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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 203**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Richard Howitt**

(PE502.067v01-00)

on the 2012 Progress Report on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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**Amendment 1**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Elisabeth Jeggle, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***– having regard to the statement of the Prime Minister of the country of 15 June 2012, notably that peace on the Balkans is conditional upon the acceptance of its language and nation,***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**

**Maria Eleni Koppa**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***– having regard to its previous resolutions,***

***– having regard to its previous resolutions including its resolution of 22 November 2012 on Enlargement: policies, criteria and the EU's strategic interests,***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**

**Cristian Dan Preda, Eduard Kukan, Monica Luisa Macovei**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***– having regard to the Joint Statement by the Heads of Mission of the EU and the U.S. of 11 January 2013,***

**Amendment 4**  
**Eduard Kukan**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***A. whereas all candidate and potential candidate countries should be treated in the integration process according to their own merits;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***B. whereas the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) has brought new dynamism to reform processes in the country;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***C. whereas EU accession is fundamental to long-term stability of the country and***

*good inter-ethnic relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital D (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*D. whereas the European Council decided for the fourth consecutive year not to open the accession negotiations with Macedonia in spite of the positive recommendation of the Commission in this respect; whereas this further postponement is adding to the growing frustration of the Macedonian public opinion about the stalemate of the EU integration process and risks to exacerbate domestic problems and internal tension; whereas bilateral issues should not represent an obstacle to the official opening of accession negotiations although they should be solved before the end of the accession process;*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*E. whereas the country is prepared to launch accession negotiations with the EU;*

**Amendment 9**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital F (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*F. whereas freedom of expression is one of the essential foundations of our democratic societies, recognised in the EU treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; whereas press and media freedom is a central element of the Copenhagen political criteria for accession;*

**Amendment 10**

**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital G (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*whereas the situation with regard to media freedom remains unsatisfactory;*

**Amendment 11**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital H (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***H. whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations remain essential parts of the enlargement process;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12  
Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution  
Recital I**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***I. whereas bilateral issues should be addressed in a constructive spirit taking into account overall EU interests and values;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13  
Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***whereas people who openly claim Bulgarian identity continue to experience intolerance and persecution;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 14  
Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*whereas there was an outbreak of violence in parliament at the end of December 2012, during which opposition MPs were beaten and forcibly removed from the chamber;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 15**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*whereas the opposition Social Democratic Party of Macedonia also engages in behaviour that falls short of European standards of tolerance, a notable example being when Social Democrat municipal councillors in Skopje shouted ‘Dirty Bulgarians’ at fellow council members in connection with the renaming of streets;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 16**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*whereas there has still been no satisfactory resolution of the case of Spaska Mitrova, who claims Bulgarian identity and has been treated by the*



*Macedonian authorities with wilful bias to the advantage of her ex-husband of Serbian origin; whereas such treatment runs counter to the declared policy of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of the primacy of the law without regard to claimed identity or ethnic origin; whereas Spaska Mitrova has, in effect, been deprived of the right to the protection of the law in dealings with state bodies and before the courts, because no lawyer is prepared to represent her, for fear of repression;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 17**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*whereas the Macedonian Constitutional Court continues to refuse to allow the Radko association to be registered as a political party, despite a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights; whereas, in so doing, it is wilfully barring citizens who claim Bulgarian identity from participation in the political life of the country; whereas it is thus denying only people who claim Bulgarian identity the possibility of having their own political party;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 18**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***whereas, in early 2013, police repression began to be directed against individuals working as intermediaries between the Bulgarian authorities and citizens wishing to apply for Bulgarian citizenship, and whereas the aim of this repression is to make people fearful of openly claiming their Bulgarian identity;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 19**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***whereas displays of hatred continue in the form of the defilement of Bulgarian cultural monuments, particularly the repeated defacing of the plaque in memory of Mara Buneva; whereas the issue of the ongoing desecration of Bulgarian war graves remains unresolved;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 20**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***whereas the Bulgarian Ambassador in Skopje has been the victim of hate-driven physical aggression;***

**Amendment 21**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations without further delay;**

**deleted**

**Amendment 22**

**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations without further delay;**

**1. Considers that, viewed in terms of the political criteria for accession to the European Union, the situation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is deteriorating;**

**Amendment 23**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations**

**1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations**

*without further delay;*

*upon real progress on key areas as drafted in the European Council's conclusions and more specifically the statements on the Enlargement and the Stabilisation and Association Process;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 24**

**Stanimir Ilchev, Andrey Kovatchev**

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

##### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations *without further delay;*

##### *Amendment*

1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations *subject to a sufficient progress on the conditionality, set in the December 2012 Council conclusions on the Enlargement and the Stabilisation and Association Process;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 25**

**Marietta Giannakou**

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

##### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations *without further delay;*

##### *Amendment*

1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations *in due course;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 26**

**Monica Luisa Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock, Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations without further delay;

*Amendment*

1. ***Regrets that, for the fourth consecutive year, the Council decided not to follow the recommendation of the Commission during its last meeting on 11 December 2012 and did not open yet the accession negotiations with Macedonia;*** reiterates its call on the Council to set a date for the start of accession negotiations without further delay;

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; ***encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to 'good neighbourly relations' based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;***

*Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares;

**Amendment 28**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; *encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship*; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome

**Amendment 29**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward;

congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives **and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares**; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and **calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship**; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and **emphasises the need of a proper commitment to "good neighbourly relations" especially based on friendship and a mutual respect of neighbouring countries' history and culture**; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. en

### **Amendment 30** **Evgeni Kirilov**

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

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions ***unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission*** represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges ***which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje*** and calls on ***all sides*** to demonstrate a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and ***friendship***; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

##### *Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing ***bilateral*** diplomatic exchanges ***with the country's neighbours*** and calls on ***Skopje*** to demonstrate a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and ***constructive dialogue***; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. en

## Amendment 31

Monica Luisa Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy *to achieve a satisfactory outcome*;

##### *Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to "good neighbourly relations" based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy *towards a Council decision opening the negotiations with Macedonia before the end of June 2013, but insists that bilateral issues are not means to obstruct the accession negotiations with the European Union*;

Or. en

## Amendment 32

Kristian Vigenin

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a *time-limited* decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward;

##### *Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a *time-bound* decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward;



congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the **cost of non-enlargement** in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to 'good neighbourly relations' based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the **major risks for the country in case of prolongation of the status quo** in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to good neighbourly relations based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. en

### **Amendment 33** **Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission **represent a genuine step forward**; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to "good neighbourly relations" based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

##### *Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission **are untimely given the negative developments in the country**; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to "good neighbourly relations" based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. bg

**Amendment 34**  
**Marietta Giannakou**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and ***calls on all sides to demonstrate*** a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and ***stresses the importance of demonstrating*** a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Elmar Brok, Stanimir Ilchev**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement

*Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement

Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls *on all sides to demonstrate* a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls *for* a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

*Amendment*

**2. *Regretting the continued delay in setting a concrete date for opening the accession negotiations, nevertheless*** believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to ‘good neighbourly relations’ based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Nadezhda Neynsky**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to 'good neighbourly relations' based on mutual respect and friendship; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that the European Council conclusions unanimously endorsed for a time-limited decision by June 2013 based on a further report by the Commission represent a genuine step forward; congratulates the Enlargement Commissioner for his initiatives and calls on him to include an assessment of the cost of non-enlargement in the report he prepares; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to 'good neighbourly relations' based on mutual respect and friendship; ***urges the Enlargement Commissioner to pay special attention in his report on the issue of 'good neighbourly relations';*** calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***2 a. Underlines that good neighbourly relations, including a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, under the UN auspices, are***

*Amendment*

*essential; reiterates its position that bilateral issues should be addressed as early as possible in the accession process, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit and preferably before the opening of accession negotiations; encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to 'good neighbourly relations' based on mutual respect and friendship; advises the avoidance of statements and actions which could negatively impact on good neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2 a. Encourages the continuing diplomatic exchanges which have taken place between Athens, Sofia and Skopje and calls on all sides to demonstrate a proper commitment to "good neighbourly relations" based on mutual respect and friendship; welcomes in this respect the first meeting held recently between the representatives of Skopje and Sofia governments aimed at the possibility of signing an agreement on good neighbourly relations between the two countries; calls on the Irish Presidency to conduct intense diplomacy to achieve a satisfactory outcome;*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**

**Monica Luisa Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2 a. Insists that all candidate and potential candidate countries should be treated in the integration process on their own merits;***

Or. en

**Amendment 41**

**Monica Luisa Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2 b. Reiterates its approach that bilateral issues should not be resorted to in order to hinder the EU accession process;***

Or. en

**Amendment 42**

**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can itself be a "game-changer" to further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours;***

*deleted*

Or. bg

#### Amendment 43

Andrey Kovatchev, Elisabeth Jeggle, Stanimir Ilchev

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 3

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

3. ***Strongly believes that the*** start of negotiations ***can itself be a ‘game-changer’ to*** further encourage reforms ***and favourable relations with neighbours;***

###### *Amendment*

3. ***Hopes that a possible*** start of negotiations ***may provide positive impulse for*** further reforms;

Or. en

#### Amendment 44

Marietta Giannakou

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 3

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

3. ***Strongly believes*** that the start of negotiations ***can itself be a ‘game-changer’ to*** further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours;

###### *Amendment*

3. ***Considers*** that the start of negotiations, ***in parallel with a genuine intensification of efforts on resolving outstanding disputes, could*** further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours;

Or. en

#### Amendment 45

Kristian Vigenin

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 3

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

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can ***itself be a ‘game-changer’ to*** further encourage reforms and

###### *Amendment*

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours;

favourable relations with neighbours;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 46**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

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

##### **Paragraph 3**

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

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can itself be *a ‘game-changer’* to further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours;

###### *Amendment*

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can itself be *an effective instrument* to further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 47**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 3**

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

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can itself be a ‘game-changer’ to further encourage reforms *and* favourable relations with neighbours;

###### *Amendment*

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can itself be a "game-changer" to further encourage reforms, *improve the domestic situation, facilitate inter-ethnic dialogue and promote* favourable relations with neighbours;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 48**

**Stanimir Ilchev**

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

##### **Paragraph 3**



*Motion for a resolution*

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can itself be a ‘game-changer’ to further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours;

*Amendment*

3. Strongly believes that the start of negotiations can itself be a ‘game-changer’ to further encourage reforms and favourable relations with neighbours, ***emphasising that good neighbourly relations is one of the pillars of the EU spirit;***

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) ***to have been an important instrument to break*** the existing logjam; ***welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;***

*Amendment*

4. Considers ***that*** the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) ***is not achieving effective results in terms of breaking*** the existing logjam;

Or. bg

**Amendment 50**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Norica Nicolai, Elisabeth Jeggle, Stanimir Ilchev**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress ***fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas***

*Amendment*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress ***made and reiterates the importance of full and***

***identified***; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

***irreversible implementation***; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress ***fully or partially*** made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

*Amendment*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Monica Luisa Macovei, Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

*Amendment*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam ***and to instil renewed dynamism into the EU accession process***; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the ***accession*** negotiations;

Or. en

### Amendment 53

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 4

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

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

###### *Amendment*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; ***calls on the Council to ask the Commission to start the screening process as soon as possible to allow further progress***; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

Or. en

### Amendment 54

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

#### Motion for a resolution

##### Paragraph 4

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

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

###### *Amendment*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; ***calls for the implementation of adopted measures***; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Nadezhda Neynsky**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations;

*Amendment*

4. Considers the High Level Accession Dialogue (HLAD) to have been an important instrument to break the existing logjam; welcomes progress fully or partially made in over 75% of policy areas identified; stresses that HLAD is not a substitute to the negotiations; ***calls for greater focus on good neighbourly relations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Expresses its concern regarding the domestic political developments in the country, including the incidents in and around the parliament in December 2012; calls on the leaders of all political parties to put an end to the climate of confrontation and restore political dialogue; is concerned that the current political situation is diverting the attention from the strategic priorities of the country, among which the reforms necessary for accession to the EU; stresses that Parliament is the main forum for addressing political issues and calls on all parties to respect this institution, its procedures, and the democratic values on which it is founded; invites the opposition to return to the Parliament and to start***

*dialogue within this institution in order to find positive solutions to the country's problems; stresses that a boycott of the local elections will not solve any of these problems and risks undermining the country's integration efforts to the EU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Göran Färm, Olle Ludvigsson, Jens Nilsson**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4 a. Considers the incident in the Macedonian Parliament in December 2012 unfortunate; encourages the opposition to return to the Parliament and the government to take all possible steps to restore the political dialogue, and to create the necessary conditions for effective and transparent activity in the Parliament; encourages the leading political parties to strengthen the political dialogue and the political culture and to show willingness to work for positive results according to democratic values and EU recommendations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4 a. Expresses concern at the decision of*

*the opposition to boycott the Parliament after the incidents that took place in December; calls on all parties to act responsibly and urges them not to spare efforts in order to find mutually acceptable solutions with a view to consolidating the country's democratic institutions and fully restoring their legitimacy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Expresses concern at *sensitivities* in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful multiethnic society;

*Amendment*

5. Expresses concern at *tensions* in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful multiethnic society;

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Stanimir Ilchev, Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Expresses concern at *sensitivities* in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful multiethnic society;

*Amendment*

5. Expresses concern at *tensions* in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful multiethnic society;

**Amendment 61**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Expresses concern at sensitivities in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful **multiethnic** society;

*Amendment*

5. Expresses concern at sensitivities in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful **multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious** society;

**Amendment 62**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Expresses concern at sensitivities in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful multiethnic society;

*Amendment*

5. Expresses concern at sensitivities in inter-ethnic relations which have arisen during the year; believes that strengthened political dialogue is essential to continue progress towards a peaceful multiethnic society **and to eliminate the risks of the polarisation of society along ethnic lines**;

**Amendment 63**  
**Monica Luisa Macovei**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5 a. Expresses concern at the events following the vote in the Parliament of the 2013 budget, at the parliamentary boycott by the opposition and at its intention to boycott the local elections in March 2013; stresses that all political parties must work together on the reforms necessary for the country's advancement towards the EU and for the primary benefit of the Macedonian citizens; appeals to the opposition politicians to end parliamentary boycott, resume dialogue and guarantee the normal functioning of the Parliament together with the normal organisation of the upcoming local elections;***

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Norica Nicolai**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5 a. Believes that the way of achieving a multi-ethnic society is through a strengthened political dialogue, an example-based leadership which shows acceptance and tolerance towards other ethnicities, and through an educational system that teaches the values of a multi-ethnic society; therefore, welcomes the government's multi-ethnic education project and calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in Kumanova who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities;***



**Amendment 65**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5 a. Recalls the incidents provoked by the decision of the authorities to rename major boulevards in Skopje in May 2012; strongly encourages the authorities and civil society to take appropriate measures for historical reconciliation in order to overcome the divide between and within different ethnic groups;***

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Stanimir Ilchev, Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5 b. Believes that a census might solve some of the inter-ethnic problems based on mutual suspicions by giving a full picture of the society and relieving some of the ongoing tensions between the different ethnic groups in the country;***

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

6. **Welcomes** the government's report on the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA); encourages the government to move swiftly to the next stage of the review;

*Amendment*

6. **Takes note of** the government's report on the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA); encourages the government to move swiftly to the next stage of the review;

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the government's report on the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA); encourages the government to move swiftly to the next stage of the review;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the government's report on the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) **and expects the report to be presented publicly in order to generate broad social and political support for the multi-ethnic future of the country**; encourages the government to move swiftly to the next stage of the review;

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Elisabeth Jeggle, Stanimir Ilchev, Elmar Brok**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6 a. Stresses that the visa-free regime granted to citizens of all the Western Balkan countries is a highly important**

*benefit in the process of integration into the EU and a very strong incentive for accelerating reforms in the area of justice and home affairs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Welcomes the 2011-14 Decentralisation Programme and calls for full implementation of the Law on Regional Development; encourages the government to continue fiscal decentralisation with a medium-term aim of 9% of GDP being spent by local and regional authorities; commends the work of the UNDP working in partnership with the government to build the capacity of local government;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the 2011-14 Decentralisation Programme and calls for full implementation of the Law on Regional Development; encourages the government to continue fiscal decentralisation with a medium-term aim of 9% of GDP being spent by local and regional authorities; commends the work of the UNDP *and the wider donor community* working in partnership with the government to build the capacity of local government *to ensure good governance and equal access for all citizens*;

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**György Schöpflin, Michael Gahler**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*7 a. Welcomes the efforts by the authorities in relation to the process of breaking with the Communist past, the public disclosure of names of agents affiliated with the former Yugoslav secret*

*services, and the extension of the time frame of applicability of the Lustration Law until the adoption of the Law on Free Access to Public Information; at the same time, encourages the authorities to retrieve the Yugoslav secret service archives from Serbia and to include in the lustration process the personnel of the intelligence and counter-intelligence services; encourages strengthening the mandate of the Data Verification Commission by transferring all necessary documents from the intelligence and counter-intelligence services to the Commission's premises on a permanent basis; stresses the need for a reform of the security sector and strengthening the parliamentary oversight of intelligence and counter-intelligence services;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 72**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Norica Nicolai, Stanimir Ilchev**

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

##### **Paragraph 8**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

8. ***Welcomes*** the government's Multi-ethnic education project ***and*** calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in Kumanova who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities;

##### *Amendment*

8. ***Encourages*** the government's Multi-ethnic education project; ***expresses concern with the slow and uneven progress towards an integrated education, as well as with the continuing segregation and cases of ethnically motivated violence in a number of schools;*** calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in Kumanova who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities; ***reiterates the importance of developing new historically objective textbooks aimed at improving mutual understanding between different communities and ending the harmful practice of ethnic***

*shifts still present in schools;*

Or. en

**Amendment 73**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the government's Multi-ethnic education project and calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in ***Kumanova*** who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the government's Multi-ethnic education project and calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in ***Kumanovo*** who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities; ***reiterates the importance of developing new historical textbooks aimed at improving mutual understanding and a sense of shared history with the country's neighbours;***

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the government's Multi-ethnic education project and calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in ***Kumanova*** who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the government's Multi-ethnic education project and calls on all schools to follow the lead of ***pioneers such as*** those in ***Kumanovo*** who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities;

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Welcomes the government's Multi-ethnic education project and calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in Kumanova who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities;

*Amendment*

8. Welcomes the government's Multi-ethnic education project and calls on all schools to follow the lead of those in Kumanova who are seeking to end separate education of different ethnic communities; ***finds it regrettable that students continue to be subject to megalomaniacal ultra-nationalistic indoctrination, especially with regard to the history of the country and the region; calls on the government to take swift measures to remove hate speech from teaching materials used in schools, particularly where it relates to the neighbouring countries of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 76**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Welcomes progress in strengthening the normative framework in the field of Justice for Children, including amendments to the juvenile justice law, establishment of a monitoring system and development of a National Strategy on the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency; notes with concern remaining gaps in protection of children victims of crimes, in particular victims of abuse, due to insufficient resources, limited capacity of professional staff and the absence of an***

*effective response system for child victims; calls for improved financial and human resources for Centres for Social Work and the creation of multi-disciplinary teams able to provide recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration services for child victims;*

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*8 a. Encourages the government to continue its efforts to strengthen anti-discrimination policies; emphasises the importance of preventing discrimination on ethnic grounds, including discrimination against citizens expressing openly their Bulgarian identity and/or ethnic background;*

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Nadezhda Neynsky**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*8 a. Expresses further concern by the continuous harassment and discrimination of people with Bulgarian consciousness or nationality and calls on the government to ensure that such problems will not occur in the future;*

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 b. Stresses that the visa-free regime granted to citizens of the country, is a highly important benefit in the process of integration into the EU and a very strong incentive for accelerating reforms in the area of justice and home affairs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

Name issue

***Good neighbourly relations and the name issue***

Or. en

**Amendment 81**  
**Monica Luisa Macovei**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph -9 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***-9. Welcomes the decision of the International Court of Justice regarding***



*the Application of Interim Accord of 13 September 1995 between "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Greece; notes that the ruling of 5 December 2011 found Greece in violation of the Agreement by objecting to the admission of Macedonia referred as "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" to NATO in April 2008;*

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

**9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership;** agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side;

*Amendment*

9. Agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side;

Or. bg

**Amendment 83**  
**Monica Luisa Macovei**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; ***agrees with*** the European Council ***that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side;***

*Amendment*

9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; ***therefore, calls upon*** the European Council, ***in particular Greece and all other Member States, and all European institutions, to respect the merits, meaning and spirit of the Hague***

*decision invoking the "name" issue during the accession negotiations and to give full effect of the Hague Decision which is part of international law;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 84**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

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

##### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

9. Continues to regret that *the name dispute has blocked the* country's road to EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be *brought to definitive conclusion* without delay on either side;

##### *Amendment*

9. Continues to regret that *concerns about good neighbourly relations including the name issue have affected the* country's road to EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be *resolved* without delay on either side;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 85**

**Marietta Giannakou**

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

##### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

9. Continues to regret that the name *dispute has blocked the* country's *road to* EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side;

##### *Amendment*

9. Continues to regret that *concerns about good neighbourly relations, including the name issue, have affected the* country's *course towards* EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side;

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay *on either side*;

*Amendment*

9. Continues to regret that the *inability to establish good neighbourly relations and to solve the* name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; *strongly supports the efforts of the UN special envoy to reach a commonly acceptable solution*; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without *further* delay;

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Cristian Dan Preda, Eduard Kukan**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side;

*Amendment*

9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side; *welcomes, in this respect, the proposal made by the Enlargement Commissioner regarding a trilateral meeting between FYROM, Greece and the EU; takes the view that this initiative could help boost the UN-led negotiations with the Special Envoy; calls on all parties to seize every opportunity and enter into constructive dialogue in order to move forward towards finding a solution*;

**Amendment 88**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side;

*Amendment*

9. Continues to regret that the name dispute has blocked the country's road to EU membership; agrees with the European Council that the name issue needs to be brought to definitive conclusion without delay on either side; ***calls on the neighbouring EU countries to help Greece and the country to find a solution to the name crisis via sharing knowledge over the common history and culture within the region;***

**Amendment 89**  
**Marietta Giannakou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9 a. Welcomes the momentum generated by the Greek proposal for a Memorandum of Understanding and the recent contacts with the UN mediator; recalls that, in accordance with the General Affairs Council conclusions of 11 December 2012, maintaining good neighbourly relations, including a negotiated and mutually accepted solution to the name issue, under the auspices of the UN, is essential; to that end, takes the view that the country's leadership and the***

*European Union should consistently explain to the public the benefits of a solution when agreed ahead of the referendum on the issue;*

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*9 a. Welcomes the initiative of the Enlargement Commissioner calling the Greek and Macedonian Foreign Ministers for a joint meeting proposing that the Commission plays the role of mediator on the name issue in support of the UN mediation; calls on the two parties to pursue every effort in order to make this action successful and to unblock the situation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*9 a. Takes the view that the country's leadership and the European Union should consistently explain to the public the benefits of a solution;*

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9 b. Welcomes the proposal of a composite name with geographical denomination put forward by the Greek government and believes it is a good basis for a compromise provided that the Macedonian identity, culture, nationality and language are not questioned;***

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Stanimir Ilchev, Andrey Kovatchev**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

10. Reiterates its call on the Commission and the Council to start developing, in accordance with the EU Treaties, a generally applicable arbitration mechanism aimed ***at*** solving bilateral issues between enlargement countries and Member States;

10. Reiterates its call on the Commission and the Council to start developing, in accordance with the EU Treaties, a generally applicable arbitration mechanism aimed ***to monitor and assist*** solving bilateral issues between enlargement countries and Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Marietta Giannakou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11. Welcomes the use of the term  
'Macedonian' in the 2012 Progress  
Report as is the norm in the UN, whilst  
respecting the different languages,  
identities and cultures within the country;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 95  
Maria Eleni Koppa**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11. Welcomes the use of the term  
'Macedonian' in the 2012 Progress  
Report as is the norm in the UN, whilst  
respecting the different languages,  
identities and cultures within the country;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 96  
Stanimir Ilchev, Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11. Welcomes the use of the term  
'Macedonian' in the 2012 Progress  
Report as is the norm in the UN, whilst  
respecting the different languages,  
identities and cultures within the country;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Nikolaos Chountis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11. Welcomes the use of the term 'Macedonian' in the 2012 Progress Report as is the norm in the UN, whilst respecting the different languages, identities and cultures within the country;**

**deleted**

Or. el

**Amendment 98**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**11. Welcomes** the use of the term 'Macedonian' in the 2012 Progress Report as is the norm in the UN, **whilst respecting** the different languages, identities and cultures within the country;

**11. Considers** the use of the term 'Macedonian' in the 2012 Progress Report, as is the norm in the UN, **to be inappropriate given that, from a European Union standpoint, this issue remains unresolved; calls on the Commission henceforth to stick to the currently accepted usage; calls for** the different languages, identities and cultures within the country **to be respected;**

Or. bg

**Amendment 99**  
**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**



*Motion for a resolution*

11. **Welcomes** the use of the term ‘Macedonian’ in the 2012 Progress Report **as is the norm in the UN**, whilst respecting the different languages, identities and cultures **within the country**;

*Amendment*

11. **Notes** the use of the term ‘Macedonian’ in the 2012 Progress Report, whilst respecting the different languages, identities and cultures **in the entire region**;

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the use of the term ‘Macedonian’ in the 2012 Progress Report as is the norm in the UN, whilst respecting the different languages, identities and cultures within the country;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the use of the term ‘Macedonian’ in the 2012 Progress Report as is the norm in the UN, whilst respecting the different languages, identities and cultures within the country **and the neighbouring EU Member States**;

Or. en

**Amendment 101**  
**Nikolaos Chountis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 α (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**11a. Objects to the use of the term ‘Macedonian’ in the 2012 progress report; points out that, under the relevant UN resolutions, it is a provisional term and should therefore not become the norm; the designation of the language and identity of the inhabitants of FYROM is bound up with international**

*Amendment*

*negotiations regarding the name of the country;*

Or. el

#### **Amendment 102**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Shares the Commission's assessment that the country continues to fulfil the political criteria;

##### *Amendment*

12. Shares the Commission's assessment that the country continues to fulfil the political criteria; ***expresses serious concern at the recent serious developments relating to the adoption of the state budget of 2013, including the politically driven clashes inside and around the Parliament; urges the leaders of all political parties and their supporters to put an end to these confrontations without delay and to behave in a manner that is in accordance with the law, the constitution and the parliamentary procedures;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 103**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Stanimir Ilchev**

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

##### **Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Shares the Commission's assessment that the country continues to fulfil the political criteria;

##### *Amendment*

12. Shares the Commission's assessment that the country continues to ***sufficiently*** fulfil the political criteria, ***but is greatly concerned about the resurfacing of problems with the freedom of expression and regrets the deteriorating political***

*dialogue, illustrated by the events in  
December 2012;*

Or. en

**Amendment 104**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Shares the Commission's assessment that the country continues to fulfil the political criteria;

*Amendment*

12. Shares the Commission's assessment that the country continues to fulfil the political criteria; *notes, however, that meeting the criteria fully includes the stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, human rights and respect for minorities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**

**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. *Shares* the Commission's assessment that the country continues to fulfil the political criteria;

*Amendment*

12. *Does not share* the Commission's assessment that the country continues to fulfil the political criteria;

Or. bg

**Amendment 106**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Calls for further efforts to guarantee the independence and impartiality of the judiciary in practice; considers it important to define clear requirements for the dismissal of judges in order to eliminate risks to judicial independence and to improve the implementation of merit-based judicial appointment and career development; welcomes progress in reducing the overall backlog of court cases, but urges measures to address backlogs at the Supreme Court and the Administrative Court; urges the gradual rationalisation of the court network;***

Or. en

**Amendment 107**

**Norica Nicolai, Charles Tannock**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Regrets the recent political developments in the country; recalls that the Parliament is the primary forum for debate in a parliamentary democracy; encourages the opposition to return to the Parliament in order to represent the citizens who voted for it in the last parliamentary elections; encourages the Government to take all possible steps to restore political dialogue, and to create conditions for effective and transparent activity in the Parliament;***

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Sharply condemns the use of terms of national affiliation, and more particularly the term ‘Bulgarian’, as pejorative and insulting forms of address in political debate; strongly urges all political forces to purge their political discourse of hate speech, especially in relation to neighbouring countries;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 109**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Considers the events related to the controversial adoption of the 2013 budget in the Parliament in December 2012 a serious backslide in political dialogue and the functioning of democratic institutions in the country; invites the government to take up its responsibility in this regard and engage in constructive dialogue with the opposition;***

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Calls for the strengthening of the political dialogue, drawing the attention to the Parliament as the key democratic institution for discussion and resolution of issues resulting from political differences;***

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government ***and strengthening the Electoral Code and*** increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

*Amendment*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government ***and for taking action to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations on*** increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

Or. en

**Amendment 112**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government and ***strengthening*** the Electoral Code and increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

*Amendment*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government and ***improving*** the Electoral Code and increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

**Amendment 113**

**Tanja Fajon**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government and strengthening the Electoral Code and increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

*Amendment*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government and strengthening the Electoral Code and increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations; ***stresses the need for ongoing efforts to strengthen Parliament and step up political dialogue, particularly in the light of what occurred at the end of last year in the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, so as to prevent any repeat of such incidents;***

Or. sl

**Amendment 114**

**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government and strengthening the Electoral Code and increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

*Amendment*

13. Calls for reinforcing Parliament's oversight role vis-à-vis the government and strengthening the Electoral Code and increasing the transparency of political party financing in order to fully implement OSCE/ODIHR recommendations; ***sharply condemns the outbreak of violence in the parliament at the end of 2012 as incompatible with European Union values;***

**Amendment 115**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*13 a. Notes with sincere concern the recent political developments in the country which risk distracting all parties at a crucial time for EU accession in advance of European Council discussions; believes that the Parliament is the primary forum for addressing and resolving issues; calls for all parties to engage constructively in parliamentary dialogue and welcomes meetings between the Government and Opposition leaders in this regard as well as the personal leadership shown by the Enlargement Commissioner; believes that a negotiated resolution and return to parliamentary discourse would be in the interest of all political parties and the country since EU- and NATO-integration agendas as well as positive action on domestic economic circumstances are of key importance to the future of all citizens, regardless of political affiliation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13 a. Stresses, in this respect, that the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations issued after the 2011 parliamentary elections have been only partly implemented while some require further action; calls, in this regard, on the Macedonian government to adopt and implement all recommendations before the municipal elections scheduled for 24 March 2013 including the amendments to the Election Code and the Law on Financing of Political Parties;***

Or. en

**Amendment 117**

**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the new Law on Administration; calls for additional efforts to guarantee the transparency, impartiality and professionalism of the public administration ***and*** to ensure merit-based recruitment;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the new Law on Administration; calls for additional efforts to guarantee the transparency, impartiality and professionalism of the public administration, to ensure merit-based recruitment ***and to strengthen financial control, strategic planning and human resources management;***

Or. en

**Amendment 118**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Calls for further efforts to guarantee the independence and impartiality of the judiciary in practice; considers it important to define clear requirements for the dismissal of judges in order to eliminate risks to judicial independence; welcomes progress in reducing the overall backlog of court cases, but urges measures to address backlogs at the Supreme Court and the Administrative Court; urges the gradual rationalisation of the court network;

*Amendment*

15. Calls for further efforts to guarantee the independence and impartiality of the judiciary in practice; considers it important to define clear requirements for the dismissal of judges in order to eliminate risks to judicial independence ***and to improve the implementation of merit-based judicial appointment and career development***; welcomes progress in reducing the overall backlog of court cases, but urges measures to address backlogs at the Supreme Court and the Administrative Court; urges the gradual rationalisation of the court network;

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Calls for further efforts to guarantee the independence and impartiality of the judiciary in practice; considers it important to define clear requirements for the dismissal of judges in order to eliminate risks to judicial independence; welcomes progress in reducing the overall backlog of court cases, but urges measures to address backlogs at the Supreme Court and the Administrative Court; urges the gradual rationalisation of the court network;

*Amendment*

15. Calls for further efforts to guarantee the independence and impartiality of the judiciary in practice; considers it important to define clear requirements for the dismissal of judges in order to eliminate risks to judicial independence; welcomes progress in reducing the overall backlog of court cases, but urges measures to address backlogs at the Supreme Court and the Administrative Court; urges the gradual rationalisation of the court network ***and the continued support to the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors, in light of its key role in ensuring continuing training and merit based recruitment***;

Or. en

**Amendment 120**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15a. Points out that, under the first paragraph of Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, every citizen has the right to an effective remedy before a tribunal; thus regards the situation of Spaska Mitrova – who by virtue of her Bulgarian citizenship is also a citizen of the European Union, and for whom obtaining an effective remedy before a tribunal has been rendered impossible because, for fear of persecution, no lawyer is prepared to represent her – as a violation of the first paragraph of Article 47 of the Charter; considers that violation to constitute substantive failure to fulfil the political criteria for membership of the European Union since the Charter is an integral part of the EU Treaties;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 121**  
**Monica Luisa Macovei, Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 a. Welcomes the efforts to increase the efficiency and transparency of the court system and in particular the publication of the judgments by all level courts on their respective websites; stresses the need to build up an enforcement record of***

*cases of prosecutions and convictions against which progress can be measured; calls for the unification of jurisprudence in order to ensure a predictable judicial system and public trust;*

Or. en

**Amendment 122**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 a. Supports the EULEX Special Investigative Task Force (SITF) and encourages Macedonia to cooperate fully with and assist the SITF in its work;***

Or. en

**Amendment 123**

**Monica Luisa Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, but ***is concerned that corruption remains widespread***; urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, but ***greater efforts are needed as regards implementation of existing laws; emphasises the need to focus on high-level corruption cases and*** urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors

for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 124**

**Richard Howitt**

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

##### **Paragraph 16**

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

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, but is concerned that corruption remains widespread; urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

###### *Amendment*

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, ***including changes to the Law on Conflicts of Interest;*** but is concerned that corruption remains widespread; urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 125**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 16**

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

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, but is concerned that corruption remains widespread; urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-

###### *Amendment*

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, but is concerned that corruption remains widespread ***both inside the country and in the whole region;*** urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions

backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Tanja Fajon**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, but is concerned that corruption remains widespread; urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

*Amendment*

16. Welcomes the strengthening of the anti-corruption legal framework, but is concerned that corruption remains widespread; ***stresses the need for greater efforts to implement provisions currently in force***; urges continued efforts to establish a track-record for convictions in high-level cases; welcomes the OSCE-backed programme against corruption, the PrijaviKorupcija.org project allowing corruption to be reported by SMS message and the declaration of ten mayors for zero tolerance of corruption in their municipalities;

Or. sl

**Amendment 127**  
**Monica Luisa Macovei, Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16 a. Notes that, while sentences for***

*corruption-related offenses are stricter, orders for the seizure and confiscation of assets remain exceptional; is of the opinion that seizure and confiscation of assets is a crucial instrument in the purpose of fighting corruption and organised crime; calls on the Macedonian authorities to fully enforce its Criminal Code provisions on extended confiscation, illicit enrichment and criminal liability of legal persons;*

Or. en

**Amendment 128**

**Monica Luisa Macovei, Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*16 b. Commends the amendments made to the Law on the Financing of Political Parties; notes in particular the leading role vested in the State Audit Office (SAO) in the supervision of political financing; calls on the Macedonian authorities to provide the SAO with sufficient means to allow for a proactive and thorough control over party and campaign funding as well as to improve significantly transparency of public expenditure and of the funding of political parties;*

Or. en

**Amendment 129**

**Monica Luisa Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Charles Tannock**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16 c. Notes that the activities to establish the National Intelligence Database are ongoing; encourages the authorities to complete the tender procedure and decide on the implementer for establishing the National Intelligence Database as soon as possible in order to provide full support to the fight against organised crime, corruption, fraud, money laundering and other serious offences, including the cross-border ones;***

Or. en

**Amendment 130**  
**Eduard Kukan**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; ***however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the ‘Reporters Without Borders’ Freedom Index and*** calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; ***underlines the need to ensure that these standards are consistently applied;*** calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

Or. en



## Amendment 131

Tanja Fajon

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 17

##### *Motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the "Reporters Without Borders" Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

##### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; ***calls on the authorities to continue to strengthen and promote freedom of information and pluralism of the media, which must be free of any form of political or financial influence;*** however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the "Reporters Without Borders" Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, ***investigative journalism***, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; ***notes with concern the widespread self-censorship among journalists and the absence of any self-regulating media organisation; expresses concern that most government-funded advertising is channelled towards the pro-government media;*** supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

Or. sl

## Amendment 132

Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 17

### *Motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the ‘Reporters Without Borders’ Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the ‘Reporters Without Borders’ Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, ***the enforcement of labour rights of media workers to ensure job security and independence***, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

Or. en

### **Amendment 133** **Richard Howitt**

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

### *Motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the ‘Reporters Without Borders’ Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes the ***legal*** decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the ‘Reporters Without Borders’ Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, ***ensuring independence, sustainability and compliance with European standards*** of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against

censorship of the internet;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 134**

**Marije Cornelissen**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

##### **Paragraph 17**

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

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the 'Reporters Without Borders' Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

###### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes the decriminalisation of defamation and the deepening dialogue between the government and journalists on issues relating to freedom of expression; however, expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the "Reporters Without Borders" Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, **preventing self-censorship**, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 135**

**Richard Howitt**

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

##### **Paragraph 17 a (new)**

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

###### *Amendment*

***17 a. Notes the El-Masri judgement of the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights of 13 December 2012 finding multiple violations of the European Convention around the***

*abduction, extraordinary rendition and torture of German citizen Khaled El-Masri on 31 December 2003 and his detention for 23 days in a hotel in Skopje before being transferred via Skopje Airport to Afghanistan; calls on the Government to comply without delay with all aspects of the ECHR judgement including providing a formal apology to Mr. El-Masri, the payment of the compensation ordered by the court, and by committing to the creation of an international commission of inquiry;*

Or. en

**Amendment 136**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*17 a. Regrets that the dialogue between journalists and government has stopped; supports the Association of Journalist in its demand for full and impartial investigation and sanctions of the responsible individuals for the events from 24 December 2012; expresses concern that the country has dropped 26 places in the "Reporters Without Borders" Freedom Index and calls for further efforts towards strengthening professional standards in journalism, promoting media pluralism, independence of the public service broadcaster and transparency of media ownership; supports the action of social media activists who lobbied against censorship of the internet;*

Or. en

**Amendment 137**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17 a. Regrets that journalists were expelled from parliament before the adoption of the state budget 2013; duly notes the strong reaction of the country's journalists' associations, as well as that of the International Federation of Journalists and stresses that it is crucial that the right of journalists to perform their duties is fully respected;***

Or. en

**Amendment 138**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; ***believes the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU;***

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty;

**Amendment 139**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; ***believes the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU;***

*Amendment*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; ***encourages the government to continue its efforts to strengthen anti-discrimination policies, especially those related to discrimination based on ethnicity as well as on national identity;***

**Amendment 140**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes;

*Amendment*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes;

welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; ***believes the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU;***

welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; ***calls on the authorities to ensure that a possible Gay Pride or other activities by the LGBTI community can be conducted safely and successfully;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 141**

**Mariya Gabriel**

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

#### **Paragraph 18**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; believes the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU;

##### *Amendment*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; ***calls on the media to discourage anti-LGBTI rhetoric, including hate speech and incitation to hatred;*** believes the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU;

Or. en

**Amendment 142**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the strategy on gender-based budgeting, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the Treaty; believes the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU;

*Amendment*

18. Welcomes the new Law on Equal Opportunities, the **first five year** strategy on gender-based budgeting **developed in partnership with UN Women**, the funding allocated to the action plan on Roma inclusion and the project to help Roma legalise their homes; welcomes the opening of the new Support Office for the LGBTI community but expresses concern at the act of vandalism against it; calls on Ministers and officials to publically condemn discrimination against LGBTI people and commit to non-discrimination on all grounds named in the **EU** Treaty; believes the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU;

Or. en

**Amendment 143**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

**18 a. Calls on the Macedonian authorities to take measures to prevent undue asylum claims from Macedonian citizens in the EU, while guaranteeing the right to visa-free travel for all citizens and preventing any discrimination or stigmatisation of Roma people and persons of ethnic minority groups; calls on the governments of EU Member States not to challenge or**

*Amendment*



*hamper visa-free travel of Macedonian citizens, but to urge the Macedonian authorities to implement policies that will offer all citizens a decent future within their country;*

Or. en

**Amendment 144**

**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*18 a. Is concerned about cases of ill-treatment by the police; calls for continued training, professionalization and depoliticization of the police personnel; believes that an independent oversight mechanism for law-enforcement agencies is needed to combat impunity and ensure democratic and accountable police services;*

Or. en

**Amendment 145**

**Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*18 a. Believes that the Roma-issue must not be used as an excuse to challenge visa-free travel from the country to the EU; nevertheless, encourages the authorities to make further efforts and cooperate with the Member States concerned to tackle the abuse of the asylum systems of the EU Member States;*

**Amendment 146**  
**Göran Färm, Olle Ludvigsson, Jens Nilsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Whilst welcoming the high number of women parliamentarians compared to some EU member states, remains concerned about the low participation of women in the labour market; calls on the authorities to strengthen child care services for children with disabilities, street children, children using drugs and who are victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse or trafficking;

*Amendment*

19. Whilst welcoming the high number of women parliamentarians compared to some EU member states, remains concerned about the ***limited progress that has been made regarding gender equality and women's rights; is disturbed by the widespread discriminatory customs, traditions and stereotypes that undermine women's basic rights and the*** low participation of women in the labour market ***and the political life; encourages the Macedonian authorities to ensure better integration of the gender perspective in all policy areas and to increase the support for activities and initiatives aiming at increasing the knowledge on gender equality and women's rights***; calls on the authorities to strengthen child care services for children with disabilities, street children, children using drugs and who are victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse or trafficking;

**Amendment 147**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes progress made by the Commission for Protection Against Discrimination; calls for it to be fully-staffed, and believes its acceptance by the European Network of Equality Bodies provides an example to other agencies and organisations to **integrate** in relevant European networks;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes ***the continuing*** progress made by the Commission for Protection Against Discrimination; calls for it to be fully-staffed, and believes its acceptance by the European Network of Equality Bodies provides an example to other agencies and organisations to ***promote EU accession by themselves integrating*** in relevant European networks;

Or. en

**Amendment 148**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes progress made by the Commission for Protection Against Discrimination; calls for it to be fully-staffed, and believes its acceptance by the European Network of Equality Bodies provides an example to other agencies and organisations to integrate in relevant European networks;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes progress made by the Commission for Protection Against Discrimination; calls for it to be fully-staffed, and believes its acceptance by the European Network of Equality Bodies provides an example to other agencies and organisations to integrate in relevant European networks; ***however, is concerned that the cases of discrimination against the country's citizens openly expressing their Bulgarian identity are escalating more than ever; urges the government to send clear signals to the public and media that discrimination is not tolerated in the country and the guilty of it should be held responsible;***

Or. en

**Amendment 149**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Norica Nicolai, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Welcomes progress made by the Commission for Protection Against Discrimination; calls for it to be fully-staffed, and believes its acceptance by the European Network of Equality Bodies provides an example to other agencies and organisations to integrate in relevant European networks;

*Amendment*

20. Welcomes progress made by the Commission for Protection Against Discrimination; calls for it to be fully-staffed, and believes its acceptance by the European Network of Equality Bodies provides an example to other agencies and organisations to integrate in relevant European networks; ***encourages the government to continue its efforts to strengthen anti-discrimination policies; emphasizes the importance of preventing discrimination on ethnic grounds, including discrimination against citizens expressing openly their Bulgarian identity and/or ethnic background;***

Or. en

**Amendment 150**  
**Göran Färm, Olle Ludvigsson, Jens Nilsson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20 a. Stresses that Macedonia has ratified the eight core labour rights conventions of the ILO; is concerned that only modest progress has been made in the field of labour rights and trade unions; calls on the Macedonian authorities to further strengthen labour and trade unions' rights; in this regard also encourages the Macedonian government to ensure sufficient administrative capacity to ensure proper implementation and enforcement of the labour law;***

Or. en

## Amendment 151

Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 21

##### *Motion for a resolution*

21. Believes that developing a political culture *in which there is respect for a plurality of views from an independent* civil society is essential to further democratic progress in the country; *calls on* civil society *organisations (CSOs) to safeguard their own independence* and to intensify joint projects for mutual benefit with CSOs from neighbouring countries and more generally from across the EU;

##### *Amendment*

21. Believes that developing a political culture *benefiting from an independent, pluralistic, inter-ethnic, inter-cultural and non-partisan* civil society is essential to further democratic progress in the country; *stresses that* civil society *organizations (CSOs) need to be strengthened, become independent of political interests* and to intensify joint projects for mutual benefit with CSOs from neighbouring countries and more generally from across the EU;

Or. en

## Amendment 152

Richard Howitt

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 21

##### *Motion for a resolution*

21. Believes that developing a political culture in which there is respect for a plurality of views from an independent civil society is essential to further democratic progress in the country; calls on civil society organisations (CSOs) to safeguard their own independence and to intensify joint projects for mutual benefit with CSOs from neighbouring countries and more generally from across the EU;

##### *Amendment*

21. Believes that developing a political culture in which there is respect for a plurality of views from an independent civil society is essential to further democratic progress in the country *and that the findings of civil society can enrich the possibilities for evidence based in policy making*; calls on civil society organisations (CSOs) to safeguard their own independence and to intensify joint projects for mutual benefit with CSOs from neighbouring countries and more generally from across the EU;

**Amendment 153**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***21a. Requests the Macedonian authorities, pursuant to the points made in the previous paragraph, to comply with the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights and to register the Radko association of people claiming Bulgarian identity as a political party;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 154**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

22. Welcomes the consultation which took place with CSOs in relation to changes to the laws on legal aid and on foundations; calls for full and timely consultation with civil society on all relevant policy initiatives and the inclusion of transparently-selected civil society observer members in all relevant government working groups;

22. Welcomes the consultation which took place with CSOs in relation to changes to the laws on legal aid and on foundations; calls for full and timely consultation with civil society on all relevant policy initiatives, ***including the High Level Accession Dialogue***, and the inclusion of transparently-selected civil society observer members in all relevant government working groups;

Or. en

**Amendment 155**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**22 a. Stresses the crucial role CSOs can play in order to make the EU integration process more transparent, accountable and inclusive;**

Or. en

**Amendment 156**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23. Believes the parliamentary study on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) shows a need for the government to commit to the objective of "partnership" with civil society and to establish a national fund to provide co-financing to enable CSOs to fully participate in EU-related programmes; calls for CSOs to be fully involved in programming decisions of the next IPA and for a minimum of 15% of its funds to be allocated to them;**

**deleted**

Or. bg

**Amendment 157**  
**Nadezhda Neynsky**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. ***Believes the parliamentary study on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) shows a need for the government to commit to the objective of ‘partnership’ with civil society and to establish a national fund to provide co-financing to enable CSOs to fully participate in EU-related programmes; calls for CSOs to be fully involved in programming decisions of the next IPA and for a minimum of 15% of its funds to be allocated to them;***

*Amendment*

23. ***Urges*** the government to ***continue its cooperation and*** partnership with civil society ***organisations in the implementation of pre-accession assistance;***

Or. en

**Amendment 158**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

23. Believes the parliamentary study on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) shows a need for the government to commit to the objective of ‘partnership’ with civil society and to establish a national fund to provide co-financing to enable CSOs to fully participate in ***EU-related*** programmes; calls for CSOs to be fully involved in programming decisions of the next IPA ***and for a minimum of 15% of its funds to be allocated to them;***

*Amendment*

23. Believes the parliamentary study on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) shows a need for the government to commit to the objective of “partnership” with civil society and to establish a national fund to provide co-financing to enable CSOs to fully participate in ***EU funded*** programmes; calls for CSOs to be fully involved in programming decisions of the next IPA;

Or. en

**Amendment 159**  
**Kristian Vigenin**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Commends the country for maintaining macroeconomic stability; notes, however, the negative effects of the global economic downturn on ***inward*** investment to the country;

*Amendment*

24. Commends the country for maintaining macroeconomic stability; notes, however, the negative effects of the global economic downturn on ***foreign direct*** investment to the country;

Or. en

**Amendment 160**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Commends the country for maintaining macroeconomic stability; notes, however, the negative effects of the global economic downturn on inward investment to the country;

*Amendment*

24. Commends the country for maintaining macroeconomic stability; notes, however, ***that public sector debt has increased, the quality of fiscal governance has deteriorated and*** the negative effects of the global economic downturn on inward investment to the country;

Or. en

**Amendment 161**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Commends the country for maintaining macroeconomic stability; notes, however, the negative effects of the global economic downturn on inward investment to the country;

*Amendment*

24. Commends the country for maintaining macroeconomic stability; notes, however, the negative effects of the global economic downturn on inward investment to the country; ***urges the government to be more***

*careful regarding the state funding of cultural projects that tighten the good neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 162**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Norica Nicolai, Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*24 a. Welcomes the legislative measures for strengthening the business environment and the continuous action aimed at developing sound medium term macro-fiscal strategies; encourages the political forces to enter into a transparent political dialogue as regards the fiscal situation and the credit obligations of the country;*

Or. en

**Amendment 163**

**Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

25. Notes with concern that unemployment continues to be very high, with youth unemployment one of the highest worldwide; welcomes the action plan on youth employment developed in conjunction with the ILO Decent Work programme; calls on the government to build on the joint training organised by the European TUC to strengthen the capacities of social partners to engage in effective

25. Notes with concern that unemployment continues to be very high, with youth unemployment one of the highest worldwide; welcomes the action plan on youth employment developed in conjunction with the ILO Decent Work programme; calls on the government to build on the joint training organised by the European TUC to strengthen the capacities of social partners to engage in effective

social dialogue;

social dialogue; *is of the view that further investment in the strengthening of research, technological development and innovation capacity is needed in order to facilitate the building of a knowledge-based economy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 164**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Notes with concern that unemployment continues to be very high, with youth unemployment one of the highest worldwide; welcomes the action plan on youth employment developed in conjunction with the ILO Decent Work programme; calls on the government to build on the joint training organised by the European TUC to strengthen the capacities of social partners to engage in effective social dialogue;

*Amendment*

25. Notes with concern that unemployment continues to be very high, with youth unemployment one of the highest worldwide *and that female employment remains very low*; welcomes the action plan on youth employment developed in conjunction with the ILO Decent Work programme; calls on the government to *improve coordination between bodies enforcing labour rules and* build on the joint training organised by the European TUC to strengthen the capacities of social partners to engage in effective social dialogue;

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Nikolaos Chountis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Notes with concern that unemployment continues to be very high, with youth

*Amendment*

25. Notes with concern that unemployment continues to be very high, with youth

unemployment one of the highest worldwide; welcomes the action plan on youth employment developed in conjunction with the ILO Decent Work programme; calls on the government to build on the joint training organised by the European TUC to strengthen the capacities of social partners to engage in effective social dialogue;

unemployment one of the highest worldwide; welcomes the action plan on youth employment developed in conjunction with the ILO Decent Work programme; ***at the same time expects immediate results in reducing unemployment, particularly among young people***; calls on the government to build on the joint training organised by the European TUC to strengthen the capacities of social partners to engage in effective social dialogue;

Or. el

**Amendment 166**  
**Norica Nicolai**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***25 a. Underlines the importance of creating a consulting mechanism between the government and the private companies, when decisions regarding the fight against the economic crisis are being taken; also states that such a mechanism could be a solution towards adjusting the educational system to the market needs, which could reduce unemployment among young people;***

Or. en

**Amendment 167**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***25a. Is convinced, in view of all the criticisms set out in this resolution concerning not merely the lack of progress on resolving basic problems but the aggravation of those problems, that there is no justification for wasting monies provided by European taxpayers – some of whom are direct targets of hate speech – on financing the candidate country's policies; asks the Commission, therefore, to suspend further financing via the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) until the outstanding problems are resolved; tasks the Commission with redirecting the monies thus saved into education, training and job-finding for young Europeans;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 168**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***25 a. Welcomes the progress made in modernising transport, energy and telecommunications networks and, in particular, the efforts to complete Corridor X; in view of the importance of the railway links as an alternative to road transport, welcomes the government's intention to upgrade or construct the railway links from Skopje to the capitals of the neighbouring countries and calls for finalisation of the railway connections within Corridor VIII;***

Or. en

**Amendment 169**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***25 a. Stresses the importance of developing public transport with regard, in particular, to upgrading or creating new railway links, like for example the one on rail corridor VIII towards Bulgaria, in the framework of a sustainable system of transport; regrets, in third regard, that little progress was achieved in this field with a negative impact on the competitiveness of rail against road transport;***

Or. en

**Amendment 170**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***25 b. Takes note of the government's efforts to rebuild the local road infrastructure in the country, aimed at improving alternative tourism and life of the citizens; in that regard, encourages the country to take a more dynamic approach in regional development projects under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) that will increase cross-border cooperation and the links among the countries in the region;***

**Amendment 171**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 c. Points out that significant efforts are needed in the field of environment and in particular in the areas of water quality, nature protection and industrial pollution control and risk management; underlines that no substantial progress can be achieved without strengthening adequately the administrative capacity; calls on the Macedonian government to take the necessary measures in this respect;*

Or. en

**Amendment 172**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 c. Restates the potential of renewable energy for the country and welcomes that progress is being made with 21 new concession for small hydro-power plants already granted, a hydro-power plant already in operation and the construction of a wind park underway; calls on the Government to raise the level of public debate on the impacts of climate change and for more efforts to align national legislation with the EU acquis in this area*

*and implement the national legislation, especially on water management, industrial pollution control, nature protection and climate change; stresses the need to strengthen administrative capacity at both central and local level;*

Or. en

**Amendment 173**  
**Marije Cornelissen**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 d. Welcomes the participation of Macedonia in the Energy Community; calls on the Macedonian government to adopt and develop a credible and effective plan on renewable energy and energy efficiency with a view to diversifying energy sources and align with EU climate-change policies and targets; urges, in particular, the Macedonian authorities to simplify and speed up administrative procedures for issuing construction permits, licensing and network connections of renewable energy projects;*

Or. en

**Amendment 174**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Norica Nicolai, Elisabeth Jeggle**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*25 d. Encourages the authorities to*



*increase their efforts for introducing e-government as part of the public administration reforms aimed at delivering efficient, accessible and transparent services to citizens and businesses;*

Or. en

**Amendment 175**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

***Good-neighbourly relations***, regional and international cooperation

*Amendment*

Regional and international cooperation

Or. en

**Amendment 176**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process, ***demonstrating its commitment to a strong European agenda, good-neighbourliness and inclusivity; reaffirms it is important for the EU to pursue accession of all countries in the region without exception; believes that a change in mindset from ‘Western Balkans’ to ‘South-East Europe’ could assist in this endeavour;***

*Amendment*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process, ***an organisation that brings together Turkey, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Greece, Croatia, Moldova and Montenegro; underlines the importance of regional cooperation in line with the European agenda and values and calls for further progress in this regard; reaffirms that it is important for the EU to pursue accession of all countries in the region without exception;***

**Amendment 177**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process, ***demonstrating its commitment*** to a strong European agenda, good-neighbourliness and inclusivity; ***reaffirms it is important for the EU to pursue accession of all countries in the region without exception; believes that a change in mindset from ‘Western Balkans’ to ‘South-East Europe’ could assist in this endeavour;***

*Amendment*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process ***and expects that it will contribute*** to a strong European agenda, good-neighbourliness and inclusivity;

**Amendment 178**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process, ***demonstrating its commitment*** to a strong European agenda, good-neighbourliness and inclusivity; reaffirms it is important for the EU to pursue accession of all countries in the region without exception; ***believes that a change in mindset from ‘Western Balkans’ to ‘South-East Europe’ could assist in this endeavour;***

*Amendment*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process ***and expects that it will contribute*** to a strong European agenda, good-neighbourliness and inclusivity; reaffirms it is important for the EU to pursue accession of all countries in the region without exception;

**Amendment 179**  
**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process, **demonstrating** its commitment to a strong European agenda, good-neighbourliness and inclusivity; reaffirms it is important for the EU to pursue accession of all countries in the region without exception; believes that a change in mindset from ‘Western Balkans’ to ‘South-East Europe’ could assist in this endeavour;

*Amendment*

26. Welcomes that the country is currently chairing the South-East European Cooperation Process; **hopes this will reinforce** its commitment to a strong European agenda, good-neighbourliness and inclusivity; reaffirms it is important for the EU to pursue accession of all countries in the region without exception; believes that a change in mindset from ‘Western Balkans’ to ‘South-East Europe’ could assist in this endeavour;

**Amendment 180**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***26 a. Welcomes the initiative of the Enlargement Commissioner to organise separate trilateral meetings for the country's Foreign Minister with those of Greece and Bulgaria; is of the opinion that such meetings could give a substantial contribution to enhancing mutual trust and good-neighbourly relations without detracting in any way from the UN process; welcomes the intention of authorities in Skopje and Sofia to increase cooperation in fields***

*Amendment*

*such as transport, energy and cross-border issues; notes with satisfaction the activities of the working groups of the representatives of the Foreign Ministers of both countries which has met twice; restates its call for positive progress to be made in joint celebrations of common events and in ensuring positive content on school textbooks, which would contribute to good neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 181**  
**Nadezhda Neynsky**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 a. Urges the government to maintain a good level of economic and political cooperation with the neighbouring countries based on mutual respect and genuine desire to resolve misunderstandings and overcome hostilities; also calls for greater socio-cultural collaboration in view of strengthening the ties between the peoples of the region;*

Or. en

**Amendment 182**  
**Nikolaos Salavrakos, Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 a. Underlines that regional cooperation and good neighbourly*

*relations remain essential parts of the enlargement process; notes with concern the use of historical arguments in the current debate, including the phenomenon of 'antiquisation', which threatens to increase tensions with neighbouring countries and create new internal divisions; looks forward to renewed efforts to resolve, together with Bulgaria, misunderstandings and different perceptions concerning historical, cultural and ethnicity-based issues;*

Or. en

**Amendment 183**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 a. Underlines the importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations as an essential part of the European integration process; welcomes country's overall constructive role as regards relations with other enlargement countries; encourages the country's authorities to intensify cooperation with its neighbours in the spirit of good neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 184**  
**Marietta Giannakou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26 a. Underlines that regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations remain essential parts of the enlargement process; recalls that actions and statements which could negatively impact on good neighbourly relations should be avoided;***

Or. en

**Amendment 185**  
**Marietta Giannakou**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26 b. Notes with concern the use of historical arguments in the current debate, including the phenomenon of antiquisation, which threatens to increase tensions with neighbour countries and create new internal divisions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 186**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26 b. Underlines that good neighbourly relations are a key criterion for the EU enlargement process and calls on the governments concerned to avoid controversial gestures, controversial actions and statements which could have***

*negative effects on relations; notes with concern the use of historical arguments in the current debate, including the phenomenon of 'antiquisation', which threatens to increase tensions with neighbouring countries and create new internal divisions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 187**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 26 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 b. Underlines that good neighbourly relations are a key criterion for the EU enlargement process and calls on the governments concerned to avoid controversial gestures, actions and statements which could have negative effects on relations; notes with concern the use of historical arguments in the current debate, which threatens to increase tensions with neighbouring countries and create new internal divisions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 188**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 26 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 b. Underlines that good neighbourly relations are a key criterion for the EU enlargement process and calls on the*

*governments concerned to avoid controversial gestures, actions and statements which could have negative effects on the neighbourly relations; reiterates its concern about the use of historical arguments in the current debate;*

Or. en

**Amendment 189**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 c. Continues to express its disappointment on the lack of progress in joint celebrations of common historic events and figures with neighbouring EU Member States, which would contribute to a better understanding of history and good neighbourly relations; encourages the attempts to establish joint expert committees on history and education, with the aim of contributing to an objective, fact-based interpretation of history, strengthening academic cooperation and promoting positive attitudes of young people towards their neighbours;*

Or. en

**Amendment 190**  
**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 c. Expresses its disappointment at the*



*lack of progress in joint celebrations of common historic events and figures with neighbouring EU Member States, which would contribute to a better understanding of history and good neighbourly relations; encourages the establishment of joint expert committees on history and education with Bulgaria and Greece, with the aim of contributing to an objective, fact-based interpretation of history, strengthening academic cooperation and promoting positive attitudes of young people towards their neighbours;*

Or. en

**Amendment 191**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26c. condemns the physical aggression against the Ambassador of Bulgaria, a Member State of the EU, and considers it to be particularly unacceptable inasmuch as the violence was hate-driven; calls on the government of the candidate country to make all necessary efforts, including by curbing the spread of hatred of Bulgaria in its society, to ensure that there is no repetition of such incidents;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 192**  
**Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26d. calls on the government of the candidate country to refuse state funding for cultural projects, such as the film ‘Third Halftime’, which spread hatred; categorically condemns the speculative suggestions and outright historical falsifications in the film ‘Third Halftime’, which are seriously insulting to the Bulgarian people and are intended to provoke un-neighbourly relations between the citizens of Bulgaria and those of the candidate country; is convinced that culture and art should be used to bring people closer together and not as a basis for fuelling new enmities;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 193**

**Evgeni Kirilov**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 26 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26 d. Welcomes the recent active involvement of Skopje in bilateral working groups with Bulgaria and hopes the meetings will bring concrete results in the very near future;***

Or. en

**Amendment 194**

**Andrey Kovatchev, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 26 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26 d. Regrets that openly expressing Bulgarian identity and/or ethnic background has negative consequences for many citizens and often results in manipulative use of the justice system, negative media campaigns, and unequal treatment by employers and authorities related to social opportunities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 195  
Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 26 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26e. calls on the government of the candidate country to take measures to discourage the systematic violation of Bulgarian cultural and historical monuments, for example the annual defilement and destruction of the plaque in memory of Mara Buneva;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 196  
Dimitar Stoyanov**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 26 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***26f. calls on the government of the candidate country to demonstrate the desire to be a good neighbour and to resolve the issue, which has been ongoing***

*for decades, of the destructive despoliation and defilement of the Bulgarian war graves on its territory;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 197**  
**Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*26 f. Welcomes the progress made in modernizing transport, energy and telecommunications networks as well as the government's efforts to ensure financing for the finalization of the railway connections within Corridor VIII;*

Or. en

**Amendment 198**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Norica Nicolai, Elisabeth Jeggle, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*27 a. Emphasizes the importance of modern infrastructure for strengthening regional cooperation; welcomes the progress made in modernizing transport, energy and telecommunications networks as well as the government's efforts to ensure financing for the finalization of the railway connections within Corridor VIII;*

Or. en

**Amendment 199**  
**Tanja Fajon**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27a. Calls on the Government and all competent organisations to endeavour to meet the necessary criteria and conditions for visa waiver arrangements in the Schengen Area; stresses the need to ensure that the public is fully informed regarding visa waiver restrictions and ensure that no abuse of visa waiver or visa liberalisation policy occurs; stresses that the suspension of visa waiver arrangements would not be without unfavourable social, economic and social consequences;***

Or. sl

**Amendment 200**  
**Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27 a. Recalls paragraph 60 of its former resolution and thinks that it might be a good first step to good neighbourly relations, as it shall clear the history and cultural issues between the EU countries and the country; hopes to see progress on this issue soon;***

Or. en

**Amendment 201**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Norica Nicolai, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27 b. Calls on the authorities to adopt a fact-based approach to history, particularly as regards educational materials and public appearances both domestically and internationally as a way to reduce inter-ethnic and regional tensions; urges the authorities to introduce educational materials free of ideological interpretations of history and hate speech against neighbouring countries left from the communist era;***

Or. en

**Amendment 202**  
**Andrey Kovatchev, Stanimir Ilchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***27 c. Reminds that the state-sponsored process of the manipulation of regional history impedes the integration of the various ethnic communities, the stability and the European integration of the country;***

Or. en

**Amendment 203**  
**Nikolaos Chountis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***28a. Takes the view that a mutually acceptable UN-brokered solution to the***

*name issue, designed to ensure good neighbourly relations with Greece and untainted by nationalist excesses, would be in the interests of the people of FYROM and promote wider cooperation in the Balkans.*

Or. el