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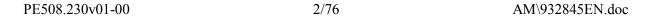
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on the freedom of press and media in the world (2011/2081(INI))

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Amendment 1 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Journalists, approved on 24 and 25 November 1971 by the European Federation of Journalists, on the ethical principles of journalism, called the 'Munich Charter',

Or. fr

Amendment 2 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Citation 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

 having regard to the Reykjavik declaration by the Council of Europe on the impact of anti-terrorism measures on freedom of expression⁸, of 29 May 2009,

⁸ (MCM(2009)011), available at http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/standardsetting/media/MCM(2009)011 en final web.pdf

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Or. en

Amendment 3 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 10 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Report on the State of Media Freedom in Europe, Doc. 13078, adopted 24 January 2013,

Or. en

Amendment 4 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the European Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Council of Europe,

Or. en

Amendment 5 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Citation 12

Motion for a resolution

 having regard to the reports by NGOs on the media such as those by Reporters Without Borders (Press Freedom Indexes) and Freedom House (Freedom of the Press reports),

Amendment

- having regard to the reports by NGOs on the media such as those by Reporters Without Borders (Press Freedom Indexes) and Freedom House (Freedom of the Press reports) and International Press Institute (Death Watch and Annual IPI World Press Freedom Review),

Amendment 6 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the independent Policy Report on European Union Competencies in Respect of Media Pluralism and Media Freedom of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (CMPF), Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute (EUI), January 2013,

Or en

Amendment 7 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the independent Report with its recommendations on 'A free and pluralistic media to sustain European democracy' by the High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism, January 2013,

Or. en

Amendment 8 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the report of the High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism established by the European Commission, entitled "A free and pluralistic media to sustain European democracy" released on the 13th of January 2013,

Or. en

Amendment 9 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

having regard to the report on A
 European Charter for the Standard
 Settings for Media Freedoms across the
 EU, LIBE Committee of the European
 Parliament, adopted 21 February 2013,

Or. en

Amendment 10 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

having regard to its resolution of 13
 December 2012 on 'The review of the EU's Human Rights Strategy',

Amendment 11 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Citation 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

 having regard to the Declaration by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on behalf of the European Union of 3 May 2012 on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day,

Or. en

Amendment 12 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

 having regard to its resolution of 12
 December 2012 on 'The situation of Fundamental Rights in the European Union',

Or. en

Amendment 13 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the study on 'The impact of the resolutions and other activities of the European Parliament in the field of human rights outside the EU', requested by the Subcommittee on Human

Amendment 14 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Citation 28

Motion for a resolution

having regard to its resolutions on urgent cases of breaches of human rights,
 democracy and the rule of law, where they raise concerns regarding press and media freedom, particularly the imprisonment of journalists and bloggers,

Amendment

having regard to its resolutions on urgent cases of breaches of human rights,
 democracy and the rule of law *and on country specific resolutions*, *where* concerns regarding press and media freedom, particularly the imprisonment of journalists and bloggers *are raised*,

Or. en

Amendment 15 Corina Creţu

Motion for a resolution Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of expression is a universal human right and is essential to the realisation of other rights, such as development, dignity and fulfilment of every human being;

Amendment

A. whereas the right to freedom of expression is a universal human right and is essential to the realisation of other rights *that citizens around the world strive to obtain*, such as development, dignity and fulfilment of every human being;

Or. en

Amendment 16 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of expression is a universal human right and is essential to the realisation of other rights, such as development, dignity and fulfilment of every human being;

Amendment

A. whereas the right to freedom of expression is a universal human right, which lays at the basis of democracy, and is essential to the realisation of other rights, such as development, dignity and fulfilment of every human being;

Or. en

Amendment 17 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the right to freedom of expression is a universal human right and is essential to the realisation of other rights, such as *development*, dignity and fulfilment of every human being;

Amendment

A. whereas the right to freedom of expression is a universal human right which is fundamental for democracy and citizenship and is essential to the realisation of other rights, such as education, dignity and the complete fulfilment of every human being;

Or. fr

Amendment 18 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas restrictions on freedom of expression have *far-reaching effects* and can only be justified *subject to narrow and strict conditions, provided by law which*

Amendment

B. whereas restrictions on freedom of expression have *serious consequences* and can *thus* only be justified *in very singular circumstances and under the very strict*

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itself is considered legitimate under international law;

guidelines of legislation which is itself legitimate under international law;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas restrictions on freedom of expression have far-reaching effects and can only be justified subject to narrow and strict conditions, provided by law which itself is considered legitimate under international law;

Amendment

B. whereas restrictions on freedom of expression have far-reaching effects and can only be justified subject to narrow and strict conditions, provided by law which itself is considered legitimate under international law; whereas freedom of expression is a fundamental right and closely linked to press- and media freedom and pluralism; whereas states that signed to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) are obliged to ensure that an independent, free and pluralistic press and media is guaranteed;

Or. en

Amendment 20 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas restrictions on freedom of expression have far-reaching effects and can only be *justified* subject to narrow and strict conditions, provided by law which itself is considered legitimate under international law;

Amendment

B. whereas restrictions on freedom of expression have far-reaching effects and can only be *very limited and* subject to narrow and strict conditions, provided by law which itself is considered legitimate under international law;

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Amendment 21 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas media platforms are essential for the exercise of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the press, as a collective manifestation of free expression, is one of the key actors in the media landscape;

Amendment

C. whereas media platforms are essential for the exercise of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the press, as a collective manifestation of free expression, is one of the key actors in the media landscape, acting as a watchdog of democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 22 Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas media platforms are essential for the exercise of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the press, as a collective manifestation of free expression, is one of the key actors in the media landscape;

Amendment

C. whereas media platforms are essential for the exercise of the right to freedom of expression; whereas the *independent* press, as a collective manifestation of free expression, is one of the key actors in the media landscape;

Or. en

Amendment 23 Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas freedom of the press, media, the digital sector and journalism are considered to be public goods;

Amendment

D. whereas freedom of the press, media, including the freedom of journalist-employee from the censorship imposed by media business companies, the digital sector and journalism in general are considered to be public goods;

Or. en

Amendment 24 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D (a) whereas the current systemic crisis has hit the media and the profession of journalist very hard, making work in this profession even more precarious and putting at risk the survival of many organs of the press, in particular the press specialising in political analysis or commentary;

Or. fr

Amendment 25 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas (digital) media platforms increasingly have a global nature;

Amendment

E. whereas (digital) media platforms increasingly have a global nature *as well as a rising number of users*;

Or. en

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Amendment 26 Jean Roatta

Motion for a resolution Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas net and media are human rights defenders instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 27 Jean Roatta

Motion for a resolution Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas net neutrality is an essential principle for the open internet, ensuring competition and transparency; whereas the free flow of information is also beneficial for business opportunities;

Amendment

F. whereas net neutrality is an essential principle for the open internet, ensuring competition and transparency *and* business opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 28 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas *net* neutrality is an essential principle for the open internet, ensuring competition and transparency; whereas the free flow of information is also beneficial for business opportunities;

Amendment

F. whereas *network* neutrality is an essential principle for the open internet, *fostering democratic communication and* ensuring competition and transparency; whereas the free flow of information is also

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beneficial for business opportunities *and innovation*;

Or. en

Amendment 29 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas net neutrality is an essential principle for the open internet, ensuring competition and transparency; whereas the free flow of information is also beneficial for business opportunities;

Amendment

F. whereas net neutrality is an essential principle for the open internet, ensuring competition and transparency; whereas the free flow of information is also beneficial for business opportunities *and stimulates job creation and growth*;

Or. en

Amendment 30 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas journalists, media and freedom of speech are under threat all over the world and journalists are often human rights defenders;

Amendment

G. whereas journalists, media and freedom of speech are under threat all over the world and journalists are often human rights defenders *and promoters*;

Or. en

Amendment 31 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Recital G

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Motion for a resolution

G. whereas *journalists*, *media* and *freedom of speech are under threat all* over the world and journalists are often human rights defenders;

Amendment

G. whereas *increasing death toll of journalists raises grave concern* and journalists are often human rights defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 32 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas journalists, media and freedom of speech are under threat all over the world and journalists are often human rights defenders;

Amendment

G. whereas *freedom of expression, the media, journalists and all those who contribute to it* are under threat all over the world and journalists are often human rights defenders;

Or. fr

Amendment 33 Zbigniew Ziobro

Motion for a resolution Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas journalists, media and freedom of speech are under threat all over the world and journalists are often human rights *defenders*;

Amendment

G. whereas journalists, media and freedom of speech are under threat all over the world and journalists are often *defenders* of human rights and freedom of association, opinion and religion;

Or. pl

Amendment 34 Monika Flašíková Beňová

Motion for a resolution Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas journalists, media and freedom of speech are under threat all over the world and journalists are often human rights defenders;

Amendment

G. whereas journalists, media and freedom of speech are under threat all over the world and journalists are often human rights defenders, *however*, *they are often persecuted and imprisoned*;

Or. en

Amendment 35 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas new digital and online media platforms have contributed to increased diversity and pluralism, but also to the attempts to restrict them;

Amendment

H. whereas new digital and online media platforms have contributed to increased diversity and pluralism;

Or. en

Amendment 36 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas new digital and online media platforms have contributed to increased diversity and pluralism, but also to the attempts to restrict them;

Amendment

H. whereas new digital and online media platforms have contributed to increased diversity and pluralism, but also to the attempts to restrict them; *whereas there are monopolistic tendencies in the*

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concentration of media ownership that risk to undermine media diversity and media pluralism in various countries within and outside Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 37 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas new digital and online media platforms have contributed to *increased* diversity and pluralism, *but also to* the attempts to restrict *them*;

Amendment

H. whereas *while* new digital and online media platforms have contributed to *an increase in* diversity and pluralism *in society;* the attempts to restrict *these new developments have also multiplied*;

Or. en

Amendment 38 Zbigniew Ziobro

Motion for a resolution Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas new digital and online media platforms have contributed to increased diversity and pluralism, but also to the attempts to restrict them;

Amendment

H. whereas new digital and online media platforms have contributed to increased diversity and pluralism, but also to the attempts to restrict them, one example of which being the refusal to grant a licence for TV Trwam in Poland;

Or. pl

Amendment 39 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the EU's efforts and programmes to foster and protect press and media freedom worldwide need to be optimised, building on the valuable work by civil society and journalist organisations;

Amendment

I. whereas journalist profession comprises rights and obligations, freedoms and responsibilities, under self-regulation and according to journalist ethics and professional standards;

Or. en

Amendment 40 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the EU's efforts and programmes to foster and protect press and media freedom worldwide need to be optimised, building on the valuable work by civil society and journalist organisations;

Amendment

I. whereas the EU's efforts and programmes to foster and protect press and media freedom worldwide need to be optimised, building on the valuable work by civil society and *human rights and* journalist organisations;

Or. fr

Amendment 41 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas the EU has a clear role in upholding the fundamental rights of EU

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citizens; whereas, however, the EU lacks a comprehensive strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 42 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas the EU is only credible on the global stage when press and media freedoms are safeguarded and respected within the Union itself:

Amendment

J. whereas the EU is only credible on the global stage when press and media freedoms are safeguarded and respected within the Union itself; whereas the pluralism of the press, in particular the press specialising in political analysis or commentary, is now in danger in many EU Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 43 Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas journalism appears compromised when TV entertainment business, if out of ethical standards, tries to cover itself under slogans about freedom of expression;

Or. en

Amendment 44 Anna Ibrisagic

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for *guaranteeing* and *protecting* freedom of the press and media;

Or. en

Amendment 45 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom; is alarmed by the fact that there is a general downward trend in the grading of the press- and media freedom environments in various countries within and outside Europe according to the latest annual Indexes and Analysis Reports - see the list in Annex at the end of this report -;

Amendment 46 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom; notes that a balance between national security issues and freedom of information must be achieved in order to prevent abuses and guarantee the independence of press and media;

Or. en

Amendment 47 Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom; also, recognises that media empires owned by politicians are sometimes empowered to carry out misinformation campaigns;

Amendment 48 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Points out that governments have a primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, all too often using it as a tool of traditional propaganda, and resorting to legal pressures in order to restrict it; emphasizes the fact that financial and political independence of the media is essential to the well-functioning of a democratic society;

Or en

Amendment 49 Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, *and* are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for *ensuring or* hampering freedom of the press and media; *in the worst cases they* are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism *or anti-extremism* legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment 50 Jean Roatta

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility *for hampering freedom* of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility *in the restriction* of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Or en

Amendment 51 Jacek Włosowicz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Amendment

1. Recognises that governments have the primary responsibility for hampering freedom of the press and media, and are increasingly resorting to legal pressure, e.g. through the abuse of anti-terrorism legislation and laws on national security, treason or subversion, *and the use of licences to broadcast on digital platforms* in order to restrict press and media freedom;

Or. pl

Amendment 52 Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Emphasizes that free, independent and pluralistic online and traditional media is one of the cornerstones of democracy and pluralism; recognizes the importance of information resources as real freedom and media pluralism; points out that maintaining and strengthening the freedom and independence of the media in the world is of the common interest; notes that the role of free and independent media and the free exchange of information in democratic changes that occur in non-democratic regimes is of utmost importance;

Or. en

Amendment 53 Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity;

Amendment

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity thus emphasizes the importance of combating impunity; authorities can not consider threats and violence and ensure the safety of journalists without political, judicial and police authorities to take decisive action against those who attack journalists and their work. Impunity impacts not only on the freedom of the press, but on the daily work of journalists as well, creating a climate of fear and self-censorship;

Amendment 54 Corina Cretu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity;

Amendment

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity; believes the EU should have a tougher stance on countries that constantly allow such acts to go unpunished;

Or. en

Amendment 55 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity;

Amendment

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently *wounded or* murdered throughout the world, often with impunity; *calls on all states to guarantee the safety of journalists*;

Or. en

Amendment 56 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are

Amendment

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are

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frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity;

frequently murdered *or are being subject to serious abuses* throughout the world, often with impunity;

Or. en

Amendment 57 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently *murdered* throughout the world, often with impunity;

Amendment

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently *the victims of violent attacks* throughout the world *and sometimes even killed*, often with impunity;

Or. en

Amendment 58 Zbigniew Ziobro

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity;

Amendment

2. Deplores the fact that journalists are frequently murdered throughout the world, often with impunity; *calls for stronger action in responding to such murders and beatings*;

Or. pl

Amendment 59 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

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Motion for a resolution

3. Stresses that laws, statutory regulation, intimidation, fines, *highly concentrated ownership by politicians or others with conflicting interests* can all limit the freedom to acquire and access information or lead to threats to freedom after expression;

Amendment

3. Stresses that *certain* laws, statutory regulation, intimidation, fines can all limit the freedom to acquire and access information or lead to threats to freedom after expression;

Or. en

Amendment 60 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses that indirect pressure on the press and the media can be brought by governments; considers that in many countries media rely heavily on government advertising, which then can become a tool to pressure media; and licences or tax fines can also become means to restrict the operation of critical media;

Or. en

Amendment 61 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned

Amendment

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned

worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship; worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship; calls for an end to the harassment of journalists, who should be able to carry out their work in an independent manner without fear of violence and recrimination, and the immediate release of all journalists imprisoned because of their work;

Or. en

Amendment 62 Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship;

Amendment

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship; stresses the need to support and encourage investigative journalism, because it helps to discover the social anomalies and can help law enforcement agencies, who are obliged to act ex officio in cases of detected evidence of crime;

Or. en

Amendment 63 Corina Cretu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

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Motion for a resolution

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship;

Amendment

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship; believes that the EU should continue pushing for the immediate release of wrongfully imprisoned journalists and bloggers.

Or. en

Amendment 64 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship;

Amendment

4. Deplores the fact that criminalisation of expression is on the rise; recalls that journalists are frequently imprisoned worldwide because of their work; is aware that defamation, blasphemy and libel laws and laws on 'tarnishing the image of the country abroad' and on 'homosexual propaganda' are used to imprison or censor journalists and block free expression; regrets that censorship fosters self-censorship;

Or. fr

Amendment 65 Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

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Motion for a resolution

5. **Deplores** the fact that many journalists have no access to legal assistance while their profession increasingly finds itself in the front line of the struggle for human rights, whether online or offline;

Amendment

5. *Strongly condemns* the fact that many journalists have no access to legal assistance while their profession increasingly finds itself in the front line of the struggle for human rights, whether online or offline;

Or. en

Amendment 66 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Deplores the fact that many journalists have no access to legal assistance while their profession increasingly finds itself in the front line of the struggle for human rights, whether online or offline;

Amendment

5. Deplores the fact that many journalists have no access to legal assistance while their profession increasingly finds itself *more than ever* in the front line of the struggle for human rights, whether online or offline;

Or. fr

Amendment 67 Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers that media freedom suffers damage by being totally misinterpreted when journalist (-ism) appears involved or bribed for a slander, defamation and similar means in order to crush political or business opponent;

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Amendment 68 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers the trend of concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates to be a threat to media freedom and pluralism, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling underlying media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 69 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers the trend of concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates to be a threat to media freedom and pluralism, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling underlying media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators;

Amendment

6. Considers that not only freedom of media but also freedom within the media must be protected and distinction between publishers, proprietors and journalists must be ensured;

Amendment 70 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. *Considers* the trend of concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates *to be* a threat to media freedom and pluralism, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling underlying media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators;

Amendment

6. *Is concerned that* the trend of concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates *poses* a threat to media freedom and pluralism *and ultimately, to democracy*, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling underlying media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators;

Or. en

Amendment 71 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers *the trend of* concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates to be a threat to media freedom and pluralism, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling underlying media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators;

Amendment

6. Considers concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates to be a threat to media freedom and pluralism, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling underlying media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators; acknowledges that decision making inside large conglomerates can hamper freedom of expression and as such press and media freedom in general;

Or. en

Amendment 72 Jean Roatta

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers the trend of concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates to be a threat to media freedom and pluralism, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling *underlying* media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators;

Amendment

6. Considers the trend of concentrated media ownership in large conglomerates to be a threat to media freedom and pluralism, especially with digitisation occurring in parallel; stresses the importance of an open and enabling media infrastructure, as also of the existence of independent regulators;

Or. en

Amendment 73 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Recognizes the potential of private foundations and NGOs supporting quality journalism and in being drivers of innovation:

Or. en

Amendment 74 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Deplores the push for the privatisation of policing and law enforcement through internet and information service providers;

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Amendment 75 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recognises that all too often media are used as traditional propaganda tools and that, specifically regarding public service media, financial and political independence is essential;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 76 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. *Recognises* that all too often media are used as traditional propaganda tools and that, specifically regarding public service media, financial and political independence is essential;

Amendment

9. Is aware of the fact that all too often media are used as traditional propaganda tools and that, specifically regarding public service media, financial and political independence is essential; emphasises that free and independent public media play a crucial role in deepening democracy, in maximising the involvement of civil society in public affairs and in empowering citizens on the path to democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 77 Marietje Schaake

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recognises that all too often media are used as traditional propaganda tools and that, specifically regarding public service media, financial and political independence is essential;

Amendment

9. Recognises that all too often media are used as *and/or involved in* traditional propaganda tools and that, specifically regarding public service media, financial and political independence is essential;

Or. en

Amendment 78 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Recognises that all too often media are used as traditional propaganda tools and that, specifically regarding public service media, financial *and political* independence *is* essential;

Amendment

9. Recognises that all too often *the* media are used as traditional propaganda tools and that, specifically regarding public service media, *their* financial independence *and political pluralism are* essential;

Or. fr

Amendment 79 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Recognizes the importance of free and independent public media in deepening democracy and informing and involving civil society and citizens in public debates and affairs;

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Amendment 80 Doris Pack, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Stresses that free and independent public media always play a crucial role in deepening democracy, in maximising the involvement of civil society in public affairs and in empowering citizens on the path to democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 81 Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Is concerned regarding the challenges faced by public service broadcasters in terms of editorial independence from politics and capital, precarious employment of staff, pluralism, neutrality and quality of information, access and permanent financing as a result of political and financial impacts of the economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 82 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Encourages the development of ethical codes for journalists as well as for those involved in the management of media outlets, in order to ensure full independence of journalists and media bodies; recognizes the importance of enforcing such codes through the establishment of independent regulatory bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 83 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Emphasises the need in these times of crisis to ensure pluralism of the press and the existence of journalism specialising in political analysis or commentary, as well as to protect public radio and television services in the interest of society as a whole and information for all; maintains that this can only be done by ensuring that the profession of journalist has secure employment and training pathways;

Or. fr

Amendment 84 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

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10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and their empowering effects on individuals, phenomena which create anxiety for those in power;

Or. en

Amendment 85 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and their empowering effects on individuals, *phenomena which* create anxiety for those in power;

Amendment

Amendment

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and their empowering effects on individuals *and*, *is aware of the fact that these phenomena* create anxiety for those in power;

Or. en

Amendment 86 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and their empowering effects on individuals, phenomena which create anxiety for *those in power*;

Amendment

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and their empowering effects on individuals, phenomena which create anxiety for *authoritarian regimes*;

Or. en

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Amendment 87 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and their empowering effects on individuals, phenomena which create anxiety for those *in* power;

Amendment

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and their empowering effects on individuals, phenomena which create anxiety for those *abusing their* power;

Or. en

Amendment 88 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and *their empowering effects on* individuals, phenomena which create anxiety for those in power;

Amendment

10. Recognises the potential impact of today's ever more digitised media and *recognises also that they mean that* individuals *are better informed and more critical*, phenomena which create anxiety for those in power;

Or. fr

Amendment 89 Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Acknowledges the major role played by digital and online media platforms in the uprisings against dictatorial regimes

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in recent years;

Or. en

Amendment 90 Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Considers that, especially in times of economic crisis and of fundamental changes in the media landscape, the growing number of journalists employed in precarious employment conditions and lacking a proper social security in comparison with the standards on the labour market poses a threat to press independence and is directly related to the challenges of the future of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 91 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

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Or. fr

Amendment 92 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Considers that digitisation of the press and media adds new layers to the media landscape, raising questions regarding access, quality, the objectivity of information and its protection;

Amendment

13. Considers that digitisation of the press and media adds new layers to the media landscape, raising questions regarding access, quality, the objectivity of information and its protection; *emphasises* the need to safeguard and preserve the intellectual property rights and copyright of journalists;

Or. fr

Amendment 93 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses that digitisation can help people to access information, scrutinize officials, that data and documents are shared and spread, that injustices or corruption are brought to light;

Or. en

Amendment 94 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Stresses that to unlock the full potential of IT infrastructures, global interoperability and appropriate regulation is required; whereas these ICT

elements should be incorporated in both the existing and evolving media landscape, in conjunction with basic conditions of independence, plurality and diversity;

Or. en

Amendment 95 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Deplores all attempts to create various forms of "closed-internet" as they represent serious breaches of the right of information; urges all authorities to refrain from such attempts;

Or. en

Amendment 96 Corina Cretu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about mass surveillance, mass censoring, and blocking and filtering tendencies affecting the media and the work of journalists and bloggers;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about mass surveillance, mass censoring, and blocking and filtering tendencies affecting *not only* the media and the work of journalists and bloggers but it also hinders the work of civil societies in bringing important political, economical and social transformations;

Or. en

Amendment 97 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about mass surveillance, mass censoring, and blocking and filtering tendencies affecting the media and the work of journalists and bloggers;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about mass surveillance, mass censoring, and blocking and filtering tendencies affecting the media and the work of journalists and bloggers; condemns the fact that some content aggregator companies (Google, Apple) are involved in the censorship of journalism, thereby undermining freedom of expression as a whole, including by disseminating journalistic content without payment;

Or. fr

Amendment 98 Zbigniew Ziobro

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Is concerned about mass surveillance, mass censoring, and blocking and filtering tendencies affecting the media and the work of journalists and bloggers;

Amendment

14. Is concerned about mass surveillance, mass censoring, and blocking and filtering tendencies affecting the media and the work of journalists and bloggers; condemns all arrests and attempted arrests of bloggers, viewing such actions as an attack on freedom of speech and opinion;

Or. pl

Amendment 99 Marietje Schaake

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Deplores the fact that many technologies and services used in third countries to violate human rights through censorship of information, mass surveillance, monitoring, and the tracing and tracking of citizens and their activities on (mobile) telephone networks and the internet are made in the EU; urges the Commission to take all necessary steps to stop this 'digital arms trade';

Or en

Amendment 100 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

15. Stresses the need for greater understanding of the role of intermediaries and their responsibilities; considers that market regulators can help preserve competition, but that it is also necessary to explore new ways of engaging private actors in order to preserve the public value of information; recognises that self-regulation can entail specific risks where (democratic) oversight is lacking;

Or. en

Amendment 101 Liisa Jaakonsaari

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need for greater understanding of the role of intermediaries and their responsibilities; considers that market regulators can help preserve competition, but that it is also necessary to explore new ways of engaging private actors in order to preserve the public value of information; recognises that self-regulation can entail specific risks where (democratic) oversight *is* lacking;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need for greater understanding of the role of intermediaries and their responsibilities; considers that market regulators can help preserve competition, but that it is also necessary to explore new ways of engaging private actors in order to preserve the public value of information; recognises that self-regulation can entail specific risks where (democratic) oversight *and public scrutiny are* lacking;

Or en

Amendment 102 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need for greater understanding of the role of *intermediaries* and their responsibilities; considers that market regulators can help preserve competition, but that it is also necessary to explore new ways of engaging *private* actors in order to preserve the public value of information; recognises that self-regulation can entail specific risks where (democratic) oversight is lacking;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need for greater understanding of the role of *all* stakeholders and their responsibilities; considers that the public authorities must ensure that a maximum threshold is set for concentration of the press so as to ensure pluralism and the lasting presence of an independent press, in particular journalism specialising in political analysis or commentary; considers that market regulators can help preserve competition, but that it is also necessary to explore new ways of engaging actors, in particular citizens and users of public information services, in order to preserve the public value of information; recognises that self-regulation can entail specific risks where (democratic) oversight is lacking;

Amendment 103 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that digital and (computer) data-driven platforms or services such as search engines are privately owned and require transparency so as to preserve the public value of information and prevent restrictions on access to information and freedom of expression;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 104 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses that digital and (computer) data-driven platforms or services such as search engines are privately owned and require transparency so as to preserve the public value of information and prevent restrictions on access to information and freedom of expression;

Amendment

16. Stresses that digital and (computer) data-driven platforms or services such as search engines and social media platforms are privately owned and require transparency so as to preserve the public value of information and prevent restrictions on access to information and freedom of expression; applauds and encourages the publication of policies and processes for information removal requests, and publicly accessible records of both requests submitted and access granted;

Or. en

Amendment 105 **Anna Ibrisagic**

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Stresses the need for whistleblower and source protection and for the EU to act to that end globally;

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Or. en

Amendment 106 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the need for *whistleblower and* source protection and for the EU to act to that end globally;

Amendment

17. Stresses the need for *a credible legal* framework offering sufficient support and protection at EU-level for whistleblowers and covering source protection and for the EU to act to that end globally;

Or. en

Amendment 107 Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Strongly condemns any attempts to use the internet or other online media platforms in order to promote and foster terrorist activities; urges authorities to

take a firm stance in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 108 Zbigniew Ziobro

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Is concerned at the use by governments of the right to award licenses on digital platforms as a tool with which to fight independent media;

Or. pl

Amendment 109 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers that for the EU considered as

a community of values the promotion and

protection of global press and media

freedom are essential;

Amendment

18. Considers that for the EU to be considered as a community of values the promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential; stresses that the EU should demonstrate the maximum political leadership to ensure the protection of journalists globally;

Or. en

Amendment 110 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

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18. *Considers* that for the EU *considered* as a community of values the promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential;

Amendment

18. *Affirms* that for the EU *that understands itself* as a community of values, the promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential;

Or. en

Amendment 111 Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers that for the EU considered as a community of values *the* promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential;

Amendment

18. Considers that, in order for the EU to be considered as a community of values, a more active promotion of events such as a the annual World Press Freedom Day and protection of global press and media freedom are essential;

Or. en

Amendment 112 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers that for the EU considered as a community of values the promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential;

Amendment

18. Emphasizes the fact that the freedom of the press is an essential value of the EU and as such, it must be promoted and protected worldwide;

Or. en

Amendment 113 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers that for the EU considered as a community of values the promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential;

Amendment

18. Recognizes specific influence of media, especially digital and television, on young persons and children, and their right to information free of glorification of violence, exploitation of sex, consumerism and unsuitable language;

Or. en

Amendment 114 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers that for the EU *considered* as a *community of values* the promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential:

Amendment

18. Considers that for the EU the promotion and protection of global press and media freedom are essential;

Or. fr

Amendment 115 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Condemns the fact that some parts of the media and some governments in the EU have condoned violence and highlighted racism and emphasises that

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such acts harm the overall ethics of journalism; demands that the 'Munich Charter' adopted by the European Federation of Journalists on 24 and 25 November 1971 should feature in all European collective agreements so as to safeguard the rights of professionals in the field;

Or fr

Amendment 116 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Believes that the EU should lead the way in ensuring that the media remain independent, plural and diverse, and in defending the situation, freedom and security of journalists and bloggers; stresses that, to this end, the EU should *not interfere with content but should, rather, support an enabling environment and limit restrictions to* freedom of expression globally,

Amendment

19. Believes that the EU should lead the way in ensuring that the media remain independent, plural and diverse, and in defending the situation, freedom and security of journalists and bloggers; stresses that, to this end, the EU should *advocate* freedom of expression globally,

Or. en

Amendment 117 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Believes that the EU should lead the way in ensuring that the media remain independent, *plural* and diverse, and in defending the situation, freedom and

Amendment

19. Believes that the EU should lead the way in ensuring that the media remain independent, *pluralistic* and diverse, and in defending the situation, freedom and

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security of journalists and bloggers; stresses that, to this end, the EU should not interfere with content but should, rather, support an enabling environment and limit restrictions to freedom of expression globally; security of journalists and bloggers; stresses that, to this end, the EU should not interfere with content but should, rather, support an enabling environment and limit restrictions to freedom of expression globally;

Or. en

Amendment 118 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Believes that the EU should lead the way in ensuring that the media remain independent, plural and diverse, and in defending the situation, freedom and security of journalists and bloggers; stresses that, to this end, the EU should not interfere with content but should, rather, support an enabling environment and limit restrictions to freedom of expression globally;

Amendment

19. Stresses vulnerability and need for protection of journalists in areas of armed conflict or crisis. Notes importance of journalists' ethical obligation to stand for fundamental rights and democratic values, with respect to human dignity and on the side of peaceful conflict-solution and reconciliation, as well as oppose dissemination of hatred and violent language in conflict situations;

Or en

Amendment 119 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Believes that the EU should lead the way in ensuring that the media remain independent, plural and diverse, and in defending the situation, freedom and security of journalists *and* bloggers; stresses that, to this end, the EU should not

Amendment

19. Believes that the EU should lead the way in ensuring that the media remain independent, plural and diverse, and in defending the situation, freedom and security of journalists, bloggers *and all those who contribute to the development*

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interfere with content but should, rather, support an enabling environment and *limit* restrictions to freedom of expression globally,

of information; stresses that, to this end, the EU should not interfere with content but should, rather, support an enabling environment and help impose particularly strict limits on restrictions to freedom of expression globally;

Or. fr

Amendment 120 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 121 Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order;

Amendment

20. Notes that in recent years some governments and media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour and for their attempts to misuse media for political purposes, including against fundamental state institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 122 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order;

Amendment

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical *and allegedly illegal* behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order;

Or. en

Amendment 123 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; *considers* that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order;

Amendment

20. Notes *with concern* that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; *stresses* that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order;

Or. en

Amendment 124 Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

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20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it *keeps its own house in order*;

Amendment

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it *first addresses the issues within its own borders*;

Or. en

Amendment 125 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order;

Amendment

20. Notes that in recent years some media, notably in the EU, have come under scrutiny themselves for their unethical behaviour; considers that the EU can only lead by example if it *endows itself with the means to ensure that freedom of expression is respected on its own territory;*

Or. fr

Amendment 126 Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Considers that the EU can only lead by example if it keeps its own house in order and therefore encourages the European Commission to continue monitoring closely the independence of

press and media in the Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 127 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Considers that, while the EU addresses press and media freedom through several policies and programmes, it lacks a specific overall focus on freedom of the press and the media, as well as a coherent driving vision and benchmarks;

Amendment

21. Considers that, while the EU addresses press and media freedom through several policies and programmes, it lacks a specific overall focus on freedom of the press and the media, as well as a coherent driving vision and benchmarks; notes, in this regard, the commitment by the European External Action Service (EEAS) to develop the EU guidelines on freedom of expression online and offline by the end of 2013; calls on the EEAS to consult closely with the European Parliament, the media and civil society in the drafting process of these guidelines;

Or. fr

Amendment 128 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the EU and its Member States (MS) to work within the UN to ensure the adoption of a resolution calling for an end to impunity for the perpetrators of abductions and murders of journalists and designating such acts as war crimes:

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Amendment 129 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Considers that complicated grant application procedures risks cutting out smaller organisations; stresses that bureaucratic burdens should be minimised;

Or. en

Amendment 130 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Considers that the lack of a comprehensive strategy leads to fragmentation and risks forgoing important policy principles of transparency and accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 131 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

22. Urges the Commission, especially DG DEVCO, *and* the European External Action Service (EEAS) to improve their cooperation and coordination of programming, particularly by synergising political and diplomatic work and through the joint implementation, including via monitoring and assessment, of funding and projects; calls on the Commission to improve its analysis and evaluation of past, existing and future programming, and to make the results public;

Amendment

22. Urges the Commission, especially DG DEVCO, the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the European Parliament to improve their cooperation and coordination of programming, particularly by synergising political and diplomatic work and through the joint implementation, including via monitoring and assessment, of funding and projects; calls on the Commission to improve its analysis and evaluation of past, existing and future programming, and to make the results public;

Or en

Amendment 132 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a country-by-country and tailored approach to programming;

Amendment

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a country-by-country and tailored approach to programming *both*, *at national and regional level*;

Or. en

Amendment 133 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

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23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a *country-by-country and* tailored approach to programming;

Amendment

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a tailored approach to programming, both at the national and regional level;

Or. en

Amendment 134 Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a *country-by-country and tailored* approach to programming;

Amendment

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a approach to programming *that is tailored suit regions and Member States*;

Or. es

Amendment 135 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, *also involving private donors and interlocutors*; recognises the need for a country-by-country and tailored approach to programming;

Amendment

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach; recognises the need for a country-by-country and tailored approach to programming;

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Amendment 136 Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a country-by-country and tailored approach to programming;

Amendment

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a country-by-country and tailored approach to programming *both at national and regional level*;

Or. en

Amendment 137 Doris Pack, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a *country-by-country and* tailored approach to programming;

Amendment

23. Calls for a shift from ad hoc funding of projects to a more sustainable approach, also involving private donors and interlocutors; recognises the need for a tailored approach to programming, both at national and regional level;

Or. en

Amendment 138 Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24

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24. *Acknowledges that* the EU *can* play a more significant role in relation to its immediate *neighbourhood*, *notably in the candidate countries*, and in the context of trade and association negotiations;

Amendment

24. *Urges* the EU *to* play a more significant role *notably in the candidate countries, as well as* in relation to its immediate *Southern and Eastern neighbourhood*, and in the context of trade and association negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 139 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Acknowledges that the EU can play a more significant role in relation to its immediate neighbourhood, notably in the candidate countries, and in the context of trade and association negotiations;

Amendment

24. Acknowledges that the EU can play a more significant role in relation to its immediate neighbourhood, notably in the candidate countries, and to the neighbourhood policy in the context of trade and association negotiations; believes that in order to do this, the EU should thoroughly monitor national media laws and their implementation and adopt an appropriate strategy where a country begins to change its legislation so as to restrict the freedom and pluralism of the media:

Or. fr

Amendment 140 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 25

25. *Considers* that existing external financial instruments, such as the EIDHR, geographical instruments and others, need to be used flexibly in order to help strengthen civil society; stresses that local ownership and capacity-building are essential to ensure sustainable development and progress;

Amendment

25. *Stresses* that existing external financial instruments, such as the EIDHR, geographical instruments and others, need to be used flexibly in order to help strengthen civil society; stresses that local ownership and capacity-building are essential to ensure sustainable development and progress;

Or. en

Amendment 141 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Considers that the EU should educate and train policymakers, regulators and media alike in third countries, with the goal of fostering press and media freedom *and* appropriate and technology-neutral forms of market regulation, especially recalling that in periods of transition freedoms are often restricted in the name of stability and security;

Amendment

26. Considers that the EU should educate and train policymakers, regulators and media alike in third countries, with the goal of fostering press and media freedom especially recalling that in periods of transition *it occurs that* freedoms are restricted in the name of stability and security;

Or. en

Amendment 142 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Considers that the EU should *educate* and *train* policymakers, regulators and

Amendment

26. Considers that the EU should *provide* assistance to ensure the education and

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media alike in third countries, with the goal of fostering press and media freedom and appropriate and technology-neutral forms of market regulation, especially recalling that in periods of transition freedoms are often restricted in the name of stability and security;

training of policymakers, regulators and media alike in third countries, with the goal of fostering press and media freedom and appropriate and technology-neutral forms of market regulation, especially recalling that in periods of transition freedoms are often restricted in the name of stability and security;

Or fr

Amendment 143 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. *Considers* that the EU should educate and train policymakers, regulators and media alike in third countries, with the goal of fostering press and media freedom and appropriate and technology-neutral forms of market regulation, especially recalling that in periods of transition freedoms are often restricted in the name of stability and security;

Amendment

26. *Stresses* that the EU should educate and train policymakers, regulators and media alike in third countries, with the goal of fostering press and media freedom and appropriate and technology-neutral forms of market regulation, especially recalling that in periods of transition freedoms are often restricted in the name of stability and security;

Or. en

Amendment 144 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its trade and partnership agreements and aid programmes, in

Amendment

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its *association*, trade and partnership agreements and aid

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compliance with Article 21 TEU;

programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU; emphasises that in this regard there should be no conclusion of any international agreement that lacks clear benchmarking and monitoring mechanisms; urges the EEAS to respect and implement the EP's reports and recommendations for the negotiations of such agreements; reminds that only coherence, consistency, coordination and transparency between the EP, EEAS and Commission with regard to the implementation and monitoring of these fundamental and human rights is crucial for the EU's credibility and effectiveness in its relations and interactions with other countries and states:

Or. en

Amendment 145 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its trade *and partnership* agreements and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU;

Amendment

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its trade, *Partnership and Cooperation* agreements, *country strategy papers* and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU;

Or. fr

Amendment 146 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27

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27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as *of* its trade and partnership agreements and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU;

Amendment

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as *important conditionalities in* its trade and partnership agreements and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 147 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be *at the heart* of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its trade and partnership agreements and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU;

Amendment

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be *part* of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its trade and partnership agreements and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 148 Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its trade and partnership agreements and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21 TEU;

Amendment

27. Stresses that media development and enabling freedom of expression should be at the heart of the EU's dialogue at country level, as well as of its *association*, trade and partnership agreements and aid programmes, in compliance with Article 21

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Or. en

Amendment 149 Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Calls for the democracy and human rights clauses to be implemented particularly in countries that call into question freedom of the press and for violations actually to result in the suspension of partnership agreements between the EU and these countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 150 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Considers that EU funding should not be limited to specialised international organisations (intermediaries) but should also include local organisations;

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 151 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29

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29. *Considers* that EU funding should not be limited to specialised international organisations (intermediaries) but should also include local organisations;

Amendment

29. *Urges* that EU funding should not be limited to specialised international organisations (intermediaries) but should also include local organisations;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 152 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

deleted

30. Calls on the Commission to reconsider the confidentiality clauses in its human rights funding in the context of the press and media, since this leaves room for the discrediting of journalists, media outlets or NGOs, thus also damaging the credibility of EU human rights activities which are in themselves open and transparent;

Or. fr

Amendment 153 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness;

Amendment

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and *on* supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve *their* transparency, *independence*,

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sustainability, and openness as this is crucial for the development of a diverse and rich media landscape which provides for the exchange of varied views and opinions;

Or. en

Amendment 154 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. *Considers* that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness;

Amendment

31. *Emphasizes* that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness; *stresses that EU media policies should seek to maximize pluralism and diversity by supporting independent media and startups to counterbalance large media conglomerates;*

Or en

Amendment 155 Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness;

Amendment

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness *and*

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professionalism. The programmes should include enhancing dialogue among professionals and with the public on media ethics and standards;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness;

Amendment

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve *their* transparency, *independence*, *sustainability* and openness;

Or. es

Amendment 157 Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness;

Amendment

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve *their* transparency and openness *independence and sustainability*;

Or. en

Amendment 158 Doris Pack, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve transparency and openness;

Amendment

31. Considers that press and media programmes should also focus on improving the (state and legal) structures and supporting local media companies and businesses, in order to improve *their* transparency, *independence*, *sustainability* and openness;

Or. en

Amendment 159 Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Stresses the fundamental importance of press and media freedom in the EU's enlargement policy and of digital freedoms in this context, considering these freedoms as *an integral* part of the Copenhagen criteria;

Amendment

32. Recalls that freedom of expression and media pluralism, including on the internet, are core European values; stresses the fundamental importance of press and media freedom in the EU's enlargement policy and of digital freedoms in this context, considering these freedoms as human rights and therefore a part of the Copenhagen political criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 160 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 33 a (new)

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Amendment

33a. Considers that in transition countries the EU should focus on press and media freedom in the context and process of reconciliation and reconstruction;

Or. en

Amendment 161 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Urges the Commission to include financial management, in the form of transparency and reporting requirements, in the context of all forms of budget support given by the EU, in order to allow the press to report on the spending of the funds;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 162 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Stresses that the EU should position itself better vis-à-vis international organizations with a focus on press and media support; stresses the importance of multi-lateral cooperation with especially the UN, in which the EU has the role of donor and the UN has a monitoring function; stresses that the EU should

make full use of its Member States capacity and expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 163 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34b. Applauds and welcomes the important work of a number of international (journalist) organizations dealing with press- and media freedom, stresses these should have the EU's full support, considers the organizations essential liaisons;

Or. en

Amendment 164 Nicole Kiil-Nielsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Condemns European companies involved in supplying equipment or technical assistance to third countries that seek to restrict freedom of expression, of the media and of other fundamental freedoms or to conduct mass surveillance when using ICT; calls upon the Council

to take steps in order publicly to identify European companies involved in such practices and to take the necessary measures to stop these activities; takes note, in this context, of the Council's commitment, in the Action Plan on Human rights and Democracy adopted on 25 June 2012, to develop measures and tools to expand internet access, openness and resilience to address indiscriminate censorship or mass surveillance when using ICTs, and to include human rights violations as one of the reasons following which non-listed items may be subject to export restrictions by Member States.

Or. fr

Amendment 165 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Calls on the EEAS to make optimal use of the EU's engagement in multilateral forums which focus on press, media and digital freedoms, such as the Council of Europe, *UNESCO*, *and* the OSCE, and in the context of the UN;

Amendment

35. Calls on the EEAS to make optimal use of the EU's engagement in multilateral forums which focus on press, media and digital freedoms, such as the Council of Europe, the OSCE, and in the context of the UN;

Or. en

Amendment 166 Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls on the Commission and Council to adopt a Press and Media Freedom Strategy *under* EU foreign policy, as soon

Amendment

36. Calls on the Commission and Council and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to adopt a Press and

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as possible;

Media Freedom Strategy *in* EU foreign policy, as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 167 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Calls on the Commission and Council to adopt a Press and Media Freedom Strategy under EU foreign policy, as soon as possible;

Amendment

36. Calls on the Commission and Council to adopt a Press and Media Freedom Strategy under EU foreign policy as soon as possible, and to incorporate the recommendations in this report in the forthcoming Guidelines on Freedom of Expression online and offline;

Or. en

Amendment 168 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Considers this report to be read and taken up in close consideration with its previous report on 'A Digital Freedom Strategy in EU Foreign Policy';

Or. en

Amendment 169 Anna Ibrisagic

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the European External Action Service, the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Amendment

37. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the *High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission, the*European External Action Service, the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 170 Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

ANNEX 1 - Country rankings in press and media freedom by independent organizations with the relevant expertise

(To include annual rankings by the following NGOs: Reporters Without Borders, the Committee to Protect Journalists and Freedom House)

Or. en

Amendment 171 Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37 a (new)

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Amendment

37 a. Annex List of Annual Country Index and Country Analysis:

- World Press Freedom Index 2013 by Reporters Without Borders
- The State of Media Freedom in Europe Report, Doc.13078, adopted on 24 January 2013, Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (8th Sitting)

Or. en

