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Amendment 1

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*- having regard to the its resolution of
17 December 2009 on Azerbaijan:
freedom of expression¹,*

Or. en

Amendment 2

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the ENP Action Plans adopted with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and to the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), closely linked to the implementation of the ENP Action Plans,

– having regard to the ENP Action Plans adopted with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia *in November 2006* and to the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), closely linked to the implementation of the ENP Action Plans,

Or. en

¹ P7_TA(2009)0120

Amendment 3
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Country Strategy Papers 2007-2013 and the National Indicative Programmes under ENPI *agreed upon with* Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia,

Amendment

– having regard to the Country Strategy Papers 2007-2013 and the National Indicative Programmes **2007-2010** under ENPI *for* Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements concluded with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia,

Amendment

- having regard to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements concluded with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia **in 1996**,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the European Union appeared in the most strife-ridden region of its periphery, the South Caucasus, in the early 1990s; whereas the region has received more attention since late 2001, whereas since the accession of Bulgaria

and Romania the Caucasus forms part of the Union's immediate neighbourhood, whereas until now the incapability and reluctance of the Member States to shape a common and articulated policy towards the South Caucasus has prevented the Union from fulfilling its potential with regard to the promotion of political stability, the development of democracy and the rule of law, and the enhancement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Or. en

Amendment 6

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement *that followed from these developments*, the EU became a significant security actor in the region, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Amendment

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement *in order to secure its full implementation* the EU became a significant security actor in the region, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Or. en

Amendment 7

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement that followed from **these developments**, the EU became a significant security actor in the region, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Amendment

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement that followed from **that step**, the EU became a significant security actor in the region, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement that followed from these developments, the EU **became a significant security actor** in the region, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Amendment

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement that followed from these developments, the EU **increased its presence** in the region, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Or. en

Amendment 9
Alexander Mirsky

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement that followed from these developments, the EU became a significant security actor *in the region*, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Amendment

B. whereas as a result of the August 2008 war in Georgia, of the EU's successful intervention to achieve a Ceasefire Agreement and of the great need for further engagement that followed from these developments, the EU became a significant security actor *for the people of South Ossetia and Abkhazia*, through the deployment of the EU Monitoring Mission, the launch of a major post-war assistance programme and the start of a fact-finding mission on the causes and course of the war,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ba. whereas the five-day war in Georgia, described by many as "a disaster waiting to happen", clearly demonstrates the EU's failure to engage in conflict-resolution, because regardless of the gradual increase in European involvement in Georgia the Union failed entirely when it came to deploy conflict-prevention mechanisms in Georgia and engage in conflict-settlement,

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 11
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas 2009 has seen intensification of Nagorno-Karabakh peace talks mediated by the *Co-chairs of the* OSCE Minsk Group,

Amendment

C. whereas 2009 has seen intensification of Nagorno-Karabakh peace talks mediated by the OSCE Minsk Group,

Or. en

Amendment 12
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas 2009 has seen intensification of Nagorno-Karabakh *peace talks* mediated by the Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group,

Amendment

C. whereas 2009 has seen intensification *the negotiations for the settlement of the* Nagorno-Karabakh *conflict* mediated by the Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group,

Or. en

Amendment 13
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas 2009 has seen intensification of Nagorno-Karabakh peace talks mediated by the Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group,

Amendment

C. whereas 2009 has seen *little* intensification of Nagorno-Karabakh peace talks mediated by the Co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group,

Amendment 14
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas persons forcefully displaced from the conflict zones in the South Caucasus are still denied the right to return to their homes,

Or. en

Amendment 15
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas Armenia and Turkey's signing in October 2009 of protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations and on the opening of their shared border ***and cooperation was a promising step, but*** ratification has not ***yet*** followed,

D. whereas Armenia and Turkey's signing in October 2009 of protocols on the establishment ***and development*** of diplomatic relations and the opening of their shared border ***are*** promising ***steps, yet*** ratification ***of the agreement*** has not followed,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the frozen conflicts are a stumbling block that hampers the full development of the European Neighbourhood policy, whereas further efforts should be made so as to identify common areas of interests that can overcome divergences, facilitate dialogue and promote regional cooperation,

Or. en

Amendment 17
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the EU respects the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity in its relations with the South Caucasus states,

Or. en

Amendment 18
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas ***guaranteeing peace, security and stability in the region is essential for*** the improvement of the standard of living, for the achievement of democratic standards and respect for human rights for all, and to maximise regional and macro-regional development opportunities,

E. whereas ***a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno Karabakh conflict and of Georgia's internal conflicts in Abkazia and South Ossetia is essential for the stability in the EU neighbourhood, as well as for the economic and social development of the South Caucasus***

region, the improvement of the standard of living, for the achievement of democratic standards and respect for human rights for all, and to maximise regional and macro-regional development opportunities,

Or. en

Amendment 19
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas guaranteeing peace, security and stability in the region is essential *for the improvement of the standard of living*, for the achievement of democratic standards *and* respect for human rights for all, and to maximise regional and macro-regional development opportunities,

Amendment

E. whereas guaranteeing peace, security and stability in the region is essential for the achievement of democratic standards, *the* respect for human rights for all, *the rule of law, the improvement of the standard of living*, and to maximise regional and macro-regional development opportunities,

Or. en

Amendment 20
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ea. whereas the EU respects the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity in its relations with the South Caucasus states,

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 21
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Eastern Partnership aims at accelerating reforms, legal approximation and economic integration is based on conditionality, differentiation and joint ownership and envisages the negotiation of new Association Agreements, which will require the assent of the European Parliament,

Amendment

G. whereas the Eastern Partnership aims at accelerating reforms, legal approximation and economic integration, ***and bringing tangible support for the consolidation of statehood and territorial integrity of partner countries***, is based on conditionality, differentiation and joint ownership and envisages the negotiation of new Association Agreements, which will require the assent of the European Parliament,

Or. en

Amendment 22
Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Eastern Partnership aims at accelerating reforms, legal approximation and economic integration, ***is based on*** conditionality, differentiation and joint ownership ***and envisages the*** negotiation of new Association Agreements, which will require the assent of the European Parliament,

Amendment

G. whereas the Eastern Partnership aims at accelerating reforms, legal approximation and economic integration, ***and envisages, on the basis of the principles of*** conditionality, differentiation and joint ownership, ***the prospect of*** negotiation of new Association Agreements, which will require the assent of the European Parliament,

Or. en

Amendment 23
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Eastern Partnership aims at accelerating reforms, legal approximation and economic integration, is based on conditionality, differentiation and joint ownership and envisages the negotiation of new Association Agreements, which will require the assent of the European Parliament,

Amendment

G. whereas the Eastern Partnership aims at accelerating reforms, legal approximation and economic integration, is based on ***the principles of*** conditionality, differentiation and joint ownership and envisages the negotiation of new Association Agreements, which will require the assent of the European Parliament,

Or. en

Amendment 24
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly is to be officially constituted in March 2010 as a crucial multilateral mechanism of intensified interparliamentary dialogue between the European Parliament and EU's six Eastern partners, including Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, in view of bringing these countries closer to the EU,

Or. en

Amendment 25
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the ***challenges for the EU in the South Caucasus and its engagement in this region are such that a mainly reactive and impromptu policy has become a non-option*** and whereas the launch of the Eastern Partnership and the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty provide a good opportunity to devise an EU strategy,

Amendment

H. whereas the ***situation in the South Caucasus-region calls for an increasingly pro-active policy in the EU-engagement in this region*** and whereas the launch of the Eastern Partnership and the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty provide a good opportunity to devise an EU strategy ***towards the South Caucasus,***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. whereas the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia continues to be an obstacle to the development of those countries in economic, socio-political and health terms, whereas, although the three countries have embarked on programmes for local integration of their refugees and displaced persons, there are still many obstacles impeding their success: poverty is endemic, particularly in rural areas, and malnutrition a cause for concern, unemployment remains very high, access to means of production and to property is problematic and the infrastructure is often in a deplorable condition, which is an additional obstacle to development, whereas schools are still being used to shelter refugees and displaced persons, instead of for children's education, and whereas health services remain inadequate,

Amendment 27
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the EU needs to play **a more** active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity **and to use fully its potential** to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region by combining its soft power with a firm approach;

Amendment

1. Considers that the EU needs to play **an** active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity **in order** to contribute, **while taking account of Russia's geostrategic sphere of interest**, to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region by combining its soft power with a firm approach;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region **by combining its soft power with a firm approach**;

Amendment

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop **in an agreement with the countries of the region** a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region **on the basis of respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognized borders**;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region ***by combining its soft power with a firm approach;***

Amendment

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region ***on the basis of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of internationally recognised borders;***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful ***solution of the*** conflicts in the region ***by combining its soft power with a firm approach;***

Amendment

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to fully use its potential to contribute to the ***prevention and peaceful resolution*** of conflicts in the region ***and to participate in post-conflict rehabilitation;***

Or. en

Amendment 31

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region by combining its soft power with a firm approach;

Amendment

1. Considers that the EU needs to play a more active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity ***with a view to enhancing the integration of these countries in European policies*** and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region by combining its soft power with a firm approach;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers that the EU needs to play ***a more*** active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region by combining its soft power with a firm approach;

Amendment

1. Considers that the EU needs to play ***an increasingly*** active political role and develop a strategy to assist the transformation of the South Caucasus into a region of sustainable peace, stability and prosperity and to use fully its potential to contribute to the peaceful solution of the conflicts in the region by combining its soft power with a firm approach;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Reaffirms the EU's main objective in the region, namely to encourage the development of the South Caucasus countries towards open and peaceful, secure and stable states, which are ready to establish good neighbourly relations, able to contribute to regional stability and to develop institutional and legal interoperability among themselves and with the EU; calls on the EU to develop a regional policy for the South Caucasus to be implemented together with the countries in the region and complemented by bilateral policies;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
After paragraph 1 - heading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Security issues ***and peaceful resolution of conflicts***

Security issues

Or. en

Amendment 35
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. **Emphasises that for each** of the conflicts in the region, ***the status quo is unacceptable and unsustainable;***

Amendment

2. **Takes note of the unacceptable situation** of the conflicts in the region **and considers that all sides should actively engage for their stability and peace;**

Or. en

Amendment 36

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises that ***for each of the conflicts in the region, the status quo is unacceptable and unsustainable;***

Amendment

2. Emphasises that ***the conflicts in the region are completely unacceptable and unsustainable and finding a peaceful resolution is the key to achieving political stability and economic development in the South Caucasus, as well as in an extended regional context; underlines the fact that the EU has an important role to play in contributing to the culture of dialogue and understanding in the region; advocates the use of cross-border programmes and dialogue among civil societies as tools for conflict transformation and confidence-building across the division lines; fully supports the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Mr Peter Semneby;***

Or. en

Amendment 37

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises that for **each of** the conflicts in the region, the status quo is unacceptable and **unsustainable**;

Amendment

2. Emphasises that for **all** the conflicts in the region, the status quo is unacceptable and **unviable**;

Or. ro

Amendment 38
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises that for each of the conflicts in the region, the status quo is unacceptable and unsustainable;

Amendment

2. Emphasises that for each of the conflicts of the region, the status quo is unacceptable and unsustainable, **since such a situation bears constant risk of escalation of tensions and resumption of armed hostilities**;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises that for each of the conflicts in the region, the status quo is unacceptable and unsustainable,

Amendment

2. Emphasises that for each of the conflicts in the region, the status quo is unacceptable and unsustainable, **since such a situation bears constant risk of escalation of tensions and resumption of armed hostilities**;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties **and communities**, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to **give up maximalist ambitions, interest in innovative approaches, including to the exercise of sovereignty, and readiness to make real concessions**;

Amendment

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to **have more constructive ambitions and interest in innovative approach to be able to consolidate stability and prosperity**;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist ambitions, **interest in innovative approaches, including to the exercise of sovereignty**, and readiness to make real concessions;

Amendment

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist ambitions, and readiness to make real concessions;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, ***preparedness to give up maximalist ambitions, interest in innovative approaches, including to the exercise of sovereignty, and readiness to make real concessions;***

Amendment

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution ***as well as basic dialogue*** necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, ***and renouncing of revanchist attitudes;***

Or. en

Amendment 43
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that ***conflict*** crises management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist ***ambitions***, interest in innovative approaches, ***including to the exercise of sovereignty***, and readiness to make real concessions;

Amendment

3. Notes that crises management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist ***positions***, interest in innovative approaches, ***to practices of local self-rule***, and readiness to make real concessions ***within the framework of territorial integrity of states;***

Amendment 44
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist **ambitions**, interest in innovative approaches, **including to the exercise of sovereignty, and readiness to make real concessions;**

Amendment

3. Notes that conflict crisis management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist **positions**, interest in innovative approaches **to practices of local self-rule;**

Amendment 45
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist ambitions, interest in innovative approaches, including to **the exercise of sovereignty**, and readiness to **make** real

Amendment

3. Notes that conflict management and conflict resolution necessitate inter alia the recognition of the rights and legitimate interests of all relevant parties and communities, openness to review perceptions of past events, serious willingness to overcome hatred and fear, preparedness to give up maximalist ambitions, interest in innovative approaches, including to **making sovereign choices**, and readiness to **debate** real

concessions;

concessions;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to continue to provide financial support for the efforts of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to deal with the situation of refugees and displaced persons, by helping to renovate buildings and build roads, water and electricity supply infrastructure, hospitals and schools, so as to enable these communities to be more effectively integrated;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Points to the importance of conflict prevention, including through respect for the rights of all national minorities, religious tolerance and efforts to strengthen social and economic cohesion;

4. Points to the importance of conflict prevention, including through respect for the rights of all national minorities ***and internally displaced groups***, religious tolerance and efforts to strengthen social and economic cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Points to the importance of conflict prevention, including through respect for the rights of all national minorities, religious tolerance and efforts to strengthen social and economic cohesion;

Amendment

4. Points to the importance of conflict prevention, including through respect for the rights of all **members of** national minorities, religious tolerance and efforts to strengthen social and economic cohesion;

Or. ro

Amendment 49

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; ***believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;***

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, ***but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'***; ***is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;***

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued;

Or. de

Amendment 51
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, ***but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'***; ***is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;***

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, ***is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;***

Amendment 52
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; ***is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;***

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; ***considers it unacceptable for any external actor to introduce conditions for the respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states;***

Amendment 53
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty

and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;

and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable; ***holds the view that the Caucasus crisis showed how dangerous the automatic eastward expansion of NATO would be;***

Or. en

Amendment 54
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that ***reduction of the competition between*** external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that ***introducing conditions for respect for*** the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that ***further cooperation among the*** external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that ***unilateral actions that undermine*** the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states ***are*** unacceptable;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights

law; believes that **reduction of the competition** between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;

law; believes that **further cooperation** between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come at the price of effectively accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come **at the price of effectively** accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;

Amendment

5. Stresses the responsibility of external actors to use their power and influence in ways that are fully consistent with international law, including human rights law; believes that reduction of the competition between external actors in the region should be pursued, but cannot come **via** accepting any actor's claim to have 'privileged interests'; is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Is of the opinion that introducing conditions for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the South Caucasus states is unacceptable;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Hannes Swoboda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Considers that finding a peaceful solution to the unresolved post-Soviet conflicts is the key to achieving political stability and economic development in the South Caucasus, as well as in an extended regional context; underlines the fact that the EU has an important role to play in contributing to the culture of dialogue and understanding in the region and in ensuring the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000); advocates the use of cross-border programmes and dialogue among civil societies as tools for conflict transformation and confidence-building across the division lines; supports the initiative by the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Mr Peter Semneby, to open Information Offices in both regions; asks the Commission and Mr Semneby to extend the same kind of aid and information dissemination to Nagorno-Karabakh as in Abkhazia and Ossetia;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

After paragraph 5 - subheading

Motion for a resolution

The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Amendment

The Nagorno-Karabakh conflict ***between Armenia and Azerbaijan;***

Or. en

Amendment 60

Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; ***furthermore*** calls on both ***sides to show more ambition*** in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; ***is, in this regard, in full agreement with the important declaration made by the presidents of the Minsk Group Co-chair countries France, the USA and Russia on 10 July 2009 on the margins of the G8 Summit in L'Aquila;*** condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; calls on both ***Armenia as well as Azerbaijan to further intensify their efforts*** in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid *militant* rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to *show* more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon *the tendency to prefer* perpetuating the status quo *created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions*; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to *overcome* the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the *OSCE* Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid *Basic* Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid *provocative policies and* rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to *demonstrate* more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon *preferences for* perpetuating the status quo *determined by military outcomes with no international legitimacy that create instability and prolong the suffering of war-affected local populations*; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to *assist in overcoming* the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more *ambition* in the peace talks *and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created*

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show *a* more *constructive attitude* in the peace talks; calls on the international community *to assist* to overcome the remaining

through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution *and the heavy consequences of military force already used*, and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore, calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to ***show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions***; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric ***as well as any further breaches of the 1994 ceasefire***; furthermore calls on both sides to ***approach the peace talks with a constructive attitude***; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to ***help the parties*** overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Anna Ibrisagic, Elmar Brok

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to ***prefer perpetuating*** the status quo created through military ***conquests*** in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community ***likewise*** to show courage and political will to ***overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement***;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation ***efforts***, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ***constructive*** ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to ***perpetuate*** the status quo created through military ***confrontation*** in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on ***the EU, FN and the rest*** of the international community ***to do their utmost*** to show courage and political will to ***assist the parties to reach a peace agreement***;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military **conquests** in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to **overcome** the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military **means** in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to **assist in overcoming** the remaining sticking points **among the parties** which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Hannes Swoboda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created **through**

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created **by**

military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

force; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant *or extreme nationalist* rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. ro

Amendment 69
Alojz Peterle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-

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6. Fully supports the **OSCE** Minsk Group

chairs' mediation, *the Madrid Principles* and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Co-chairs' mediation, *proposed draft of basic principles (so-called Madrid Document)* and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the *Madrid Principles* and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the *OSCE* Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, *proposed draft of basic principles (so-called Madrid Document)* and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Amendment

6. Fully supports the Minsk Group Co-chairs' mediation, the Madrid Principles and the Moscow Declaration; condemns the idea of a military solution and calls on both sides to avoid militant rhetoric; furthermore calls on both sides to show more ambition in the *bilateral* peace talks and to abandon the tendency to prefer perpetuating the status quo created through military conquests in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions; calls on the international community likewise to show courage and political will to overcome the remaining sticking points which hinder an agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Welcomes the dynamic pace of the negotiations on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict that the regular meetings between the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan have illustrated over the course of the past year;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 73
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or ***in connection with*** the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their ***right to*** return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise ***this right*** and the need for ***its*** prompt realisation; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful ***inter-ethnic*** relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons ***and other means***; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, ***having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’***;

Amendment

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or ***because of*** the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their ***rights, including the*** right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise ***these rights*** and the need for ***their*** prompt realisation; ***calls on the OSCE to include the issue of refugees in the settlement of the Karabakh conflict and to establish a mechanism to enable refugees and displaced persons to return to Armenia, Karabakh and Azerbaijan with lasting guarantees of their safety following their return***; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities ***and of Nagorno-Karabakh*** to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful relations through practical preparations for the return of ***refugees and*** displaced persons ***by recognising and restoring the rights of all the victims of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, creating the conditions for their voluntary return or offering them compensation***; considers that the situation of the IDPs ***and refugees*** should be dealt with according to international standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 74
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Recalls** that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for its prompt realisation; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Amendment

7. **Is seriously concerned** that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for its prompt realisation **and requests that international forces shall be organized during a period of transition which can provide for the necessary security guarantees so that the internally displaced persons can return to their homes**; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise **this** right and the

Amendment

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise **their** right to

need for its prompt realisation; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

return and the need for its prompt realisation; ***demands, in this regard, withdrawal of Armenian forces from all occupied territories of Azerbaijan allowing the return of displaced populations to their homes***; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7-1

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for ***its*** prompt ***realisation***; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards,

Amendment

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for ***a*** prompt ***solution to this problem that respects the principles of international law***; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the

having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Or. ro

Amendment 77
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7-2

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for its prompt realisation; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means;

Amendment

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for its prompt realisation; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means **and guaranteeing property rights and personal security**; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Or. ro

Amendment 78
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced **and denied their right to return**; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise **this right and the need for its prompt realisation**; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons **and other means**; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Amendment

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of **refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs)** who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise **their right to return**; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced **and denied their right to return**; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise **this** right and the need for its

Amendment

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise **their right to return** and the need for its prompt realisation; calls on the

prompt realisation; calls on the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means;

Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poreba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for its prompt realisation; calls on ***the Armenian and Azerbaijani authorities and leaders of relevant communities*** to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Amendment

7. Recalls that hundreds of thousands of persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their right to return; calls on all parties to unambiguously and unconditionally recognise this right and the need for its prompt realisation; calls on ***all parties*** to demonstrate their commitment to the creation of peaceful inter-ethnic relations through practical preparations for the return of displaced persons and other means; considers that the situation of the IDPs should be dealt with according to international standards, having regard inter alia to the recent PACE Recommendation 1877(2009), ‘Europe’s forgotten people: protecting the human rights of long-term displaced persons’;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Stresses that real efforts are needed to pave the way for a lasting peace; deplores, in this respect, the use of inflammatory statements, manipulation of history and racial rhetoric and calls on the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan to act responsibly, tone down speeches and prepare the ground, so that the relevant public opinions accept and fully understand the benefits of a comprehensive settlement;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

deleted

Amendment 83
Hannes Swoboda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

deleted

Amendment 84
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could *imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that*

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could *offer a solution until the final status will be determined;*

displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could *imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;*

8. Notes that an interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could *offer a solution until the final status is determined;*

Or. en

Amendment 86
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-

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Karabakh *could imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;*

Karabakh *creates a framework for peaceful coexistence and cooperation of Armenian and Azerbaijani communities in the region;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Anna Ibrisagic, Elmar Brok

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could *imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions* that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands *and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage;* calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could *offer a solution until the final status will be determined;* believes that *the position* that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands *should rapidly be abandoned;* calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh **could imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there**; believes **that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these** should rapidly abandon the positions **that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian occupied Azerbaijani lands and** that displaces persons' rights of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; **calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;**

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh **creates framework for peaceful co-residence and cooperation of Armenian and Azerbaijani communities in the region**; believes **in view of such prospect the local authorities** should rapidly abandon the positions that displaces persons' rights of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh could imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect **and to begin the**

and Commission to join this call;

good-will return from additionally controlled territories, and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh *could* imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

Amendment

8. Notes that interim status for Nagorno-Karabakh *should not* imply interim legitimisation of the de facto authorities there; believes that inter alia in order to raise their credibility with a view to such a prospect, these authorities should rapidly abandon the positions that Nagorno-Karabakh includes all Armenian-occupied Azerbaijani lands and that displaced persons' right of return cannot even be discussed at the present stage; calls on the Government of Armenia to exercise its influence in this respect and on the Council and Commission to join this call;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Calls on the Commission to explore the possibility of providing humanitarian aid and assistance to the region of Nagorno-Karabakh in the form of confidence-building measures and

economic rehabilitation plans with a view to a peaceful settlement of the conflict in that region;

Or. el

Amendment 92

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Draws attention to the fact that, contrary to the other frozen conflicts in the region, the EU has not had, so far, any presence in this conflict area; calls, in this regard, on the Commission to make all efforts in order to start assistance and rehabilitation programmes in Nagorny-Karabakh as well as to continue its assistance to IDPs;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements;

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements *in line with international human rights standards that involve both military and civilian aspects;*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements; **welcomes the fact that six meetings between the Armenian and Azerbaijani presidents took place in 2009; calls on Armenia and Azerbaijan to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in the coming months;**

Or. en

Amendment 95
Hannes Swoboda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements; **asks all relevant authorities to refrain from any aggressive action and hate speech in order to prepare the population for a peaceful settlement;**

Or. en

Amendment 96
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements; ***underlines the need for the parties to intensify their peace talks efforts for the purpose of a settlement; calls on the Council to explore the possibility of supporting the peace process with EU missions;***

Or. en

Amendment 97
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of robust peace-keeping arrangements; ***calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in the coming months;***

Or. en

Amendment 98
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of **robust** peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any **conflict** settlement; recognises the importance of **adequate** peace-keeping arrangements;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement recognises the importance of **robust** peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any **conflict** settlement recognises the importance of **adequate** peace-keeping arrangements;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Alojz Peterle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of **robust** peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment

9. Stresses that security for all is an indispensable element of any settlement; recognises the importance of **adequate** peace-keeping arrangements;

Amendment 101
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; ***does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but*** notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, ***potentially*** overall very positive consequences in the region ***and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation;*** ***calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;***

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation, ***without being delayed by preconditions;*** notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, overall very positive consequences in the region;

Amendment 102
Hannes Swoboda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; ***does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification***

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; ***asks both sides to continue their efforts in this respect,***

not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

because the agreement is an extremely important contribution towards the development of both countries and to the stability of the whole region;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; ***does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict,***

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation ***without preconditions and in a reasonable time-frame and points out that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the whole region;***

Or. en

Amendment 104
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, ***border opening and cooperation***; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; ***does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;***

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment ***and development*** of diplomatic relations ***between Armenia and Turkey, which i.a. foresee the prospect for the opening of the joint border***; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation ***without preconditions and in reasonable timeframe***; and notes that ***this will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the whole region of South-Caucasus;***

Or. en

Amendment 105
Anna Ibrisagic, Elmar Brok

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, ***border opening and cooperation***; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, ***but*** notes that ***if implemented***, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment ***and development*** of diplomatic relations ***between Armenia and Turkey, which i.e. foresee the prospect for the opening of the joint border***; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation ***without preconditions and in reasonable timeframe***; does not support the introduction of conditions for

consequences in the region *and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;*

ratification not mentioned in the protocols; notes that they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the *whole* region *of South Caucasus;*

Or. en

Amendment 106
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, *but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;*

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols; *stresses that the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement and the Minsk Group negotiations are separate processes that should move forward along their own rationales; notes, however, that progress in one of the two processes could have wide-ranging, potentially very positive consequences in the region as a whole;*

Or. en

Amendment 107
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; ***stresses that it will help to consolidate peace and security in the wider region***; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; ***stresses that the longer Armenia continues to be geographically isolated, the more difficult its economic situation will be***; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Or. el

Amendment 108

Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-

ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the **OSCE Minsk Group** Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have **wide-ranging, potentially overall very** positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will **most probably** have positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Or. de

Amendment 110
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Amendment

10. Welcomes the protocols on the establishment of diplomatic relations, border opening and cooperation; calls on both sides to seize this opportunity to mend their relations through ratification and implementation; does not support the introduction of conditions for ratification not mentioned in the protocols, but notes that if implemented, they will have wide-ranging, potentially overall very positive consequences in the region and that they can therefore not be seen in isolation; calls on Armenia, as well as Azerbaijan, to intensify their efforts in the Minsk Co-chairs-led **and other** talks on the principles for a settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation **of the part which is not blocked by** Russia and the de facto authorities of the **breakaway regions**;

Amendment

11. **Reiterates its unconditional support for the territorial integrity and inviolability of the internationally recognised borders of Georgia, and supports the continuous efforts made by the Georgian authorities to achieve a settlement of its internal conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia**; welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate; **calls for its further extension** and its **full** implementation; notes that Russia and the de facto authorities of **the occupied territories, which are under Russian effective**

control, block parts of its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main ***observations and*** conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions; ***expects that the extensive background information provided by this report can be used for legal proceedings at the International Criminal Court (ICC) and by individual citizens as regards infringements of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR);***

Or. en

Amendment 113

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions ***including those on ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity;*** supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions; ***the***

mandate remains valid and for full scale implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Alexander Mirsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions *including that the conflict in 2008 on the territory of South Ossetia was initiated by the Georgian authorities*; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the Tagliavini Report and supports its main conclusions; supports the EU Monitoring Mission mandate and its implementation of the part which is not blocked by Russia and the de facto authorities of the breakaway regions; *calls for full respect by all concerned parties of the 1994 Moscow Agreement and of resolution 934 of the Security Council*;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; ***calls on*** Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement ***to*** withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia;

Amendment

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing ***and occupation of Georgia's territories*** as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood; notes with satisfaction that ***the EU, UN and the rest of*** the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; ***strongly urges*** Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement ***and therefore immediate*** withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and ***to reduce its military presence in South Ossetia and Abkhazia to the Russian force deployed as peacekeepers in the two provinces before the conflict erupted,*** to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia, Abkhazia ***and Georgia and calls on Russia to allow back international missions with a mandate to establish new international security arrangements on the ground; also notes that Abkhazia and Russia signed a treaty on military cooperation in February 2010 and that this is a direct violation of the Ceasefire Agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 117
Alexander Mirsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing ***as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood***; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement ***to withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia***;

Amendment

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing ***in the period from 1992 till 2000 by the authorities of Georgia which led to the civil conflict on the territory of South Ossetia and Abkhazia*** ; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement, ***to try to avoid reacting to any provocations from the Georgian side and to ensure a safe access of EUMM to South Ossetia and Abkhazia***;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is ***seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood***; notes ***with satisfaction*** that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops ***to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia***;

Amendment

12. Is ***concerned at reports that ethnic cleansing has occurred in the run-up to Russian recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia***; notes that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops;

Or. de

Amendment 119
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood;*** notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; ***calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia;***

Amendment

12. Notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence ***of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, and calls on the parties to respect the Ceasefire Agreement of 2008 as well as to guarantee the safety and free access of EUMM personnel on the ground;***

Or. en

Amendment 120
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing ***as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood;*** notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; ***calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and***

Amendment

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; ***emphasises that the international community and all the parties involved must remain committed to the full and non-discriminatory respect of international law and reject all unilateral declarations of independence;***

Abkhazia;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing as *a prelude* to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of independence; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia;

Amendment

12. Is seriously concerned about the *continued* use of ethnic cleansing as *an element* to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of *tricky* independence *of the regions under foreign control*; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to cease its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of

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12. Is seriously concerned about the use of ethnic cleansing as a prelude to the Russian recognition of South Ossetian and Abkhazian statehood; notes with satisfaction that the international community remains united in its rejection of the unilateral declaration of

independence; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to *cease its* blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia;

independence; calls on Russia to honour its commitment in the Ceasefire Agreement to withdraw its troops to the positions held before the outbreak of the August 2008 war and to *lift immediately* its blocking of EUMM access to South Ossetia and Abkhazia;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Regrets that the Geneva talks on stability and security in the conflict areas have produced so far no substantial results and that incidents take place frequently on the ceasefire line; calls on the VP/HR to make every effort so as to give new and fresh impetus to these talks with a view to reaching a satisfactory stabilisation of the situation and fully implementing the August 2008 Ceasefire Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on Russia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia and the inviolability of its internationally recognised borders,

and therefore strongly condemns the recognition by the Russian Federation of the independence of the breakaway Georgian regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia as contrary to international law; notes with serious concern the agreement between the Russian federation and de facto authorities of Abkhazia on 17 February 2010 concerning the establishment of a Russian military base in the Abkhazia without the consent of the Government of Georgia and notes that such an agreement is in contradiction with the ceasefire agreements of 12 August and 8 September 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the *breakaway regions*, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction *in the Iron-Curtain character* of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

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13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the *occupied territories*, promoting respect for *internally* displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction of the de facto *closed* borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, ***achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders*** and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Amendment

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, ***achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and*** obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Amendment

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, ***of*** obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Amendment 128
Alexander Mirsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the *two* regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Amendment

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the regions *of Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia*; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Amendment 129
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines

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13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines

the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect; ***encourages Georgia to keep up the important work on assisting internally displaced persons within its territory;***

Or. en

Amendment 130

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Amendment

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ethnic Georgians still living within the breakaway regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, ***stopping the process of forced passportisation***, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the ***ethnic*** Georgians still living within the breakaway

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13. Stresses the importance of protecting the safety and rights of the Georgians still living within the breakaway regions,

regions, promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

promoting respect for displaced persons' right of return under safe and dignified conditions, achieving a reduction in the Iron-Curtain character of the de facto borders and obtaining possibilities for the EU and other international actors to assist people within the two regions; underlines the need for more clearly identified short- and medium-term objectives in this respect;

Or. fr

Amendment 132
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Stresses the need to address the Georgian-Abkhaz and Georgian-South Ossetian dimension of the conflicts and ensure that the rights and concerns of all populations involved are equally taken into account; stresses the fact that the isolation of Abkhazia and South Ossetia is counterproductive to conflict resolution and encourages Georgia's efforts to devise a strategy that envisages engagement through cooperation; emphasises the importance of confidence-building measures and people-to-people contacts across the conflict;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Underscores the significance of the international talks in Geneva and supports the active involvement of EUSR Pierre Morel as mediator; encourages all parties to constructively engage in this process and expects more tangible results from the future rounds of discussions; highlights the importance of the Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms and their relevance for the enhancement of mutual confidence between parties;

Or. en

**Amendment 134
Göran Färm**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Considers the Geneva discussions on Georgia to be of great importance, as they provide the only forum in which all sides to the conflict are represented and three major international actors - the EU, the OSCE and the UN - work in close cooperation for the security and stability of the region;

Or. en

**Amendment 135
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14**

Motion for a resolution

14. **Considers** democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, ***the rights of minorities and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states;***

Amendment

14. **Stresses that respect for** democratisation, good governance, ***the rule of law***, human rights and fundamental freedoms ***is of paramount importance for determining Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia's future relations with the EU;*** ***calls for renewed efforts by the countries to implement in full the ENP Action Plan and on the Commission to continue to assist them in such efforts and Council of Europe recommendations in this regard;*** ***is concerned by the limited progress made by the countries in the South Caucasus-region on this area, as shown in the Commission 2009 progress reports;***

Or. en

Amendment 136

Norica Nicolai, Siiri Oviir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states;

Amendment

14. Considers democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states; ***welcomes the initiation of the human rights dialogue between EU and Georgia and Armenia but calls on Azerbaijan to join the parallel cooperation structure;***

Or. en

Amendment 137
José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states;

Amendment

14. Considers democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states; **welcomes the initiation of the human rights dialogue between EU and Georgia and Armenia and calls on Azerbaijan to agree to the parallel cooperation structure;**

Or. en

Amendment 138
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states;

Amendment

14. Considers democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities, **political pluralism** and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers democratisation, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities and the rule of law to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states;

Amendment

14. Considers democratisation, good governance, ***the rule of law*** and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rights of minorities to be basic principles for and of peaceful and stable democratic states;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Stresses that a clear commitment by Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is of crucial importance for their future relations with the EU;

Or. el

Amendment 141
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Deplores the total absence of a statute for religions other than the Georgian Orthodox Church, despite repeated calls from the Council of Europe; is concerned at the unlawful seizure of dozens of Armenian churches, some of them dating from the Middle

Ages, depriving the large Armenian community of its historic monuments and places of worship; condemns the acts of destruction and vandalism directed against these churches and monasteries by radical religious groups, whose actions remain entirely unpunished;

Or. fr

Amendment 142
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; *welcomes the adoption of significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to work on the independence of judges; welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a ‘new wave of democratic reforms’, calls for such reforms to be effectively adopted and implemented, such as strengthening parliamentary control over the executive and increasing independence of the judiciary, and considers that democratic reforms need to be pursued and democratic institutions consolidated;*

Amendment

15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; *stresses the importance of strengthening more independent, transparent and stronger democratic institutions, to support and empower civil society and developing people-to-people contacts in promoting democracy and the rule of law; encourages the Commission to make full use of the opportunities offered by the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights for, inter alia , monitoring the implementation of the ENP closely;*

Or. en

Amendment 143
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; welcomes the adoption of significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to work on the independence of judges; **welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a ‘new wave of democratic reforms’, calls for such reforms to be effectively adopted and implemented, such as strengthening parliamentary control over the executive and increasing independence of the judiciary, and considers that democratic reforms need to be pursued and democratic institutions consolidated;**

Amendment

15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; welcomes the adoption of significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to work on the independence of judges;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; welcomes **the adoption of**

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15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; welcomes **the efforts of**

significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to **work on** the independence of judges; welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a ‘new wave of democratic reforms’, calls for such reforms to be effectively adopted and implemented, such as strengthening parliamentary control over the executive and increasing independence of the judiciary, and considers that democratic reforms need to be pursued and democratic institutions consolidated;

Armenian authorities to conduct judiciary reform and calls on them to strengthen the independence of the judiciary; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to **strengthen** the independence of judges; welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a ‘new wave of democratic reforms’, calls for such reforms to be effectively adopted and implemented, such as strengthening parliamentary control over the executive and increasing independence of the judiciary, and considers that democratic reforms need to be pursued and democratic institutions consolidated;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; welcomes the adoption of significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to work on the independence of judges; welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a ‘new wave of democratic reforms’, calls for such reforms to be effectively adopted and implemented, such as strengthening parliamentary control over the executive

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15. Highlights the importance of engaging in democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; welcomes the adoption of significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof, **especially strengthening the independence of judiciary**; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to work on the independence of judges; welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a ‘new wave of democratic reforms’, calls for such reforms to be effectively adopted and

and increasing independence of the judiciary, and considers that democratic reforms need to be pursued and democratic institutions consolidated;

implemented, such as strengthening parliamentary control over the executive and increasing independence of the judiciary, and considers that democratic reforms need to be pursued and democratic institutions consolidated;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Highlights the importance of ***engaging in*** democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus; welcomes the adoption of significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to ***work*** on the independence of judges;

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15. Highlights the importance of ***furthering and deepening*** democratic reforms and the essential role of political dialogue and cooperation as the key to developing national consensus ***and democratic stability***; welcomes the adoption of significant legislation related to the judiciary in Armenia and calls on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation thereof; welcomes the progress in Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to ***continue working*** on the independence of judges;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15a. Welcomes the efforts of the authorities of Armenia to conduct

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judiciary reform and calls on the authorities to strengthen the independence of judiciary; notes that despite commitments, the dynamics of democratisation is hardly progressing, especially within the field of human rights, tortures, freedom of expression, NGO status and equality between men and women;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Welcomes the efforts of Azerbaijan in the field of reform of the judiciary and calls on the authorities to work on the independence of the judiciary and judges; notes the trend of growing centralization of power and calls for reforms in the area of elections;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15c. Welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a 'new wave of democratic reforms', calls for such reforms to be effectively adopted and implemented, such as strengthening parliamentary control over the executive

and increasing independence of the judiciary, and considers that democratic reforms need to be pursued and democratic institutions consolidated;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Points to the still widespread corruption in the region and calls on the authorities to step up the measures to fight it, as it threatens the economic growth and social and *economic* development of the countries concerned;

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16. Points to the still widespread corruption in the region and calls on the authorities to step up the measures to fight it, as it threatens the economic growth and social and *political* development of the countries concerned; *welcomes the progress made by Georgia in fight against corruption as reflected in the significantly improved rankings of Corruption Perception Index by Transparency International, giving Georgia ranking of 66 in 2009 compared to 124 in 2003;*

Or. en

Amendment 151
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Points to the still widespread corruption in the region and calls on the authorities to step up the measures to fight it, as it threatens the economic growth and social and economic development of the countries concerned;

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16. Points to the still widespread corruption in the region and calls on the authorities to step up the measures to fight it, as it threatens the economic growth and social and economic development of the countries concerned; *greater attention should be*

paid to the fight against monopolies, the importance of the oligarchs and the relationship between politicians and major contractors, as well as to recruitment in public services, including the police and education;

Or. en

Amendment 152

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Points to the still widespread corruption in the region and calls on the authorities to step up the measures to fight it, as it threatens the economic growth and social and economic development of the countries concerned;

Amendment

16. Points to the still widespread corruption in the region and calls on the authorities to step up the measures to fight it, as it threatens the economic growth and social and economic development of the countries concerned, *as well as the proper institutional functioning of the rule of law;*

Or. ro

Amendment 153

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Welcomes the announcement by the Georgian President regarding a 'new wave of democratic reform' and points out the need for its rapid implementation, especially for strengthening parliamentary control over the executive and increasing independence of the

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judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; *notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;*

Amendment

17. ***Takes note of the elections that took place recently in the countries of the region and*** underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. ***Underscores*** the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; ***notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;***

Amendment

17. ***Underlines*** the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; ***stresses the essential role for the EU to help to support, organize and monitor elections;***

Or. en

Amendment 156
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; ***notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt;*** takes note of ***the municipal***

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17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards ***as a precondition for deepening relations with the EU;*** takes note of ***the critical conclusions of the observer mission of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities regarding the***

elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards *and that the electoral law is amended accordingly*, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; *confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate*; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Yerevan City Council elections of 31 May 2009 and draws attention to the need for further electoral reform in particular with a view to strengthening post-election control mechanisms; notes that, while the *municipal elections held in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 were technically well prepared and peaceful*, the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities found that they lacked the *essence of pluralistic democracy*; calls on the Georgian authorities *to complete the Election Code reform and* to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors *on the basis of an absolute majority* is crucial; *confirms the position that the EU does not recognise the constitutional and legal framework in which the elections in the breakaway territories take place and* defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and

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17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; *is concerned about the elimination of presidential term limits in Azerbaijan in March 2009, which allows*

awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

President Ilham Aliiev to stay in power for life; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and

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17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt ***and notes that election observers from the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (CLRAE) stated that the 31 May 2009 Yerevan City Council elections were broadly in compliance with European standards***; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional

reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the *municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon*; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced

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17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the *presidential elections on the 15th of October in Azerbaijan which took place in peaceful manner, but failed in general to meet international standards*; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; underlines that the EU does not recognize the constitutional and legal framework in which the elections and referenda in breakaway regions have taken place; defends the political rights of

persons;

displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Ioannis Kasoulides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were ***once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt***; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

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17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were ***followed by violent events, while internal stability has been gradually restored thereafter; is preoccupied about the continued detention of opposition activist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists***; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again **violent** and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Amendment

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again **followed by mass demonstrations and violence** and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate **and therefore endanger the democratic stability in the region**; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional

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17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional

Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions ***under foreign control*** are illegitimate; defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; ***confirms its and the EU's position that elections and referenda in breakaway regions are illegitimate;*** defends the political rights of displaced

Amendment

17. Underscores the importance of free and fair elections to be held in accordance with international commitments and standards; notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008 were once again violent and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; defends the political rights of ***all*** displaced persons;

persons;

Or. de

Amendment 165
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Notes that the last presidential elections held in Armenia in February 2008, for which the OSCE estimated that if the election mostly met international standards, were followed by violence and that repercussions of the internal crisis in their aftermath are still being felt; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 in Armenia when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Takes note of the municipal elections held in a peaceful manner in Azerbaijan on 23 December 2009 and awaits the report of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities observation delegation thereon; notes that the OSCE estimated the election mostly

met international standards yet some violence has been reported after the election, but it is not certain that there is a clear connection to the election;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17c. Calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure that the local elections scheduled for 30 May 2010 take place in accordance with international standards and that the electoral law is amended accordingly, and reaffirms that securing direct election of mayors is crucial; requests the presence of organizations that monitor the election closely; confirms its own and the EU's position that the EU does not recognize the constitutional and legal framework in which the elections in South Ossetia and Abkhazia have taken place and defends the political rights of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle *and* the role of the media essential, *is disturbed by the limitations* on freedom of expression

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle, *that* the role of the media *is* essential, *and that the media must be free and independent, is*

and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; ***is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deploras the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;***

bothered by the restrictions on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of

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18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; ***deploras the fact that torture and ill-treatment of journalists in custody continue to be a widespread problem in the region;*** is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition

imprisoned opposition activists; *is* concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; *while welcoming President Aliiev's pardon for 99 prisoners on 25 December 2009 remains* concerned about deterioration of media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights; *calls on the Georgian authorities to clarify the situation regarding media ownership and the granting of media licences;*

Or. en

Amendment 170
Ioannis Kasoulides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; *is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists;* is

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18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release

concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplors the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 171

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplors the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in

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18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplors the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in

accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights; **welcomes the initiative of the Georgian Parliament to extend the Public Broadcaster Board to include more opposition and civil society representatives as well as to transform the second public channel into a political channel with the aim of deepening political pluralism;**

Or. en

Amendment 172
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals **and** deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair

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18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals; **is concerned that police officers who were the perpetrators of torture and inhuman treatment, the victims of which included the adolescents Ruslan, Maksim and Dmitri, have gone unpunished; strongly urges the authorities to set up an independent**

trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

commission of inquiry to deal with the cases of torturers who have not been brought to justice; deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 173

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the *limitations* on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair

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18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the *restrictions* on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about *harassment and* attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists *involved in the events of 1-2 March 2008*; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards

trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, ***is disturbed by the limitations*** on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplors the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

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18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, ***strongly regrets the restrictions*** on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplors the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

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18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the limitations on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is ***profoundly*** concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their ***immediate*** release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

Or. el

Amendment 176
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the **limitations** on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition **journalist** Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

Amendment

18. Considers freedom of expression to be a fundamental right and principle and the role of the media essential, is disturbed by the **restrictions** on freedom of expression and the lack of media pluralism in the countries of the South Caucasus and calls on the authorities to ensure both; is preoccupied about attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition **activist** Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists; is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Expresses its concern regarding the refusal of Eutelsat to broadcast the Russian language service of the Georgian public broadcaster as this refusal appears to be politically motivated;

Amendment 178
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Is preoccupied about harassment and attacks on journalists in Armenia and in particular about the continued detention of opposition journalist Nikol Pashinian, despite the welcomed amnesty of 18 June 2009 leading to the release of a number of imprisoned opposition activists involved in the events of 1-2 March 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Is concerned about the deterioration of the media climate in Azerbaijan with cases of harassment and intimidation of media professionals and deplores the detention and sentencing of the two youth activists and bloggers, Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizade; accordingly, calls for their release following the appeal procedure in accordance with international standards and with respect for the principles of a fair trial as set out in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights; urges the Azerbaijani authorities to renew the FM radio licences of a number of international broadcasters, points out that the

*termination of these stations'
broadcasting on FM frequencies removes
important, objective and valuable
independent sources of quality public-
service information and restricts media
plurality in Azerbaijan;*

Or. en

Amendment 180
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*18a. Is worried by the climate of racial
hatred against Armenians and Armenian
culture encouraged by the Azerbaijani
authorities, and by the harassment and
intimidation of citizens who opt for the
Armenian culture in the context of
cultural occasions and events;*

Or. fr

Amendment 181
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is *instrumental* to the development of a vibrant *civil* society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is *essential* to the development of a *free, democratic and* vibrant society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through

administrative harassment, *such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;*

administrative harassment;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; *is worried about* the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, *including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia;* is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events

Amendment

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; *notes with concern* the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, *as well as administrative harassment on fiscal matters;* is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of

following the presidential elections of February 2008 *when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights*; calls on the authorities *in Azerbaijan*, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly *which, as amended, meets most international standards; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region*;

February 2008; calls on the authorities *of all the countries in the region*, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, *including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a*

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19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly; *calls on the Armenian authorities to fully consider and implement the recommendations of the Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee regarding the investigations into the events of 1-2 March 2008, where 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and*

number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly ***which, as amended, meets most international standards***; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement ***strictly*** in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; ***is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and*** restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly ***which, as amended,***

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19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly ***including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; calls on the authorities of Armenia to fully consider and implement the recommendations of the Parliamentary Ad Hoc Committee regarding the investigations into the events of 1-2 March 2008,*** where 10 people were killed and which led to a temporary restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-

meets most international standards; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Ioannis Kasoulides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; *is concerned about the lack of any serious* investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 *when 10 people were killed and* which led to *the* imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; is

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19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; *notes the PACE resolution 1677 (2009) regarding the* investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 which led to a *20-days long* imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; is

concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poreba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; *is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the*

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19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; *welcomes the fact that the opposition protest in the centre of Tbilisi over the period of several months was conducted peacefully and without interference from*

opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

the Government; at the same time, welcomes the efforts of the Parliament of Georgia to give due consideration to the comments provided by the Venice Commission; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations *may* limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the

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important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

opposition to mobilise, ***and constitute an obstacle to the necessary effort to overcome internal crisis through a dialogue***; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 188
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace

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19. Takes the view that freedom of assembly must be guaranteed, as it is instrumental to the development of a vibrant civil society; is worried about the difficulties, direct and indirect, which civil society faces in organising itself and disturbed by the adoption of laws and practices that might indirectly limit freedom of assembly, including through administrative harassment, such as the intensified checks by the fiscal authorities in Armenia; is concerned about the lack of any serious investigation into the events following the presidential elections of February 2008 when 10 people were killed and which led to the imposition of a state of emergency and restriction of a number of freedoms and rights; calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards; ***is concerned at the new laws in Azerbaijan curtailing the work of NGOs, particularly those dealing with complaints relating to torture and ill-treatment***; is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may

and reconciliation processes in the region;

limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

Or. fr

Amendment 189
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Calls on the Armenian authorities to investigate allegations of violence and ill-treatment in police custody and penitentiary institutions and corruption and breaches of freedom of expression;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Calls on the authorities in Azerbaijan, including the local authorities, to implement in a non-restrictive manner the legislation on freedom of assembly which, as amended, meets most international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19c. Is concerned that in Georgia the 2009 amendments to the Law on Assembly and Manifestations may limit freedom of assembly and curtail the ability of the opposition to mobilise; underlines the important role of civil society for the peace and reconciliation processes in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Calls on the countries in the region to participate actively in the work of the EU-European Neighbourhood Parliamentary Assembly (EURONEST) and use the possibilities it affords for multilateral and bilateral exchanges of views; in this regard notes that the intensified dialogue between the members of parliament of the countries in the region is crucial;

20. Calls on the countries in the region to participate actively in the work of the EU - European Neighbourhood ***EAST*** Parliamentary Assembly (EURONEST) and use the possibilities it affords for multilateral and bilateral exchanges of views, ***as well as for legislative approximation to EU standards and parliamentary scrutiny on democratic reforms***; in this regard notes that the intensified dialogue between the members of parliament of the countries in the region is crucial;

Or. en

Amendment 193

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the countries in the region to participate actively in the work of the EU-European Neighbourhood Parliamentary Assembly (EURONEST) and use the possibilities it affords for multilateral and bilateral exchanges of views; in this regard notes that the intensified dialogue between the members of parliament of the countries in the region is crucial;

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Or. en

Amendment 194

Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the countries in the region to participate actively in the work of the EU-European Neighbourhood Parliamentary Assembly (EURONEST) and use the possibilities it affords for multilateral and bilateral exchanges of views; in this regard notes that the intensified dialogue between the members of parliament of the countries in the region is crucial;

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co-operation with the parliaments of the region in order to strengthen their role and policy-making capacities;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Ulrike Lunacek; Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the countries in the region to participate actively in the work of the EU-European Neighbourhood Parliamentary Assembly (EURONEST) and use the possibilities it affords for multilateral and bilateral exchanges of views; in this regard notes that the intensified dialogue between the members of parliament of the countries in the region is crucial;

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20. Calls on the countries in the region to participate actively in the work of the EU-European Neighbourhood Parliamentary Assembly (EURONEST) and use the possibilities it affords for multilateral and bilateral exchanges of views; in this regard notes that the intensified dialogue between the members of parliament of the countries in the region is crucial; *points out, in particular, the importance of creating, within this framework, the occasion for bilateral meetings between members of parliament of Armenia and Azerbaijan in order to start a parliamentary dialogue which, in the presence of members of the European Parliament, could go along with the mediation efforts of the Minsk group at presidential level;*

Or. en

Amendment 196

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Holds the view that broader

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cooperation on a regional level and with the EU in sectors such as the economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace *the building of human capital* in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU

cooperation on a regional level and with the EU in sectors such as the economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace *prioritisation of education and training* in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU

Or. fr

Amendment 197
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Holds the view that broader cooperation on a regional level and with the EU sectors such as economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further

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21. Holds the view that broader cooperation on a regional level and with the EU sectors such as economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further

promoting mobility in the region and with the EU;

promoting mobility in the region and with the EU; ***deplores the fact that implementation of regional projects with involvement of all three countries is still hindered by the persistence of unresolved conflicts;***

Or. en

Amendment 198
Alojz Peterle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Holds the view that broader cooperation on a regional level and with the EU in sectors such as the economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU;

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21. Holds the view that broader cooperation on a regional level and with the EU in sectors such as the economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU; ***deplores the fact that implementation of regional projects with involvement of all three countries is still hindered by the persistence of unresolved conflicts;***

Or. en

Amendment 199
Fiorello Provera, Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Holds the view that broader cooperation on a regional level and with the EU in sectors such as the economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU;

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21. Holds the view that broader cooperation on a regional level and with the EU in sectors such as the economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU; ***notes that implementation of regional projects with involvement of all three countries is still hindered by the persistence of unresolved conflicts;***

Or. en

Amendment 200
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Holds the view that broader cooperation on a regional level and with the EU in sectors such as the economy, transport, energy and environment is essential for the optimal development of

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the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU;

the sectors themselves and for ensuring stability in the region, but that cooperation should also embrace the building of human capital in the whole region as a long-term investment; welcomes the fact that all three countries benefit from the EU's GSP and takes note that all of them qualify for the GSP+ for sustainable development and good governance; notes that regional cooperation in the judicial and police fields and the establishment of integrated border management are essential for further promoting mobility in the region and with the EU; **welcomes Georgia for its leading position in fighting corruption and improving the state governance;**

Or. en

Amendment 201
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Underscores the importance of building a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the reform *process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, and hopes that Azerbaijan will continue and eventually complete its negotiations on accession to the WTO*; welcomes the progress in implementing market-economy reforms aiming at liberalisation of the market in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

Amendment

22. Considers that trade policy is a key component in ensuring political stability and economic development leading to a reduction in poverty in the South Caucasus, and that it is crucial for further integration between the EU and the South Caucasus; supports the Commission's initiative to undertake a feasibility study to evaluate the possibility of a free-trade agreement with Georgia and Armenia; believes that such an agreement will benefit all parties; in the meantime, calls on the Commission and the Council to implement measures to ensure that Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan benefit as much as possible from the Generalized System of Preferences, while underlining the importance of Azerbaijani membership of the WTO for further

enhancing bilateral trade relations; encourages the Azerbaijani authorities to accelerate its negotiations on accession to the WTO and calls on the Commission to further support Azerbaijan in its process of accession to the WTO; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the *economic* reform; welcomes the progress *made* in implementing market-economy reforms aiming at liberalisation of the market in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Underscores the importance of building a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, *and hopes that Azerbaijan will continue and eventually complete its negotiations on accession to the WTO*; welcomes the progress in implementing market-economy reforms aiming at liberalisation of the market in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide

Amendment

22. Underscores the importance of building a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors; welcomes the progress in implementing market-economy reforms aiming at *gradual* liberalisation of the market in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

Or. de

Amendment 203

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Underscores the importance of building a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; **commends Azerbaijan on its** noteworthy economic growth **and** the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, and hopes that Azerbaijan will continue and eventually complete its negotiations on accession to the WTO; welcomes the progress in **implementing market-economy reforms aiming at liberalisation of the market** in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

Amendment

22. Underscores the importance of building a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; **notes that the** noteworthy economic growth **of Azerbaijan is mainly based on oil and gas revenues**; **supports** the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, and hopes that Azerbaijan will continue and eventually complete its negotiations on accession to the WTO; welcomes the progress in economy reforms in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Underscores the importance of building

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a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, and hopes that Azerbaijan will *continue and eventually complete* its negotiations on accession to the WTO; welcomes the progress *in implementing market-economy reforms aiming at liberalisation of the market* in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the *general* economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, and hopes that Azerbaijan will *accelerate* its negotiations on accession to the WTO; welcomes the progress *made in economic reforms* in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the *global* economic crisis and welcomes the decision by the Council at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Underscores the importance of building a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, and hopes that Azerbaijan will continue and eventually complete its negotiations on accession to the WTO; welcomes the progress in implementing market-economy reforms aiming at liberalisation of the market in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide

Amendment

22. Underscores the importance of building a favourable business climate and the development of the private sector; commends Azerbaijan on its noteworthy economic growth and the reform process, which makes the economy more attractive to foreign investors, and hopes that Azerbaijan will continue and eventually complete its negotiations on accession to the WTO; *is of the opinion that Azerbaijan should be involved more actively in the Nabucco project*; welcomes the progress in implementing market-economy reforms aiming at liberalisation of the market in Armenia and Georgia; notes however that the economic development of Armenia and Georgia has

macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

been affected by the general economic crisis and welcomes the decision at the end of 2009 to provide macrofinancial assistance to the two countries;

Or. en

Amendment 206

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Expresses its concern at military and defence-spending in the South Caucasus; points out that this relevant part of domestic budgets drains away a remarkable amount of financial resources from more urgent issues like poverty reduction, social security and economic development; calls, in this regard, on the Council and the Commission to prevent EU macrofinancial assistance from favouring indirectly the military build-up in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 207

Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Notes the strategic geopolitical location of the South Caucasus and its increasing importance as an energy, transport and communications corridor connecting the Caspian region and Central Asia with Europe;

23. Notes the strategic geopolitical location of the South Caucasus and its increasing importance as an energy, transport and communications corridor connecting the Caspian region and Central Asia with Europe; ***regrets the agreement between***

Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan concerning the rail link which by-passes Armenia and has a direct impact on the cost of transporting exports;

Or. el

Amendment 208

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes the strategic geopolitical location of the South Caucasus and its increasing importance as an energy, transport and communications corridor connecting the Caspian region and Central Asia with Europe;

Amendment

23. Notes the strategic geopolitical location of the South Caucasus and its increasing importance as an energy, transport and communications corridor connecting the Caspian region and Central Asia with Europe; *however, calls the countries involved and the Commission to include Armenia in relevant energy projects and to end the isolation of that country;*

Or. en

Amendment 209

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Notes the strategic geopolitical location of the South Caucasus and its increasing importance as an energy, transport and communications corridor connecting the Caspian region and Central Asia with Europe;

Amendment

23. Notes the strategic geopolitical location of the South Caucasus and its increasing importance as an energy, transport and communications corridor connecting the Caspian region and Central Asia with Europe; *considers it of the utmost importance, therefore, that EU-cooperation with the South Caucasus be*

given the highest priority, not least in matters relating to energy;

Or. en

Amendment 210

Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; ***notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;***

Amendment

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; ***stresses the importance of deepening the EU-Azerbaijani energy partnership as envisaged in the Memorandum of Understanding of 7 November 2006 and welcomes the readiness of the Azerbaijani and Georgian Governments to further play an active role in the promotion of market-based energy supply and transit diversification in the region; attaches great significance to the opening of the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline and the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline and stresses the importance of the Trans-Caspian energy corridor projects, which would contribute to economic and trade development in the region and would enhance the safety and security and diversification of energy supplies and transit systems from Azerbaijan and the Caspian basin to the EU market; however, strongly requests the countries involved and the Commission to include Armenia in the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline and in the Trans-Caspian energy corridor projects, in compliance with the regional cooperation objective promoted by the ENP;***

Or. en

Amendment 211

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

Amendment

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security, ***especially in the context of development of the Nabucco pipeline***; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; ***notes the intensifying Azerbaijani - Russian partnership, particularly in the energy sector***; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

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essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy; ***underlines the importance of transparency in the energy sector in this region as a key requisite for investors' confidence;***

Or. en

Amendment 213
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

Amendment

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy; ***commends Azerbaijan for its participation in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and points out the importance of this openness for any joint energy projects with the EU;***

Amendment 214
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

Amendment

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are evenly distributed and invested in the development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production, **and welcomes in *this context*** the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

Amendment 215
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are **evenly** distributed and invested in the

Amendment

24. Recognises the significance of the region for the EU's energy cooperation and energy security; notes the great value of Azerbaijan's energy resources and the essential role these play in its economic development; underscores the importance of ensuring that the benefits deriving from the exploitation of natural resources are **equitably** distributed and invested in the

development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

development of the country as a whole, permitting it to brace itself against the negative repercussions of an eventual decline in oil production; welcomes the intention of Azerbaijan to diversify its economy;

Or. ro

Amendment 216

Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Emphasizes the role of Georgia and Azerbaijan as essential countries for the transit of energy resources, as well as for the diversification of EU's energy supply and routes; in this light, recalls once again that the Union should take concrete steps to ensure the political stability of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 217

Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Warns Azerbaijan against using these resources to build military infrastructure which would increase the threat of war; is concerned at the 1 300% growth in the Azerbaijani military budget in five years, and calls on the countries holding the chairmanship of the Minsk Group to prevent any arms race or

build-up of weapons, and to ensure that there is balanced military potential in the region; takes the view that oil revenue should not be used to increase the risks of a resumption of hostilities with Armenia;

Or. fr

Amendment 218

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; **welcomes the establishment of** the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; **is glad to take note of** the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but regrets that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Amendment

25. Underscores the importance of **promoting energy efficiency measures**, investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; **takes the view that** the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus **should be adequately funded and supported so as to run also credible cross-border projects**; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; **welcomes** the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but regrets that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. **Underscores** the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; **is glad to take note of** the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, **but regrets that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area**;

Amendment

25. **Underlines** the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; **recognises that generating diversity of supply is vital and can only be attained through enhanced cooperation with neighbouring states**, welcomes **therefore** the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; **welcomes** the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor **and towards finding viable alternative solutions for energy supply, as requested by the EU**;

Or. en

Amendment 220
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; is glad to take note of the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but **regrets** that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Amendment

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; is glad to take note of the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but **is concerned** that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same

seismic area; *encourages the Armenian authorities to seek alternative solutions for energy supplies;*

Or. el

Amendment 221
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; is glad to take note of the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but regrets that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Amendment

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; is glad to take note of the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but regrets that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area; *welcomes the efforts of the Georgian government to develop hydropower sector and underlines the need for EU support in that regard;*

Or. en

Amendment 222
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; ***is glad to take note of*** the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but regrets that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Amendment

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; ***welcomes*** the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but regrets that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Or. en

Amendment 223
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; is glad to take note of the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but ***regrets*** that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Amendment

25. Underscores the importance of investing in renewable energy sources and ensuring that environmental concerns are catered for; welcomes the establishment of the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus; considers the plans proclaimed by Azerbaijan to make the development of alternative energy sources a government priority praiseworthy and encourages the pursuit of such objectives; is glad to take note of the decision of Armenia to decommission the nuclear plant in Medzamor, but ***is seriously concerned*** that a new nuclear plant will be built in the same seismic area;

Or. de

Amendment 224
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue, investing in education and health and building human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Amendment

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue ***through the involvement of all social actors***, investing in education and health and building human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue, investing in education and health and building human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Amendment

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue, ***gender equality as well as women's rights***, investing in education and health and building human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue, investing in education and health and **building** human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Amendment

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue, investing in education and health and **developing** human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue, investing in education and health and building human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Amendment

26. Considers that promoting social cohesion and social dialogue, investing in education and health and building **and developing** human capital, ensuring adequate standards of living, are essential in order to build vibrant democratic societies; takes positive note of the adoption by the three countries of their respective programmes on poverty reduction and encourages their thorough implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives that have been activated and the meetings that have been held; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives that have been activated and the meetings that have been held; ***stresses that in order to make it credible it should be accompanied by concrete projects and adequate incentives***; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives that have been activated and the meetings that have been held; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives that have been activated and the meetings that have been held; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership; ***commends the creation of the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly and expects a strong level of representation and participation from the Parliaments of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia in the constituent meeting of the EURONEST PA to be held in March 2010 in Brussels, as well as active future engagement in the work of this body***;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives that have been activated and the meetings that have been held; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives and the meetings that have been held; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership; **welcomes the creation of the multilateral parliamentary assembly EURONEST - the parliamentary dimension of the Eastern Partnership - as the forum for parliamentarians of three countries to meet and cooperate; expects that the implementation of association agreements by all South Caucasus countries will accelerate the process of economic integration and political cooperation with the EU;**

Or. en

Amendment 231
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives that have been activated and the meetings that have been held; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership;

Amendment

27. Welcomes the Eastern Partnership and takes note of the related initiatives that have been activated and the meetings that have been held; intends to develop further the parliamentary dimension of the Partnership; **expects the implementation of association agreements by all South Caucasus countries to accelerate the process of economic integration and**

political cooperation with the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Welcomes the possibility provided by the Eastern Partnership to deepen bilateral relations with the countries of the South Caucasus and the EU by establishing new contractual relations in the form of Association Agreements; highlights the importance of incorporating milestones and benchmarks to be included in the successor documents of the current Action Plans; recalls that the conditions for starting negotiations include a sufficient level of democracy, rule of law and human rights, and calls on the Commission to provide technical assistance where necessary to assist the countries in meeting the preconditions; welcomes, in particular, the Comprehensive Institution-Building Programme (CIB) offered by the Eastern Partnership as an innovative tool, specifically intended to help the countries to meet these preconditions; reiterates the prerogative of the European Parliament to be immediately and fully informed at all stages of the process of the negotiation of Association Agreements, also since it will have to give its consent for the conclusion thereof; expects the implementation of association agreements by all South Caucasus countries to accelerate the process of economic integration and political cooperation with the EU;

Amendment 233**Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 28***Motion for a resolution*

28. Considers that the ENP Action Plans and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments, ***in accordance with the principle of conditionality, for evaluating*** the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of agreements with the countries concerned; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes the different progress made by the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take into account ***this diversity and the different objectives but at the same time that the process of negotiation should preferably move at the same pace for all three countries, taking into account the regional dimension;***

Amendment

28. Considers that the ENP Action Plans and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments ***and*** the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of contractual relations with the countries concerned; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes that progress differs among the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take into account ***these differences and the different objectives as well as the regional dimension and that the countries must be treated equally;***

Amendment 234**Tunne Kelam****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 28***Motion for a resolution*

28. Considers that the ENP Action Plans

Amendment

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and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments, *in accordance with the principle of conditionality, for evaluating* the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of agreements with the countries concerned; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes the different progress made by the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take into account this diversity and the different objectives *but at the same time* that the process of negotiation *should preferably* move at the same pace for all three countries, taking into account the regional dimension;

and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments, *and* the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of contractual relations with the countries concerned; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes the different progress made by the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take into account this diversity and the different objectives *and hopes* that the process of negotiation *will* move at the same pace for all three countries, taking into account the regional dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 235

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Considers that the ENP Action Plans and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments, in accordance with the principle of conditionality, for evaluating the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of agreements with the countries concerned; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes the different progress made by the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take

Amendment

28. Considers that the ENP Action Plans and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments, in accordance with the principle of conditionality, for evaluating the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of agreements with the countries concerned; *notes Armenia's and Georgia's strong commitment to the implementation of the ENP Action Plans and calls on Azerbaijan to accelerate its efforts in this regard*; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes the different progress made

into account this diversity and the different objectives but at the same time that the process of negotiation should preferably move at the same pace for all three countries, taking into account the regional dimension;

by the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take into account this diversity and the different objectives but at the same time that the process of negotiation should preferably move at the same pace for all three countries, taking into account the regional dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 236
Norica Nicolai, Siiri Oviir

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Considers that the ENP Action Plans and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments, in accordance with the principle of conditionality, for evaluating the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of agreements with the countries concerned; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes the different progress made by the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take into account this diversity and the different objectives but at the same time that the process of negotiation should preferably move at the same pace for all three countries, taking into account the regional dimension;

Amendment

28. Considers that the ENP Action Plans and the implementation thereof constitute an essential basis for evaluating respect for commitments, in accordance with the principle of conditionality, for evaluating the progress of bilateral relationships with the EU and for considering upgrading of agreements with the countries concerned; ***notes Armenia's and Georgia's strong commitment to the implementation of the ENP Action Plans and calls on Azerbaijan to accelerate its efforts in this regard***; takes the view that the European Parliament should be involved in this process; notes the different progress made by the three countries in the implementation of the respective ENP Action Plans; believes that negotiations on the new association agreements should take into account this diversity and the different objectives but at the same time that the process of negotiation should preferably move at the same pace for all three countries, taking into account the regional dimension;

Amendment 237

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the EP

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Takes the view that the regional dimension of the EU Strategy for the South Caucasus should be duly strengthened; welcomes, in this regard, the allocation of additional financial resources for the ENPI within the framework of the Eastern Partnership for regional development programmes and multilateral cooperation; calls on the Commission to define a set of regional and cross-border projects and programmes for the three South Caucasus countries in fields such as transport, environment, culture and civil society, in order to provide concrete incentives for enhancing cooperation and building confidence between the parties;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which by fostering regional cooperation ***in certain areas could enhance mutual confidence between the partners;***

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which ***enhances mutual confidence between partners*** by fostering regional cooperation; ***reaffirms the need to insure complementarity of this initiative***

with the Eastern Partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which by fostering regional cooperation in certain areas could enhance mutual confidence between the partners;

Amendment

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which by fostering regional cooperation in certain areas, ***including through cross-border programmes***, could enhance mutual confidence between the partners ***and considerably contribute to EU's objective of ensuring democracy, stability and prosperity in the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 240
Hannes Swoboda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which by fostering regional cooperation in certain areas could enhance mutual confidence between the partners;

Amendment

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which by fostering regional cooperation in certain areas could enhance mutual confidence between the partners; ***asks Council and Commission and especially the VP/HR to develop ideas and strategies for stronger cooperation between all the Black Sea countries and for growing links with the European Union;***

Amendment 241

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which by fostering regional cooperation in certain areas could enhance mutual confidence between the partners;

Amendment

29. Recalls that all the South Caucasus countries are also part of the Black Sea Synergy initiative, which by fostering regional cooperation in certain areas could enhance mutual confidence between the partners ***while also contributing to closer economic, political and cultural cooperation with all their mutual benefits;***

Or. ro

Amendment 242

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

29a. Calls on the VP/HR not to refrain from involving the Russian Federation on specific issues, making clear once more that the development of the Eastern Partnership is not aimed at isolating Russia but, on the contrary, is aimed at bringing peace, stability and a sustainable economic progress to all the parties concerned with benefits for the whole region and the neighbouring countries;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 243
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Underlines the importance of the Black Sea region and stresses the need for intensified cooperation in this area, by consolidating the synergy between the regional policies there and by establishing, whenever appropriate, special institutionalised partnerships between the EU and the countries in the region; with a view to this, recommends the establishment of an institutionalised structure taking the form of a Black Sea Union;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Ioan Mircea Paşcu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Believes that providing support to conflict resolution processes is crucial and that the EU is well placed to support confidence-building, reconstruction and rehabilitation and has the possibility to help involve the communities affected; furthermore considers it essential to maintain a high level of international attention to all the conflicts in the region to ensure their swift resolution;

30. Believes that providing support to conflict resolution processes is crucial and that the EU is well placed to support confidence-building, reconstruction and rehabilitation and has the possibility to help involve the communities affected; ***in this regard the creation of spaces for civic engagement not just between leaders but also between civic organisations is pivotal;*** furthermore considers it essential to maintain a high level of international attention to all the conflicts in the region to ensure their swift resolution;

Or. en

Amendment 245

José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Believes that providing support to conflict resolution processes is crucial and that the EU is well placed to support confidence-building, reconstruction and rehabilitation and has the possibility to help involve the communities affected; furthermore considers it essential to maintain a high level of international attention to all the conflicts in the region to ensure their swift resolution;

Amendment

30. Believes that providing support to conflict resolution processes is crucial and that the EU is well placed to support confidence-building, reconstruction and rehabilitation and has the possibility to help involve the communities affected; furthermore considers it essential to maintain a high level of international attention to all the conflicts in the region to ensure their swift resolution; ***recognizes the regional cooperation as a necessary condition for confidence building and reinforcement of security in accordance with the ENP priorities; calls on all parties to fully engage in the multilateral cooperation track of the Eastern Partnership without linking it to the final solution of the conflicts;***

Or. en

Amendment 246

Norica Nicolai, Siiri Oviir

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 247
Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Stresses the dangerous potential for a spillover of frozen conflicts in the region; in this context, recommends the setting-up of a Conference on Security and Cooperation in the South Caucasus, embracing the countries concerned and the relevant regional and global actors, with a view to developing a Stability Pact for the South Caucasus;

Or. en

Amendment 248
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution

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processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia; ***considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;***

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Or. en

Amendment 249
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region ***and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU***; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia ***and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia***; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

Amendment

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia ; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts

and could do so by participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

between individuals *and peoples* in the region;

Or. de

Amendment 250

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that ***the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU***; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and ***calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia***; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

Amendment

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that ***a concrete work plan for contributing towards conflict resolution has to be developed***; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and ***encourages Georgia and Russia to restart a political dialogue first more informally and then at an increasingly higher and more formal level***; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from **entering** South Ossetia and Abkhazia; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

Amendment

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from **acting in** South Ossetia and Abkhazia; **calls Russia to use its presence for stopping of South-Ossetian snipers' provocations at the demarcation line with rest of Georgia**; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by participating in the negotiations **also** through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 253
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia; considers that the EU now has the opportunity **to play a greater role in** the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict **and could do so by**

Amendment

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia; considers that the EU now has the opportunity **to support** the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict by standing ready to launch reconstruction

participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region ***and by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes once a political solution is found; therefore finds it inevitable for the EU's role in the Minsk Group to be upgraded;***

Or. en

Amendment 254

Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Charles Tannock, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Tomasz Piotr Poręba, Adam Bielan, Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

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31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and ***underlines the fact that the EU has an important role to play in contributing to the culture of dialogue and understanding in the region; asks the Commission and EUSR Mr Semneby to extend the relevant aid and information dissemination programs to Nagorno-Karabakh; also underlines the importance of EU contribution***, by standing ready to launch reconstruction programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to

promote reconciliation and contacts
between individuals in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 255
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by *participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group*, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

Amendment

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by *collaborating closely with the Minsk Group, through the Special Representative for the South Caucasus* by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 256
Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Takes note of the current EU involvement in conflict resolution processes in the region and believes that the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty justifies a more prominent role for the EU; welcomes the work of the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia and calls for increased EU action to persuade Russia and the relevant de facto authorities to stop blocking the EUMM from entering South Ossetia and Abkhazia; considers that the EU now has the opportunity to play a greater role in the solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and could do so by participating in the negotiations through the establishment of an EU mandate for the French Co-chair of the Minsk Group, by standing ready to launch reconstruction aid programmes and by supporting civil-society projects that aim to promote reconciliation and contacts between individuals in the region;

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Or. en

Amendment 257

Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the High Representative for the Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to follow closely the developments in the region and to be actively involved in the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency; *encourages the Council*

Amendment

32. Calls on the High Representative for the Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to follow closely the developments in the region and to be actively involved in the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency;

to consider the possible use of tools from the CSDP to step up its participation in the peace-building and conflict-management processes;

Or. de

Amendment 258
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the High Representative for the Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to follow closely the developments in the region and to be actively involved in the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency; encourages the Council to *consider the possible use of tools from the CSDP to step up its participation in the peace-building and conflict-management processes;*

Amendment

32. Calls on the High Representative for the Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to follow closely the developments in the region and to be actively involved in the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency; encourages the Council to *elaborate a strategic development plan centering on EU-Russia-USA trilateral response to regional security challenges;*

Or. en

Amendment 259
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

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the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency; encourages the Council to consider the possible use of tools from the CSDP *to step up its participation in the peace-building and conflict-management processes;*

the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency; encourages the Council to consider the use of tools from the CSDP, *including sending a large monitoring mission on the ground that could facilitate the establishment of an international peacekeeping force once an agreement is in place;*

Or. en

Amendment 260
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Calls on the High Representative for the Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to follow closely the developments in the region and to be actively involved in the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency; encourages the Council to consider the possible use of tools from the CSDP to step up its participation in the peace-building and conflict-management processes;

Amendment

32. Calls on the High Representative for the Union's Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to follow closely the developments in the region and to be actively involved in the conflict resolution processes; acknowledges the work of the Special Representative for the South Caucasus and expresses the *firm* hope that the High Representative will ensure its continuity and consistency; encourages the Council to consider the possible use of tools from the CSDP to step up its participation in the peace-building and conflict-management processes;

Or. en

Amendment 261

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Calls on the Commission to **grant** substantial financial and technical support to measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the populations and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the region, such as income-generating projects and projects on socio-economic integration of IDPs and returnees, on the rehabilitation of housing and aiming at dialogue and mediation;

Amendment

33. Calls on the Commission **and the Member States to continue to provide** substantial financial and technical support **to deal with the situation of refugees and displaced persons in general and for** measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the populations and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the region, such as income-generating projects and projects on socio-economic integration of IDPs and returnees, on the rehabilitation of housing and aiming at dialogue and mediation; **stresses the importance of tackling the problem of the numerous landmines resulting from the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which are still injuring and, occasionally, killing people;**

Or. en

Amendment 262

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Calls on the Commission to grant substantial financial and technical support to measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the populations and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the **region, such as income-generating projects and projects on socio-economic integration of IDPs and returnees, on the**

Amendment

33. Calls on the Commission to grant substantial financial and technical support to measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the populations and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the **conflict affected regions once a political solution is found;**

rehabilitation of housing and aiming at dialogue and mediation;

Or. en

Amendment 263

Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Calls on the Commission to grant **substantial** financial and technical support to measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the **populations** and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the region, such as income-generating projects and projects on socio-economic integration of IDPs and returnees, on the rehabilitation of housing and aiming at dialogue and mediation;

Amendment

33. Calls on the Commission to grant **the necessary** financial and technical support to measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the **peoples of the South Caucasus** and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the region, such as income-generating projects and projects on socio-economic integration of IDPs and returnees, on the rehabilitation of housing and aiming at dialogue and mediation;

Or. de

Amendment 264

Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Calls on the Commission to grant substantial financial and technical support to measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the populations and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the region, such as income-generating projects and projects on socio-economic integration of IDPs and returnees, on the rehabilitation

Amendment

33. Calls on the Commission to grant substantial financial and technical support to measures building confidence and promoting trust between and among the populations and to participate in rehabilitation and reconstruction in the **conflict affected** region, such as income-generating projects and projects on socio-economic integration of IDPs and

of housing and aiming at dialogue and mediation;

returnees, on the rehabilitation of housing and aiming at dialogue and mediation;

Or. en

Amendment 265

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Is seriously concerned about the rapidly increasing military spending in the region over the last couple of years and the build-up of military arsenals at an unprecedented rate; whereas after a virtual doubling of its defence budget Georgia had to decrease it in 2008 to alleviate that burden on its strained budget; whereas this arms race has diverted money from much needed social spending, threatening to wreck the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty; whereas, regardless of this worrying picture, international criticism is somewhat muted;

Or. en

Amendment 266

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Supports EU funding and assistance to the region to promote these principles and processes and considers that such EU assistance should take place within the

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framework of political conditionality, such as **reform of the judiciary and** progress in democratisation processes; warns against the misuse of conflicts by governments to distract the interest of the international community from domestic issues;

framework of political conditionality, such as progress in **political dialogue and reform and** democratisation processes; warns against the **possibility for governments to** misuse conflicts to distract the interest of the international community from domestic issues;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Welcomes the work of the **EU High Level** Advisory Group to Armenia; **believes that** within the framework of the Eastern Partnership **and** the negotiation of new association agreements **the EU has the opportunity to offer technical assistance and calls** on the Commission to study the **possibility of offering such** assistance to Azerbaijan and Georgia;

Amendment

36. Welcomes the work of the **High Level EU** Advisory Group to Armenia, **welcomes the possibility of increased financial assistance** within the framework of the Eastern Partnership, **including for the preparation for the** negotiation of new association agreements **with the EU and call** on the Commission to study the **possibility of offering tailor-made** assistance **also** to Azerbaijan and Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 268
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Welcomes the work of the EU High Level Advisory Group to Armenia; believes that within the framework of the Eastern Partnership and the negotiation of new association agreements **the EU has**

Amendment

36. Welcomes the work of the EU High Level Advisory Group to Armenia; believes that within the framework of the Eastern Partnership and the negotiation of new association agreements **this is a valid**

the opportunity to offer technical assistance and calls on the Commission to study the possibility of offering such assistance to Azerbaijan and Georgia;

example of best practices available for the whole of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 269

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Welcomes the work of the EU High Level Advisory Group to Armenia; **believes that** within the framework of the Eastern Partnership **and** the negotiation of new association agreements the EU has the opportunity to offer technical assistance and calls on the Commission to study the possibility of offering **such** assistance to Azerbaijan and Georgia;

Amendment

36. Welcomes the work of the EU High Level Advisory Group to Armenia; **welcomes the possibility of increased financial assistance** within the framework of the Eastern Partnership **including the preparation for** the negotiation of new association agreements **with** the EU and calls on the Commission to study the possibility of offering **tailor-made** assistance **also** to Azerbaijan and Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 270

Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Welcomes the work of the **EU High Level** Advisory Group to Armenia; **believes that** within the framework of the Eastern Partnership **and** the negotiation of new association agreements the EU has the opportunity to offer technical assistance and calls on the Commission to study the

Amendment

36. Welcomes the work of the **High Level EU** Advisory Group to Armenia; **welcomes the possibility of increased financial assistance** within the framework of the Eastern Partnership, **including for the preparation for** the negotiation of new association agreements with the EU and

possibility of offering *such* assistance to Azerbaijan and Georgia;

calls on the Commission to study the possibility of offering *tailor-made* assistance *also* to Azerbaijan and Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 271

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Takes the view that special attention should be given to the rights of minorities and vulnerable groups and encourages Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to implement public education programmes in the area of human rights which promotes the values of tolerance, pluralism and diversity including the respect of LGBT and other marginalised and stigmatized groups;

Or. en

Amendment 272

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Recognises the potential role of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum as the space to foster the development of a genuine civil society and strengthen its entrenchment in the states of the region, and calls on the Commission to ensure that the Forum receives sufficient financial and technical support; ***draws attention to the***

37. Recognises the potential role of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum as the space to foster the development of a genuine civil society and strengthen its entrenchment in the states of the region, and calls on the Commission to ensure that the Forum receives sufficient financial and

importance of financing civil society projects and the role that the EU Delegations in the region play in selecting these, and the significance that the projects can have in promoting contacts at regional level;

technical support;

Or. en

Amendment 273
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Recognises the potential role of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum as the *space* to foster the development of a genuine civil society and strengthen its entrenchment in the states of the region, and calls on the Commission to ensure that the Forum receives sufficient financial *and technical* support; draws attention to the importance of financing civil society projects and the role that the EU Delegations in the region play in selecting these, and the significance that the projects can have in promoting contacts at regional level;

Amendment

37. Recognises the potential role of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum as the *forum* to foster the development of a genuine civil society and strengthen its entrenchment in the states of the region, and calls on the Commission to ensure that the Forum receives sufficient financial support; draws attention to the importance of financing civil society projects and the role that the EU Delegations in the region play in selecting these, and the significance that the projects can have in promoting contacts at regional level;

Or. en

Amendment 274
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

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the space to foster the development of civil society and strengthen its entrenchment in the states of the region, and calls on the Commission to ensure that the Forum receives sufficient financial and technical support; draws attention to the importance of financing civil society projects and the role that the EU Delegations in the region play in selecting these, and the significance that the projects can have in promoting contacts at regional level;

Or. de

Amendment 275

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Regrets the sudden refusal by the European satellite operator Eutelsat to broadcast the Georgian Russian-language channel Perviy Kavkazskiy; points out that this refusal leaves de facto satellite transmission monopoly over the regional Russian-speaking audience to Intersputnik and its main client, Gazprom Media Group; stresses that it is of the utmost importance that in a democratic and pluralistic society the airing of independent media is not impeded;

Or. en

Amendment 276

Marie-Christine Vergiat

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38**

Motion for a resolution

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards the completion of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain **communities**; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Amendment

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards the completion of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain **countries**; ***calls on Azerbaijan and Turkey to put an end to their policy of isolating Armenia by excluding systematically it from regional energy cooperation projects***; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Or. fr

Amendment 277
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards the **completion** of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding

Amendment

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region ***bearing in mind the particular importance of the southern corridor for Europe's energy security***, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards the ***full implementation*** of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a

supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Or. ro

Amendment 278
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues **and to work towards the completion of the Nabucco pipeline**; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Amendment

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region **and** to step up its cooperation on energy issues; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Or. de

Amendment 279
Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution
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common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region ***in accordance with European standards including projects promoting energy efficiency and the development of alternative energy sources***, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards the completion of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Or. en

Amendment 280
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards the completion of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Amendment

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards ***realization of the southern energy corridor, including*** the completion of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Amendment 281
Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work towards the completion of the Nabucco pipeline; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Amendment

38. Recalls that energy security is a common preoccupation; urges the EU therefore to give more robust support to the energy projects in the region, to step up its cooperation on energy issues and to work ***firmly*** towards the completion of the Nabucco pipeline ***as soon as possible***; also calls on the Commission to ensure that the energy- and transport-related projects in the South Caucasus foster relations between the three countries and are not a cause of exclusion of certain communities; reaffirms the importance of the Baku Initiative and its corresponding supporting programmes, INOGATE and TRACECA;

Amendment 282
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, ***and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region to prepare them***

Amendment

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region;

and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain the commitments provided for in possible future FTAs;

Or. de

Amendment 283
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade *Agreements* plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region *to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain* the commitments *provided for in possible* future *FTAs*;

Amendment

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade *Area* plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region *in their preparation, negotiation and implementation in the future, including sustaining* the commitments *deriving from the* future *DCFTAs*;

Or. en

Amendment 284
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

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39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade

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Agreements plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region *to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain* the commitments *provided for in possible* future FTAs;

Area plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region *in their preparation, negotiation and implementation in the future, including sustaining* the commitments *deriving from the* future DCFTAs;

Or. en

Amendment 285

Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements *plays* a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain the commitments provided for in possible future FTAs;

Amendment

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements *could play* a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain the commitments provided for in possible future FTAs *and to provide in due time a comprehensive evaluation of the social and environmental impact of these agreements*;

Or. en

Amendment 286

Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain the commitments provided for in possible future FTAs;

Amendment

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region and ***that trade policy is a fundamental factor in political stability and economic development and will lead to a reduction in poverty in the South Caucasus***; believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain the commitments provided for in possible future FTAs;

Or. el

Amendment 287

Adrian Severin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain the commitments provided for in possible future FTAs;

Amendment

39. Considers that the EU should continue to support economic development, trade and investment in the region, and believes that the negotiation and establishment of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements plays a very important role in this respect; calls on the Commission to consider possible ways to assist the countries in the region to prepare them and enable them to negotiate and then implement and sustain the commitments provided for in possible future FTAs; ***furthermore, encourages the countries of the South Caucasus to consider establishing a free trade area among themselves***;

Amendment 288
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; ***calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;***

Amendment

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth;

Amendment 289
Ulrike Lunacek, Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Green/EFA group in the European Parliament

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;

Amendment

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth, ***and of twinning programmes with EU regions and local communities with national minorities experiencing a high degree of autonomy;*** calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;

Amendment 290
Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;

Amendment

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; ***believes there is a need for a significant increase in the numbers of students, teachers and researchers participating in mobility programmes***; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;

Or. ro

Amendment 291
Tunne Kelam

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation ***with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia***;

Amendment

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; ***welcomes the conclusion of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia and*** calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation ***and readmission agreements with Armenia and Azerbaijan***;

Or. en

Amendment 292
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation ***with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;***

Amendment

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; ***welcomes the conclusion of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia and*** calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation ***and readmission agreements with Armenia and Azerbaijan;***

Or. en

Amendment 293
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation ***with the three countries and welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;***

Amendment

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; ***welcomes the conclusion of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia and*** calls on the Council and the Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation ***and readmission agreements with Armenia and Azerbaijan;***

Or. en

Amendment 294
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 40

Motion for a resolution

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation with the three countries **and** welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia;

Amendment

40. Reiterates the significance of people-to-people contacts and mobility programmes, especially aimed at youth; calls on the Council and Commission to make progress towards visa facilitation with the three countries; welcomes the initialling of the visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Georgia, ***deploring the fact that it could not be finalized in 2010;***

Or. en

Amendment 295
Alexander Mirsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

41a. Reaffirms that the position of the Russian Federation plays an important role in conflict resolution on the territory of South Caucasus; is ready to intensify its consultations with the representatives of the Russian Federation in order to achieve justified peace corresponding to the interests of all the nations of the region;

Amendment

Or. en