ***is concerned about little progress on completing the legal framework on the media***, urges the authorities to make every effort to adopt and implement the legal framework in line with European standards and to ensure their freedom from political - including that of the executive - and any other interference; ***is concerned about political pressure on the National Council for Radio and Television (NCRT) and calls on relevant authorities to secure its independence***; calls for steps to be taken to ensure the transparency of media ownership and funding; deplores the absence of established working rights for journalists, a fact that undermines the ability to work objectively and

independently, and calls on the authorities to take adequate steps to overcome this situation;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Marietje Schaake

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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Or. en

Amendment 54
Andrew Duff

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

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Or. en

Amendment 55

Zoran Thaler

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

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journalists, a fact that undermines the ability to work objectively and independently, and ***calls on*** the authorities to take adequate steps to overcome this situation;

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Or. en

Amendment 56
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. ***Calls for active efforts to fight organised crime, including money laundering, trafficking in drugs and human beings; calls for*** the establishment of a legal framework to address and prevent aspects of organised crime, ***and*** underlines the importance of effective investigation, prosecution and punishment of offenders; welcomes the decision to establish an inter-institutional committee for measures against organised crime and trafficking, chaired by the Prime Minister;

Amendment

13. ***Welcomes*** the establishment of a legal framework to address and prevent aspects of organised crime, ***including money laundering, trafficking in drugs and human beings; takes notice of the efforts to fight organised crime, but notes that further action for implementation is necessary and all adequate human and financial resources must be accorded in order to achieve concrete results;*** underlines the importance of effective investigation, prosecution and punishment of offenders; welcomes the decision to establish an inter-institutional committee for measures against organised crime and trafficking, chaired by the Prime Minister;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Judith Sargentini, Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

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laundering, trafficking in drugs and human beings; calls for the establishment of a legal framework to address and prevent aspects of organised crime, and underlines the importance of effective investigation, prosecution and punishment of offenders; welcomes the decision to establish an inter-institutional committee for measures against organised crime and trafficking, chaired by the Prime Minister; ***stresses that due to the regional ramification of organised crime stronger efforts are needed to step up police and judicial cooperation with the bordering countries including joint patrolling of the borders;***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Calls for active efforts to fight organised crime, including money laundering, trafficking in drugs and human beings; calls for the establishment of a legal framework to address and prevent aspects of organised crime, and underlines the importance of effective investigation, prosecution and punishment of offenders; welcomes the decision to establish an inter-institutional committee for measures against organised crime and trafficking, chaired by the Prime Minister;

Amendment

13. Calls for ***continuous and*** active efforts to fight organised crime, including money laundering, trafficking in drugs and human beings; calls for the establishment of a legal framework to address and prevent aspects of organised crime, and underlines the importance of effective investigation, prosecution and punishment of offenders; welcomes the decision to establish an inter-institutional committee for measures against organised crime and trafficking, chaired by the Prime Minister;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Zoran Thaler

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the importance it attaches to civil society organisations and recognises the government's *efforts* to consult them on draft laws and reforms undertaken; calls for further steps to formalise and increase participation of civil society in the formulation of policy and in the monitoring of its implementation and effectiveness at all levels;

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance it attaches to civil society organisations and recognises the government's *small steps forward* to consult them on draft laws and reforms undertaken; calls for further steps to formalise and increase participation of civil society in the formulation of policy and in the monitoring of its implementation and effectiveness at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Fiorello Provera, Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Underlines the importance it attaches to civil society organisations and recognises the government's efforts to consult them on draft laws and reforms undertaken; calls for further steps to formalise and increase participation of civil society in the formulation of policy and in the monitoring of its implementation and effectiveness at all levels;

Amendment

14. Underlines the importance it attaches to civil society organisations and recognises the government's efforts to consult them on draft laws and reforms undertaken; calls for further steps to formalise and increase participation of civil society in the formulation of policy and in the monitoring of its implementation and effectiveness at all levels, *including the transparency of civil society organizations and financing thereof*;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Elena Băsescu

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Underlines the importance of mobility programmes, especially of those aimed at youth; considers that there is a need for an increase in the numbers of students, teachers and researchers participating in EU mobility programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Acknowledges that although basic trade union rights are recognised in the Constitution, union activities are frequently blocked, and restrictions on striking in the civil service and public utilities are too broad by international standards; deplores the recent acquisition by the Government of the trade unions' assets ***and expresses its concern about the absence of a response from the Albanian authorities to the ILO Committee on this issue***; asks the Albanian government to fully respect the trade unions' rights and to take all the necessary legal steps to ensure that participation in the trade unions is the right of all workers, both in the public and the private sectors;

15. Acknowledges that although basic trade union rights are recognised in the Constitution, union activities are frequently blocked, and restrictions on striking in the civil service and public utilities are too broad by international standards; deplores the recent acquisition by the Government of the trade unions' assets; ***welcomes the 22nd April decision of the Constitutional Court to rule this law as unconstitutional and calls the Government to proceed to the immediate restitution of the assets***; asks the Albanian government to fully respect the trade unions' rights and to take all the necessary legal steps to ensure that participation in the trade unions is the right of all workers, both in the public and the private sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Is seriously concerned about widespread domestic violence and trafficking in women and children for sexual exploitation and forced labour; welcomes the legal reforms of recent years on the protection of victims of domestic violence and trafficking; recognises, however, that these are not adequate and that further steps should be taken; calls for the full implementation of the existing legislation protecting women and children against all forms of violence and for the adoption and implementation of a full system for their protection and rehabilitation, including obligatory and efficient registration of all children and newborns, full provision of free legal, social and psychological aid to the victims, awareness-raising campaigns in society, adequate training of law enforcement agencies and the creation of a network of shelters (which should be of sufficient quantity and quality and capable of covering the different needs of victims of domestic violence and trafficking); calls on the Commission to reinforce its support for the Albanian authorities in this regard;

Amendment

17. Welcomes the progress in addressing domestic violence by the authorities and notes the effects of the implementation of the Domestic Violence Law of 2007; expresses concern about the fact that a significant increase in reporting of incidents in this field is not always followed by proper investigation by police or by protection orders issued by the courts; encouraged the Albanian authorities to further efforts in addressing the wide spread phenomena of domestic violence, especially against women; called on the Commission to reinforce its support for the Albanian authorities in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Notes with concern the recent anti-gay demonstrations in the country and reminds that discriminations on the basis of sexual orientation are incompatible with the European democratic principles;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

Amendment

18. Acknowledges ***the*** progress made in the protection of minorities ***and that an adequate institutional and legislative framework for the protection of minorities is mostly in place***; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; ***calls for more efforts concerning the use of minority languages, provisions for minority language education and for non-discriminatory treatment to members of all minorities***; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

Amendment 66

Judith Sargentini, Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

Amendment

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country ***with regard, in particular, to vulnerable categories and the respect for gender identity and sexual orientation***, and more efforts are needed to combat it; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law ***drafted in cooperation with civil society organizations*** and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

Amendment 67

Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

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protection of minorities; *welcomes the adoption of a complex Anti-discrimination Law as well as changes in the Criminal Code addressing racist crimes; encourages the authorities to further efforts in raising awareness of discrimination, especially on grounds of race and sexual orientation* and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for

Amendment

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; *stresses that additional efforts are necessary in order to fulfil European Partnership priorities with regard to minorities, particularly regarding the use of minority languages, education for minorities and general attitudes to members of all minorities, with particular emphasis on property and ownership rights*; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-

accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

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Or. el

Amendment 69
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

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planned for 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; to this end, commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

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Or. en

Amendment 71

Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Acknowledges progress made in the protection of minorities; ***notes, however, that discrimination continues to be a problem in the country and more efforts are needed to combat it; to this end,*** commends the recent adoption of the anti-discrimination law and calls for its swift and effective implementation; welcomes in particular the establishment of an independent commissioner for protection against discrimination, with responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the law and investigating complaints; moreover, stresses the urgent need for accurate and reliable statistical data, necessary for the effective implementation of anti-discrimination measures, and, to this end, draws attention to the importance of the national census planned for 2011;

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Or. en

Amendment 72
Libor Rouček

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

18a. Expresses concern over a recent anti-homosexual protest in the city of Lezha; Is alarmed by several NGO reports criticizing the lack of police action to prevent a protest that amounted to hate-speech and intolerance; notes that this event took place just a few days before the entry into force on 13 March 2010 of the new Law on protection from discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Calls for further efforts to improve the situation of the Roma, who continue to face difficult living conditions and to suffer discrimination in access to education, social protection, health care, employment and adequate housing; to this end, welcomes the government's Action Plan for the Decade of Roma Inclusion but notes that local authorities and communities should have a key role in the implementation of the Action Plan and that they should be provided with an adequate budget to do this; recommends that the Albanian authorities set out clearly how they plan to implement the Action Plan and that they publish regular reports on progress made;

Amendment

19. Welcomes the government's Action Plan for the Decade of Roma Inclusion but notes that local authorities and communities should have a key role in the implementation of the Action Plan and that they should be provided with an adequate budget to do this; recommends that the Albanian authorities set out clearly how they plan to implement the Action Plan and that they publish regular reports on progress made;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

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that local authorities and communities should have a key role in the implementation of the Action Plan and that they should be provided with an adequate budget to do this; *recommends that the Albanian authorities set out clearly how they plan to implement the Action Plan and that they publish regular reports on progress made;*

that local authorities and communities should have a key role in the implementation of the Action Plan and that they should be provided with an adequate budget to do this; *encourages the relevant authorities to implement the Action Plan and publish regular progress reports ;*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Helmut Scholz

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Acknowledges the significant reduction in poverty in recent years as a result of a high real GDP growth; points out, however, that despite the economic progress a considerable amount of the population still lives in poverty, and therefore continued efforts are necessary to further reduce poverty particularly in rural and mountain areas;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Welcomes progress made in the prevention of torture and ill-treatment, including in the prison system; calls for

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improvements in living conditions in prisons to bring them up to standards commensurate with human dignity;

improvements in living conditions in prisons to bring them up to standards commensurate with human dignity; ***and fight against high level of corruption in prison administration;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Marietje Schaake

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes progress made in the prevention of torture and ill-treatment, including in the prison system; calls for improvements in living conditions in prisons to bring them up to standards commensurate with human dignity;

Amendment

20. Welcomes progress made in the prevention of torture and ill-treatment, including in the prison system; calls for improvements in living conditions in prisons to bring them up to standards commensurate with human dignity; ***underlines progress needs to be made in improving the conditions of detention facilities after the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhumane and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) made such recommendations in 2008 and recalls the Ombudsman's conclusions that conditions are below national and international human rights standards for the detention of prisoners;***

Or. en

Amendment 78
Marietje Schaake

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Underlines that most courts do not carry out ex officio judicial reviews for psychiatric patients, preventing those patients in involuntary hospitalization to be seen by a judge. Recalls ECHR Dybeku vs. Albania and asks assurance that prisoners with mental illnesses are not put in the same facilities as prisoners without such conditions;

Or. en

**Amendment 79
Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Expresses concern about the unnecessary placement of children in orphanages due to poverty and about the perpetuating consequences and unequal treatment for adult orphans regarding equal access to social facilities such as housing;

Or. en

**Amendment 80
Barry Madlener**

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Notes that Albania is a member of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference;

Amendment 81
Barry Madlener

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Notes that Albania is a member of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, an organisation which restricts human rights to those contained in the Sharia and is thereby at odds with the basic principles of the EU;

Amendment 82
Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Acknowledges Albania's good relations with its neighbours as a vital contribution to regional stability and welcomes the country's active participation in regional initiatives such as the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Regional Cooperation Council, the Energy Community and the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA);

21. Acknowledges Albania's good relations with its neighbours as a vital contribution to regional stability and welcomes ***the recent positive trend of the relations between Albania and Serbia as well as*** the country's active participation in regional initiatives such as the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Regional Cooperation Council, the Energy Community and the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA);

Amendment 83
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Acknowledges Albania's good relations with its neighbours as a vital contribution to regional stability and welcomes the country's active participation in regional initiatives such as the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Regional Cooperation Council, the Energy Community **and** the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA);

Amendment

21. Acknowledges Albania's good relations with its neighbours as a vital contribution to regional stability and welcomes the country's active participation in regional initiatives such as the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Regional Cooperation Council, the Energy Community the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA), ***the South - East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) and the negotiations for the Establishment of Transport Community Treaty;***

Or. en

Amendment 84
Andrew Duff

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Acknowledges Albania's good relations with its neighbours as a vital contribution to regional stability and welcomes the country's active participation in regional initiatives such as the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Regional Cooperation Council, the Energy Community and the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA);

Amendment

21. Acknowledges Albania's good relations with its neighbours as a vital contribution to regional stability and welcomes the country's active participation in regional initiatives such as the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Regional Cooperation Council, the Energy Community and the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA); ***emphasizes that regional cross-border cooperation are essential in dealing with issues such as human trafficking;***

Or. en

Amendment 85
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Observes with satisfaction Albanian initiatives to waive visa obligations for the neighbourhood countries and is of opinion that such initiative should be exercised in parallel to the visa liberalisation process conducted between the Schengen countries and countries of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by low economic growth, huge informal economy, which leads to very low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and substantially undermines workers' rights;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 87
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. *Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by low economic growth, huge* informal economy, which leads to *very* low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and substantially undermines workers' rights;

Amendment

22. *Takes note of the economic growth that the country is having the last years; however, points out the high levels of* informal economy, which leads to low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and substantially undermines workers' rights; *also notes with concern the dependency of the Albanian economy on those of neighbouring countries' which have been seriously affected by the economic recession;*

Or. en

Amendment 88
Marietje Schaake

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by *low* economic growth, huge informal economy, *which* leads to very low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and substantially undermines workers' rights;

Amendment

22. Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by *encouraging* economic growth, *noting that a* huge informal economy leads to very low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and substantially undermines workers' rights; *notes the rise of fiscal and public debts and high unemployment rates with concern;*

Or. en

Amendment 89
Libor Rouček

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by **low** economic growth, **huge** informal economy, which leads to **very** low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and **substantially** undermines workers' rights;

Amendment

22. Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by economic growth, **but also by an** informal economy, which leads to low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and undermines workers' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Zoran Thaler

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by low economic growth, huge informal economy, which leads to very low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and substantially undermines workers' rights;

Amendment

22. Notes that the economic situation of Albania is characterized by low economic growth, **huge unemployment rate**, huge informal economy, which leads to very low tax revenues, and an unregulated labour-market, which promotes job insecurity and substantially undermines workers' rights;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Congratulates Albania to economic growth experienced even in times of global economic recession and commended the efforts made through the adoption of anti-recession measures;

however points out that due to the fact that the growth of budget revenue was decreasing the Government should pay special attention neither to cut any budget contributions nor to allow for any new spending initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Hopes that the Instrument for Preaccession Assistance (IPA) can help improve the Albanian economic situation; notes however that the IPA financing programmes have to be accompanied by an efficient system of evaluation;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Doris Pack

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 94
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 95
Libor Rouček

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania ***should choose*** the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

23. Is of the opinion that Albania ***has to continue to work on the implementation of*** the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation; ***underlines the importance of sustaining macroeconomic stability and encourages the government to reduce its public debt;***

Or. en

Amendment 96
Fiorello Provera, Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies

that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation; ***notes that unresolved property issues have undermined efforts to develop a functional land market and kept foreign investment below potential; stresses the need to consolidate property rights, complete the first registration of real estate and process restitution claims, in a fair and just manner, without discrimination with regard to people belonging to minorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 97
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation; ***notes that the standing property issues and the lack of cadastral has undermined the efforts of a proper land use and market; stresses the need to create an accurate cadastral, to consolidate property rights and process restitution and compensation claims, in a fair and just manner, without discrimination regarding the people belonging to minorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 98
Justas Vincas Paleckis

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Paragraph 23

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23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation; ***encourages Albanian authorities to improve the economic climate for foreign investment and transparency in trade relationships;***

Or. en

Amendment 99
Zoran Thaler

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose ***different and more*** appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Vytautas Landsbergis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

Amendment

23. Is of the opinion that Albania should choose the appropriate ***anti-corruption and sound*** economic policies that will ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and job creation;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Libor Rouček

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Notes that there has been little progress in consolidating property rights, which hampers the development of a functional land market and keeps foreign investment below potential; points out that the process for property registration, inventory of state land and possible compensation still lacks transparency and remains to be completed; calls for further efforts as regards first registration of real estate, property restitution, legalisation of informal construction and compensation;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Welcomes efforts of Albanian authorities to improve business climate by simplifying procedures to register businesses and to attain licences and permits, however stressed that further improvement is needed as the business climate in Albania is still considered to be one of the toughest in the Western Balkans; calls to address numerous shortcomings such as procedures for acquiring land ownership titles, enforcement of contracts, weak public administration and high levels of

corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Judith Sargentini, Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, underlines the need for continuous work on public policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture; ***underlines that particular attention should be paid to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy sources, while at the same time improving energy efficiency;***

Amendment

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, underlines the need for continuous work on public policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Libor Rouček

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, ***underlines the need for continuous*** work on public

Amendment

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, ***encourages Albania to continue*** work on public

policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture; ***underlines that particular attention should be paid*** to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy sources, while at the same time improving energy efficiency;

policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture; ***welcomes Albania's efforts*** to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy sources, while at the same time improving energy efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Marietta Giannakou, Georgios Koumoutsakos

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, underlines the need for continuous work on public policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture; underlines that particular attention should be paid to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy sources, while at the same time improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, underlines the need for continuous work on public policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture; underlines that particular attention should be paid to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy sources, while at the same time improving energy efficiency; ***notes that to date there has been no significant progress regarding nuclear safety and calls for specific measures to be taken in this direction as a matter of urgency;***

Or. el

Amendment 106
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, underlines the need for continuous work on public policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture; underlines that particular attention should be paid to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy sources, while at the same time improving energy efficiency;

Amendment

24. Bearing in mind that an important part of the country's economy is based on remittances from emigrants living in neighbouring countries, underlines the need for continuous work on public policies and investments to upgrade the infrastructure in fields crucial to sustainable economic development and social cohesion, inter alia in education, health, justice, transport and agriculture; underlines that particular attention should be paid to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources, including renewable energy sources, while at the same time improving energy efficiency; ***notes that there has been little progress in the field of nuclear safety and radiation protection;***

Or. en

Amendment 107
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Acknowledges the relative progress in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energy; reminds that investment in energy from renewable sources creates opportunities for growth and employment at local and regional level; reiterates the need for further

*progress on the implementation of the
2005 Energy Efficiency law;*

Or. en

Amendment 108

Judith Sargentini, Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Underlines that particular attention should be paid to ensuring the security of energy supply and diversification of energy sources while at the same time improving energy efficiency; draws, in particular, the attention to the high potential of Albania as regards renewable energy sources; welcomes, in this regard, the new projects in the hydro-power sector and calls for more efforts as regards the development of solar and wind energy projects;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Underlines, in relation to the since 2007 announced project for the construction of a nuclear power plant in Albania, the paramount importance of nuclear safety and radiation protection; notes, in this regard, that Albania has not yet signed the Convention on Nuclear Safety and the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on

the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management; reiterates its preference for less dangerous and environmental friendly energy sources;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Urges the Albanian government to develop renewable energy sources, improve waste management policy implementation, further build up environmentally sustainable tourism in order to preserve the beautiful natural and architectural heritage;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Judith Sargentini, Marije Cornelissen on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Regrets the poor conditions of public transport with regard, in particular, to railways; calls on the Albanian government to make full use of the IPA funds in order to develop, upgrade and modernise the railways network and improve the interconnections with the bordering countries for both people and freights;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Maria Eleni Koppa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. Calls for further progress in environmental protection, both in the urban areas and the countryside, and for the strengthening of regional cooperation in **this field**; to this end, welcomes the agreement on the protection and sustainable development of Prespa Park signed by Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Greece as well as the **European** Commission;

Amendment

25. Calls for further progress in environmental protection, both in the urban areas and the countryside, **for fully implementation of environmental legislation** and for the strengthening of regional cooperation **with the aim of promoting environmental sustainability**; to this end, welcomes the agreement on the protection and sustainable development of Prespa Park signed by Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Greece as well as the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Nikolaos Chountis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

25a. Takes note of the efforts to ensure security of energy supply in the Country and underlines the necessity of aiming to the use and development of environmentally friendly, sustainable and renewable energy, having in mind that most of the energy supply framework of the country is being developed now; deplores the fact that Albania has not signed the Convention on Nuclear Energy and the Joint Convention on the safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste

Amendment

Management;

Or. en

Amendment 114

Barry Madlener

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

***26a. Urges the Commission and Council
not to commence accession negotiations
with Albania;***

Or. nl