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Amendment 1
Emma McClarkin, Alf Svensson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises democracy and human rights *as* interdependent *concepts by acknowledging* free elections *as* necessary, but not sufficient, for democratic consolidation,

Amendment

1. Emphasises *that* democracy and human rights *are* interdependent; *argues that* free *and fair* elections *are* necessary, but not sufficient, for democratic consolidation,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Gabriele Zimmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises democracy and human rights as interdependent concepts by acknowledging free elections as necessary, but not sufficient, for democratic consolidation,

Amendment

1. Emphasises democracy and human rights as interdependent concepts by acknowledging free, *equal and secret* elections as necessary, but not sufficient, for democratic consolidation,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Enrique Guerrero Salom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers, nevertheless, that combating poverty and removing obstacles to countries' development can make a decisive contribution to

democratic processes,

Or. es

Amendment 4
Emma McClarkin, Alf Svensson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that democracy as a system of government provides mechanisms for allocating political power and managing conflict, which are essential for stable and peaceful societies; notes, however, that democracy must be home grown and cannot be artificially imposed by outside agents; argues that the EU, together with the international community, can play an active role in supporting the process of democratic consolidation,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Judith Sargentini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Takes the view that for elections to be considered democratic, free and fair, certain conditions must be met beforehand: respect for political and civic rights, respect for freedom of expression and information, equal access to the media and respect for political pluralism to offer electors a real choice,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Judith Sargentini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Is of the view that elections are necessary, but not sufficient to create conditions for a democratisation process, which is wider than organising elections; considers that for a democratisation to be successful, it is crucial to engage with social and economic development of a country to fulfil the populations' basic rights, such as education, health employment,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Notes that European aid channelled as budget support to authoritarian states does not guarantee democratic development,

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Or. fr

Amendment 8
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that European aid channelled as budget support to authoritarian states does not guarantee democratic development,

Amendment

2. Notes that European aid channelled as budget support to authoritarian states does not guarantee democratic development ***and that it is the outputs of aid rather than the inputs that should be focused upon in our assessment of aid effectiveness,***

Or. en

Amendment 9
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that European aid channelled as budget support to authoritarian states does not guarantee democratic development,

Amendment

2. Notes that European aid channelled as budget support to authoritarian states does not ***always*** guarantee democratic development,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Enrique Guerrero Salom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Believes that budget support can also be a valid way of promoting democracy and strengthening the rule of law in developing countries, as it helps to bolster public administration and audit systems, as well as encouraging national parliaments and civil society to scrutinise and monitor government action,

Amendment 11
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises the role that democratic political parties and movements play in safeguarding the public by ***servi******ng as watchdogs to increase the*** transparency and accountability of governments,

Amendment

3. Emphasises the role that ***legitimate*** democratic political parties and ***genuine social*** movements ***can*** play in safeguarding the public by ***overseeing*** transparency and accountability of governments, ***which enables states to safeguard human rights and promote social and economic development,***

Or. en

Amendment 12
Gabriele Zimmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises the role that democratic political parties and ***movements*** play in safeguarding the public by serving as watchdogs to increase the transparency and accountability of governments,

Amendment

3. Emphasises the role that democratic political parties, ***social movements*** and ***free press*** play in safeguarding the public by serving as watchdogs to increase the transparency and accountability of governments,

Or. en

Amendment 13
Gay Mitchell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Insists on strict eligibility criteria for budget support; insists that the Commission must refrain from using this modality in countries where transparency in public spending cannot be assured, and insists that budget support must always be accompanied by actions to develop the receiving country's parliamentary control and audit capacities and to increase transparency and public access to information, and that civil society should be involved in its monitoring,

Or. en

**Amendment 14
Judith Sargentini**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that an independent judicial and media system are essential in shaping and regulating the democratic process aiming at reinforcing rule of law, building democratic institutions including functioning parliament, representing political pluralism, and strengthening the role of civil society,

Or. en

**Amendment 15
Charles Goerens**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. *Encourages aid donors to treat democracy building as a political and ethical process, rather than a technical exercise,*

Amendment

4. *Takes the view that only a good-quality basic education system can pave the way for the development of genuine democracy and should be a major objective of any development policy,*

Or. fr

Amendment 16

Emma McClarkin, Alf Svensson

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Encourages aid donors to treat democracy building as a political and *ethical process*, rather than a technical exercise,

Amendment

4. Encourages aid donors to treat democracy building as a political and *moral imperative*, rather than *simply* a technical exercise,

Or. en

Amendment 17

Nirj Deva

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Encourages aid donors to treat democracy building as a political and ethical process, rather than a technical exercise,

Amendment

4. Encourages aid donors to treat democracy building as a political and ethical process, rather than a technical exercise, *and to develop their local knowledge of the recipient countries so that aid can be directed effectively to suit the local contexts,*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recognises the important role played by women in democratisation particularly in recent times; calls on the Member States and the EU, in cooperation with the wider international community, to support women in their struggle for equal rights, gender equality and empowerment;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the EU to stand by its long-term aid commitments to nurture the development of democratic institutions that permeate all levels of society,

5. Calls on the EU to stand by its long-term aid commitments to nurture the development of democratic institutions that permeate all levels of society; ***underlines, in this respect, the necessity of enhancing civil society capacities and promoting their participation in political processes, as well as of strengthening oversight institutions, such as national parliaments;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Corina Crețu

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. Notes that empowering individuals and civil society, including through education, training and awareness-raising and enabling effective advocacy for all rights are essential in promoting democracy

Or. en

Amendment 21
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Emphasises that the democratisation process calls for a stronger partnership between the public sector, the private sector and civil society organisations and associations,

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the EU to prioritise in-depth dialogue on democratic values and norms with actors engaged in all democracy strengthening processes; emphasises that building and strengthening democratic institutions ***improves*** economic development and poverty reduction,

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Amendment 23
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the EU to prioritise in-depth dialogue on democratic values and norms with actors engaged in all democracy strengthening processes; emphasises that building and strengthening democratic institutions *improves* economic development and poverty *reduction*,

Amendment

6. Calls on the EU to prioritise in-depth dialogue on democratic values and norms with actors engaged in all democracy strengthening processes; emphasises that building and strengthening democratic institutions *can help improve* economic development and *reduce* poverty,

Amendment 24
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. *Calls* on the Commission to include a section on the state of democracy and human rights in all Country and Regional Strategy Papers, and to provide more detailed data on the impact of democracy support initiatives,

Amendment

7. *Stresses the importance of the analysis of the local human rights situation which should form the basis for all development interventions; calls* on the Commission to include a section on the state of democracy and human rights in all Country and Regional Strategy Papers, and to provide more detailed data on the impact of democracy support initiatives,

Amendment 25
Enrique Guerrero Salom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the creation of a Human Rights and Democracy Directorate within the European External Action Service, and calls on the High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission to ensure that EU's overseas representations have a contact person for human rights and democracy,

Or. es

Amendment 26
Emma McClarkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls for directed support to social movements, independent media and political parties working for democracy in authoritarian states and new democracies in order to promote citizen participation, support sustainable multiparty systems, and improve human rights.

8. Calls for directed support to ***non-extremist*** social movements, ***genuinely*** independent media and political parties working for democracy in authoritarian states and new democracies in order to promote citizen participation, support sustainable multiparty systems, and improve human rights.

Or. en

Amendment 27
Gabriele Zimmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls for directed support to social

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movements, independent media and political parties working for democracy in authoritarian states and new democracies in order to promote citizen participation, support sustainable multiparty systems, and improve human rights.

distributed support to social movements, independent media and political parties working for democracy in authoritarian states and new democracies in order to promote citizen participation, support sustainable multiparty systems, and improve human rights.

Or. en

Amendment 28
Enrique Guerrero Salom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls for directed support to social movements, independent media and political parties working for democracy in authoritarian states and new democracies in order to promote citizen participation, support sustainable multiparty systems, and improve human rights.

Amendment

8. Calls for directed support to social movements, independent media and political parties working for democracy in authoritarian states and new democracies in order to promote citizen participation, support sustainable multiparty systems, and improve human rights. ***Takes the view that the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights should have a key role to play in this regard.***

Or. es

Amendment 29
Corina Crețu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Emphasises that the ability of the civil society to draw on an impartial legal system plays a fundamental role in holding governments accountable

Amendment 30
Gabriele Zimmer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***stresses that this support shall be spend to
and equally distributed amongst all the
actors crucial for an active and working
democracy and must not be used to
pursue particular political and strategic
interests of the EU but to allow an
endogenous and sovereign
democratisation and development.***