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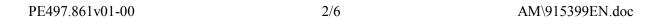
AMENDMENTS 1-4

Draft opinion Michèle Striffler,(PE496.311v01-00)

on the EU Strategy for the Horn of Africa (21012/2026(INI))

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