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Amendment 1
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to the Presidency
Conclusions of the Thessaloniki
European Council of 19-20 June 2003 on
the Western Balkan countries,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment

*– having regard to the Commission's
interim report on reforms in Croatia in
the field of judiciary and fundamental
rights dated 2 March 2011,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to all previous
recommendations of the EU-Croatia Joint
Parliamentary Committee,*

Amendment 4
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas twenty years after the declaration of its independence and some eight years following the application for EU membership, Croatia marked a historic milestone in the process of its reintegration into Europe by successfully closing accession negotiations with the EU; whereas Croatia's achievements deserve unqualified recognition;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 5
Ivo Vajgl, Stanimir Ilchev, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Niccolò Rinaldi, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas twenty years after the declaration of its independence and some eight years following the application for EU membership, Croatia marked a historic milestone in *the process of* its *reintegration into Europe* by successfully closing accession negotiations *with the EU*; whereas Croatia's achievements deserve unqualified recognition;

A. whereas twenty years after the declaration of its independence and some eight years following the application for EU membership, Croatia marked a historic milestone in its *EU integration process* by successfully closing accession negotiations; whereas Croatia's achievements deserve unqualified recognition;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas twenty years after the declaration of its independence and some eight years following the application for EU membership, Croatia marked a historic milestone in the process of its **reintegration** into **Europe** by successfully closing accession negotiations with the EU; whereas Croatia's achievements deserve unqualified recognition;

Amendment

A. whereas twenty years after the declaration of its independence and some eight years following the application for EU membership, Croatia marked a historic milestone in the process of its **integration** into **the European Union** by successfully closing accession negotiations with the EU; whereas Croatia's achievements deserve unqualified recognition;

Or. de

Amendment 7
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the accession process has significantly contributed to Croatia's transformation into a solid and mature democracy based on European values; whereas the prospect of accession acts as a powerful catalyst for reform by mobilising the various actors in political, economic, social and cultural life; whereas reform efforts also need to be sustained beyond the completion of the negotiations and accession in order for the country and its citizens to fully benefit from EU membership;

Amendment

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 8

Stanimir Ilchev, Ivo Vajgl, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the accession process has significantly contributed to Croatia's transformation into a solid and mature democracy based on European values; whereas the prospect of accession acts as a powerful catalyst for reform by mobilising the various actors in political, economic, social and cultural life; whereas reform efforts also need to be sustained beyond the completion of the negotiations and accession in order for the country and its citizens to **fully benefit from** EU membership;

Amendment

B. whereas the accession process has significantly contributed to Croatia's transformation into a solid and mature democracy based on European values; whereas the prospect of accession acts as a powerful catalyst for reform by mobilising the various actors in political, economic, social and cultural life; whereas reform efforts also need to be sustained beyond the completion of the negotiations and accession in order for the country and its citizens to **enjoy their rights and fulfil their obligations in the scope of Croatia's** EU membership;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the accession process has significantly contributed to Croatia's transformation into a solid and mature democracy based on European values; whereas the prospect of accession acts as a powerful catalyst for reform by mobilising the various actors in political, economic, social and cultural life; whereas reform efforts also need to be sustained beyond the completion of the negotiations and accession in order for the country and its citizens to fully benefit from EU membership;

Amendment

B. whereas the accession process has significantly contributed to Croatia's transformation into a solid and mature democracy based on European values; whereas the prospect of accession **often** acts as a powerful catalyst for reform by mobilising the various actors in political, economic, social and cultural life; whereas reform efforts also need to be sustained beyond the completion of the negotiations and accession in order for the country and its citizens to fully benefit from EU membership;

Amendment 10
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas Croatian membership will make the EU **stronger, enrich** its European culture and heritage and **make an important contribution to maintaining the credibility of** the enlargement process;

Amendment

C. whereas Croatian membership will make the EU **weaker, impoverish** its European culture and heritage and **deprive** the enlargement process **of its credibility**;

Or. nl

Amendment 11
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas **Croatian membership** will make the EU stronger, enrich its European culture and heritage and make an important contribution to maintaining the credibility of the enlargement process;

Amendment

C. whereas **Croatia's accession** will make the EU stronger, enrich its European culture and heritage and make an important contribution to maintaining the credibility of the enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas Croatian membership will make the EU stronger, enrich its European culture and heritage and make an important contribution to maintaining the credibility of the enlargement process;

Amendment

C. whereas Croatian membership will make the EU stronger, enrich its European culture and heritage and make an important contribution to maintaining the credibility of the enlargement process, ***while, at the same time, being a good example of how the conscientious implementation of all commitments taken can lead to the achievement of all predefined goals;***

Or. en

Amendment 13

Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas ***lessons from past enlargements show*** that each country should be judged on its own merits, that the pace of accession negotiations should be dictated by effective compliance with the Copenhagen criteria and that the degree of compliance with such criteria should also determine the final date of accession;

Amendment

D. whereas ***it is essential in the accession process*** that each country should be judged on its own merits, that the pace of accession negotiations should be dictated by effective compliance with the Copenhagen criteria and that the degree of compliance with such criteria should also determine the final date of accession;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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on its own merits, that the pace of accession negotiations should be dictated by effective compliance with the Copenhagen criteria and that the degree of compliance with such criteria should also determine the final date of accession;

on its own merits, that the pace of accession negotiations should be dictated by effective compliance with the Copenhagen criteria and that the degree of compliance with such criteria should also determine the final date of accession;
whereas Croatia does not comply with the Copenhagen Criteria;

Or. nl

Amendment 15

Monica Luisa Macovei, Elmar Brok, Traian Ungureanu, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas continued reforms in the field of, inter alia, the judiciary and fundamental rights and the fight against corruption remain essential to the strengthening of the rule of law for the benefit of all Croatian citizens;

Amendment

E. whereas continued reforms ***and full implementation of these reforms*** in the field of, inter alia, the judiciary and fundamental rights and the fight against corruption remain essential to the strengthening of the rule of law for the benefit of all Croatian citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Ivo Vajgl, Stanimir Ilchev, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicolò Rinaldi, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas a true reconciliation between the different peoples and the establishment of good-neighbourly relations ***can*** substantially contribute to a genuine European integration process; whereas prosecutions for war crimes and the

Amendment

F. whereas a true reconciliation between the different peoples and the establishment of good-neighbourly relations substantially contribute to a genuine European integration process; whereas prosecutions for war crimes and the reintegration of

reintegration of refugees and displaced persons are fundamental elements of the reconciliation process;

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas a true reconciliation between the different peoples and the establishment of good-neighbourly relations can substantially contribute to a genuine European integration process; whereas **prosecutions for war crimes** and the reintegration of refugees and displaced persons are fundamental elements of the reconciliation process;

Amendment

F. whereas a true reconciliation between the different peoples and the establishment of good-neighbourly relations can substantially contribute to a genuine European integration process; whereas **the prosecution of war criminals** and the reintegration of refugees and displaced persons are fundamental elements of the reconciliation process;

Or. de

Amendment 18
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas Croatia's successful accession **would** have wider regional implications and give positive impetus to the process of European integration in the Western Balkan region; whereas the prospect of EU membership is a powerful incentive for candidate and potential candidate countries in the region on the path to European integration to pursue the necessary political, economic and legislative reforms

Amendment

G. whereas Croatia's successful accession **will** have wider **European and** regional implications and give positive impetus to the process of European integration **both** in the **EU and the** Western Balkan region; whereas the prospect of EU membership is a powerful incentive for candidate and potential candidate countries in the region on the path to European integration to pursue the necessary political, economic

and the strengthening of peace, stability and reconciliation based on good-neighbourly relations; whereas the EU should reinforce the European perspective for Croatia's neighbouring countries;

and legislative reforms and the strengthening of peace, stability and reconciliation based on good-neighbourly relations; whereas the EU should reinforce the European perspective for Croatia's neighbouring countries;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas Croatia's successful accession would have wider regional implications and give positive impetus to the process of European integration in the Western Balkan region; whereas the prospect of EU **membership** is a powerful incentive for candidate and potential candidate countries in the region on the path to European integration to pursue the necessary political, economic and legislative reforms and the strengthening of peace, stability and reconciliation based on good-neighbourly relations; whereas the EU should reinforce the European perspective for Croatia's neighbouring countries;

Amendment

G. whereas Croatia's successful accession would have wider regional implications and give positive impetus to the process of European integration in the Western Balkan region; whereas the prospect of EU **accession** is a powerful incentive for candidate and potential candidate countries in the region on the path to European integration to pursue the necessary political, economic and legislative reforms and the strengthening of peace, stability and reconciliation based on good-neighbourly relations; whereas the EU should reinforce the European perspective for Croatia's neighbouring countries;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas Croatia's successful accession

Amendment

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would have wider regional implications and give positive impetus to the process of European integration in the Western Balkan region; whereas the prospect of EU membership is a powerful incentive for candidate and potential candidate countries in the region on the path to European integration to pursue the necessary political, economic and legislative reforms and the strengthening of peace, stability and reconciliation based on good-neighbourly relations; whereas the EU should reinforce the European perspective for Croatia's neighbouring countries;

would have wider regional implications and give positive impetus to the process of European integration in the Western Balkan region; whereas the prospect of EU membership is a powerful incentive for candidate and potential candidate countries in the region on the path to European integration to pursue the necessary political, economic and legislative reforms and the strengthening of peace, stability and reconciliation based on good-neighbourly relations; whereas the EU should reinforce the European perspective for Croatia's neighbouring countries ***and constantly encourage these countries to fulfil their obligations on their own route towards full EU membership;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Welcomes*** the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations ***and several years of preparations that have significantly altered the country's socio-political, economic and cultural landscape; stresses the need to keep up the reform momentum and considers that this process is not complete but should continue with the same vigour and hard work after the conclusion of negotiations and beyond accession;***

Amendment

1. ***Does not agree with*** the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations;

Or. nl

Amendment 22
Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. **Welcomes** the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations and several years of preparations that have significantly altered the country's socio-political, economic and cultural landscape; stresses the need to keep up the reform momentum and considers that this process is not complete but should continue with the same vigour and hard work after the conclusion of negotiations and beyond accession;

Amendment

1. **Notes** the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations and several years of preparations that have significantly altered the country's socio-political, economic and cultural landscape; stresses the need to keep up the reform momentum and considers that this process is not complete but should continue with the same vigour and hard work after the conclusion of negotiations and beyond accession;

Or. it

Amendment 23
Juozas Imbrasas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations and several years of preparations that have significantly altered the country's socio-political, economic and cultural landscape; stresses the need to keep up the reform momentum and considers that this process is not complete but should continue with the same vigour and hard work after the conclusion of negotiations and beyond accession;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations and several years of preparations that have significantly altered the country's socio-political, economic and cultural landscape; ***calls on the authorities and civil society to continue to impress upon the people that European unification is to their advantage***; stresses the need to keep up the reform momentum and considers that this process is not complete but should continue with the same vigour and hard work after the conclusion of negotiations and beyond

accession;

Or. It

Amendment 24

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations and several years of preparations that have significantly altered the country's socio-political, economic and cultural landscape; stresses the need to keep up the reform momentum and considers that this process is not complete but should continue with the same vigour and hard work after the conclusion of negotiations and beyond accession;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the conclusion of the accession negotiations with Croatia, bringing to an end almost six years of negotiations and several years of preparations that have significantly altered the country's socio-political, economic and cultural landscape; stresses the need to keep up the reform momentum and considers that this process is not complete but should continue with the same vigour and hard work after the conclusion of negotiations and beyond accession; ***expresses its strong confidence in the positive results of this process which will strengthen the support and trust of Croatia's citizens in EU membership;***

Or. en

Amendment 25

Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Strongly believes that the conclusion of the accession negotiations ***is proof of*** the credibility of the EU's enlargement process; ***underlines that the progress on the road to membership reflects the fact***

Amendment

2. Strongly believes that the conclusion of the accession negotiations ***undermines*** the credibility of the EU's enlargement process;

that accession prospects continue to promote political and economic reforms and that European integration serves as a means of reconciling countries;

Or. nl

Amendment 26

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Strongly believes that the conclusion of the accession negotiations is proof of the credibility of the EU's enlargement process; underlines that the progress on the road to membership reflects the fact that accession prospects continue to promote political and economic reforms and that European integration serves as a means of reconciling countries;

Amendment

2. Strongly believes that the conclusion of the accession negotiations is proof of the credibility of the EU's enlargement process; underlines that the progress on the road to membership reflects the fact that accession prospects continue to promote political and economic reforms and that European integration serves as a means of reconciling countries *even beyond EU borders*;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Calls on*** the Commission to monitor further preparations for accession with rigour and objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into in the negotiations; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional

Amendment

3. ***Expects*** the Commission to monitor further preparations for accession with rigour and objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into in the negotiations; ***welcomes the reference in the Accession Treaty to civil society involvement throughout the***

support in its continued reform efforts;

monitoring process and calls on the Commission to make full use of this clause and consult closely with representatives of civil society; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional support in its continued reform efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to monitor further preparations for accession with *rigour and* objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into in the negotiations; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional support in its continued reform efforts;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to monitor further preparations for accession with objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into in the negotiations; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional support in its continued reform efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to monitor further preparations for accession with rigour and objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to *closely* monitor further preparations for accession with rigour and objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into

in the negotiations; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional support in its continued reform efforts;

in the negotiations; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional support in its continued reform efforts;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to monitor further preparations for accession with rigour and objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into in the negotiations; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional support in its continued reform efforts;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to monitor further preparations for accession with rigour and objectivity and to help the Croatian authorities fulfil their commitments and obligations entered into in the negotiations; is of the view that the pre-accession monitoring mechanism is a way to provide Croatia with additional support in its continued reform efforts; ***calls on the Commission to ensure that the aid granted through the Instrument of Pre-Accession continues to be as appropriate and effective as possible;***

Or. en

Amendment 31

Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. ***Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments*** undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including the continued implementation of judicial

Amendment

4. ***Supports Croatia in its efforts*** undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial

reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Ivo Vajgl, Niccolò Rinaldi, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, ***freedom and security***, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Amendment

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, ***home affairs and*** fundamental rights, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Amendment

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including ***the protection of freedom of the media as one of the crucial instruments of democracy, as well as the*** continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Amendment

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, ***the protection of minorities,*** border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries; ***considers it important that Croatia builds up a positive track record***

in these areas before accession;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Stanimir Ilchev, Ivo Vajgl, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Amendment

4. Underlines the need to focus in particular on commitments undertaken in the area of the judiciary, fundamental rights, freedom and security, including the continued implementation of judicial reform and efficiency, impartial handling of war crimes cases, the fight against corruption, border management, police cooperation, the fight against organised crime, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, as well as on commitments in the area of competition policy with a view to the ***adequate and efficient*** restructuring of the shipbuilding and steel industries;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Considers it important to continue to follow the process closely and calls*** on the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the extent to which the Croatian authorities honour the commitments given in the Treaty of Accession in order to fully

Amendment

5. ***Calls*** on the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the extent to which the Croatian authorities honour the commitments given in the Treaty of Accession in order to fully assume their membership obligations upon accession on

assume their membership obligations upon accession on 1 July 2013;

1 July 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Considers it important*** to continue to follow the process closely and calls on the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the extent to which the Croatian authorities honour the commitments given in the Treaty of Accession in order to fully assume their membership obligations upon accession on 1 July 2013;

Amendment

5. ***Is determined*** to continue to follow the process closely and calls on the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the extent to which the Croatian authorities honour the commitments given in the Treaty of Accession in order to fully assume their membership obligations upon accession on 1 July 2013; ***reserves the right to address recommendations, in its regular or ad-hoc reports, to the Commission and the Croatian authorities whenever there is a risk that the commitments undertaken by Croatia are not fully honoured;***

Or. en

Amendment 38
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Calls on the Government of Croatia to continue to implement the recommendations of the Commission and to regularly evaluate the progress of reforms before and after the accession of the country to the European Union;

Amendment 39

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Croatian authorities to implement the commitments undertaken in the accession process in a transparent and inclusive manner, involving the Croatian Parliament and civil society to the largest extent possible; encourages the Croatian government to set up a domestic monitoring mechanism to keep track of the reform process which includes both the Croatian Parliament and representatives of civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Cristian Dan Preda, Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Encourages Croatia to continue to implement judiciary reforms because an efficient judicial system is an important element for economic development and strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law;

6. Notes that Croatia ***has made good progress regarding judicial reform; encourages Croatia*** to continue to implement judiciary reforms ***in line with the Commission's recommendations in this area,*** because an efficient judicial system is an important element for economic development and strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law; ***invites Croatia to address the remaining challenges in the area, especially regarding the increase of judicial***

efficiency and the implementation of the provisions on the independence, impartiality and accountability of the judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Encourages Croatia to continue to implement judiciary reforms because an efficient judicial system is an important element for economic development and strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law;

Amendment

6. Encourages Croatia to continue to implement judiciary reforms *especially as regards accountability*, because an *independent, impartial and* efficient judicial system is an important element for economic development and strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Encourages Croatia to continue to implement judiciary reforms because an efficient judicial system is an important element for economic development and strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law;

Amendment

6. Encourages Croatia to continue to implement judiciary reforms because an efficient, *independent and impartial* judicial system is an important element for economic development and *sustainable democracy and* strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Encourages Croatia to continue to implement judiciary reforms because an efficient judicial system is an important element for economic development and strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law;

Amendment

6. Encourages Croatia to continue to implement judiciary reforms because an efficient judicial system is an important element for economic development and strengthens citizens' confidence in the rule of law; ***notes particularly that the Commission observed that Croatia has not yet established a convincing track record of recruiting and appointing judges and state prosecutors based on the application of uniform, transparent, objective and nationally applicable criteria; urges the authorities in charge to implement objective and merit-based criteria for the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors and to conduct robust disciplinary procedures in order to ensure the impartial and efficient functioning of the judicial system;***

Or. en

Amendment 44
Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Calls on the Croatian Government to adopt all measures deemed useful to increase cooperation with the SME landscape in neighbouring regions; stresses that this aspect must be assigned priority in order to incorporate Croatia's economy more profitably into the Community trading system;

Amendment 45
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, ***particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions***; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

Amendment

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption at every level; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

Amendment 46
Cristian Dan Preda, Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Considers*** it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued ***with determination*** at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes Croatia's continued determination to fight corruption and the fact that substantial progress was reported in the field of combating corruption;*** ***considers*** it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued at

the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability; ***stresses that continued efforts are needed in order to further develop the track record of effective handling of organized crime and corruption cases;***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

Amendment

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption ***and corruption in state-owned companies***, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and ***a track record of*** successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political, ***public sector and judicial*** accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

Amendment

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; ***notes that, in its 2011 interim report, the Commission underlined that transparency and integrity in public administration and in the police need to be further strengthened;*** calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

Amendment

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies ***by following EU best practice*** and foster a culture of political accountability;

Amendment 50

Stanimir Ilchev, Ivo Vajgl, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

Amendment

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability *as a prerequisite for building and strengthening the rule of law*;

Amendment 51

Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and

Amendment

7. Considers it one of the highest priorities to combat corruption, particularly high-level corruption, corruption at every level of the judiciary, law-enforcement agencies and the public administration, as well as large-scale corruption, which must be pursued with determination at all levels, by rigorous enforcement of the law and

successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability;

successful prosecutions; calls on the Croatian authorities to further strengthen the administrative capacities of anti-corruption bodies and foster a culture of political accountability; ***notes that, in the Corruption Perceptions Index of Transparency International, Croatia scores 4.1, which is seriously inadequate;***

Or. nl

Amendment 52
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Believes that in order to fight corruption effectively, public administration should be made transparent and citizens should have access to information, especially where public spending is concerned; maintains that bringing public procurement legislation into line with the EU acquis is an important first step that must go together with effective enforcement, assigning the necessary human and financial resources, actively coordinating interinstitutional activity, exchanging information openly and promptly with all public procurement stakeholders, and laying down monitoring systems to enable irregularities and cases of corruption to be uncovered in time;

Or. lt

Amendment 53
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Invites the Government of Croatia to continue reforms that increase the transparency of party financing as an important element of political accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Invites the Government of Croatia to increase its efforts in the fight against organized crime and to strengthen legislation that forbids companies, related to criminal organizations, to participate in public procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. Urges the Government of Croatia to continue reforming law-enforcement agencies with the goal of making them efficient, effective, depoliticised and respectful of civil rights and freedoms;

Amendment 56

Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei, Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. **Urges** the Croatian **Government to continue actively to encourage and support prosecutions for** war crimes and to continue **cooperating** with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Amendment

8. **Welcomes the adoption by the** Croatian **government of a new strategy on impunity regarding war crimes; encourages Croatia to step up its efforts of prosecution of** war crimes and to **implement the new strategy on impunity which is the key for ensuring justice and achieving lasting reconciliation in the region; encourages furthermore the Croatian authorities to continue to actively cooperate** with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Amendment 57

Andreas M \ddot{u} lzer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support **prosecutions for** war **crimes** and to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Amendment

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support **the prosecution of** war **criminals** and to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Amendment 58
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support prosecutions for war crimes and to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Amendment

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support prosecutions for war crimes, ***to seriously address the grave issue of impunity especially in cases involving former Croatian forces and ethnic Serbs and*** to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Or. en

Amendment 59
Ivo Vajgl, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Niccolò Rinaldi, Stanimir Ilchev, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support prosecutions for war crimes ***and*** to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Amendment

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support prosecutions for war crimes, to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) ***and to continue developing regional judicial cooperation with other countries concerned; urges the Croatian judiciary to seriously address impunity for war crimes, especially where the victims were ethnic Serbs or the alleged perpetrators were members of the Croatian security forces;***

Or. en

Amendment 60

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support prosecutions for war crimes and to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY);

Amendment

8. Urges the Croatian Government to continue actively to encourage and support prosecutions for war crimes and to continue cooperating with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY); ***expects Croatia to comply with all remaining recommendations of the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICTY;***

Or. en

Amendment 61

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Welcomes the Strategy for the Investigation and Prosecution of War Crimes Committed in the Period 1991-1995, published by the Croatian authorities in February 2011, and their May 2011 decision to establish four specialised courts for the prosecution of war crimes and to significantly increase the personnel allocated to this field; however, notes with concern that impunity remains a serious problem with regard to the pending 1100 war crimes cases, especially where the victims were ethnic Serbs and the perpetrators members of Croatian security forces; urges the Croatian government to allocate adequate financial resources and to provide full political support to the

Croatian judiciary in order to significantly speed up investigations of priority war crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Government of Croatia to actively provide support for impartial domestic prosecutions and trials for war crimes as an important step in the fight against impunity;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Ivo Vajgl, Niccolò Rinaldi, Stanimir Ilchev, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Invites the Government to further encourage the return of refugees by seeking effective and sustainable ways of implementing housing, employment and social measures in a manner coherent with other social and employment programmes;

9. Invites the Government to further encourage ***and allow in the best possible ways the*** return of refugees ***and displaced persons, paying special attention to the situation of ethnic Serbian returnees,*** by seeking effective and sustainable ways of implementing housing, employment and social measures in a manner coherent with other social and employment programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Danuta Jazlowiecka, Csaba Óry, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Invites the Government to further encourage the return of refugees by seeking effective and sustainable ways of implementing housing, employment and social measures in a manner coherent with other social and employment programmes;

Amendment

9. Invites the Government to further encourage the return of refugees **and improvement of their living and working conditions** by seeking effective and sustainable ways of implementing housing, employment and social measures **and any other social and economic recovery projects** in a manner coherent with other social and employment programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Pervenche Berès on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Croatian authorities to continue launching social and economic recovery projects in order to improve the living and working conditions for vulnerable groups, especially the refugees;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Welcomes the progress made in the area of women's rights and gender equality; is concerned, however, that women continue to be severely under-represented in economic and political decision-making bodies; calls on the Croatian authorities to swiftly finalise the implementation of the Gender Equality Act, to more actively promote the participation of women in politics, to strengthen the position of women on the labour market and to introduce the principle of equal pay;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the ***anti-discrimination*** legislation ***as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities***; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination ***of every kind*** and to enforce the ***relevant*** legislation; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Or. de

Amendment 68
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to **enforce** the anti-discrimination legislation **as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities**; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to **implement** the anti-discrimination legislation; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. **Encourages** the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment

10. **Supports Croatia's efforts to promote a climate of tolerance in the country; encourages the** Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. **Encourages** the Croatian authorities to **continue** their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities; further **invites** Croatia to **continue to** act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment

10. **Calls on** the Croatian authorities to **step up** their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities; further **calls on** Croatia to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation; **regrets the closure of the office of the Ombudswoman for gender equality and encourages the Croatian authorities to evaluate the effects of this decision;**

Or. en

Amendment 71
Ivo Vajgl, Nicolò Rinaldi, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Stanimir Ilchev, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against **sexual** minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, **hate speech**, racial threats and intolerance against **ethnic and LGBT** minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment 72

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures **to protect** those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against sexual minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures **for the protection of** those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment 73

Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against **sexual** minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment

10. Encourages the Croatian authorities to continue their efforts to combat discrimination and to enforce the anti-discrimination legislation as well as to address resolutely cases of hate crimes, racial threats and intolerance against minorities; further invites Croatia to continue to act in the spirit of tolerance and take appropriate measures to protect those who may still be subject to threats or acts of intimidation;

Amendment 74

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Is deeply concerned by the violence against participants of the LGBT pride march in Split on 11 June 2011 and the inability of the Croatian authorities to protect the participants; urges the Croatian authorities to fully investigate and prosecute the crimes committed and to develop strategies for preventing similar incidents in the future; calls on the Croatian authorities to quickly adopt and implement an action plan against homophobia;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Pervenche Berès on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Croatian authorities to continue to tackle human trafficking, that has been reported to have increased during the recent years;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Underlines that Croatia has ratified the eight core labour rights conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO); recognizes that although freedom to join trade unions is guaranteed by law, there are still restrictions in basic labour and trade union rights; encourages Croatia to further strengthen labour and trade unions rights, strengthen social dialogue within the decision-making process, in policy design and the capacity-building of social partners including the further strengthening of the Economic and Social Council;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Acknowledges the Croatian authorities' efforts to consult civil society; encourages the Croatian authorities to take further steps to increase the participation of civil society organisations (CSO) in the society; stresses the crucial role of the CSOs in contributing to enhanced regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Croatian Government to guarantee freedom of religion and avoid damaging friction with church authorities; calls for religious property which was confiscated by the Communist regime to be returned to its legitimate owners, and calls on the Republic of Croatia to respect the agreement on this subject concluded with the Church;

Or. it

Amendment 79
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Recognizes that freedom of expression is provided for in Croatian law and generally respected; encourages the Croatian authorities to take further steps to ensure media independence and professionalism; calls on the Croatian authorities to continue to demonstrate their commitment to ensure that the media sector operates without political interference and that the independence of regulatory bodies is guaranteed;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. *As the Croatian economy is still vulnerable and exposed to risks, calls on Croatia's Government to address the structural weaknesses of the economy, to stimulate employment by reviving the labour market, which is rigid, and to pursue* fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession;

Amendment

11. ***Calls*** on Croatia to ***continue its*** structural ***reforms*** of the economy ***and*** the labour market ***as well as*** fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. As the Croatian economy is still vulnerable and exposed to risks, calls on Croatia's Government to address the structural weaknesses of the economy, to stimulate employment by reviving the labour market, which is rigid, and to ***pursue*** fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession;

Amendment

11. As the Croatian economy is still vulnerable and exposed to risks, calls on Croatia's Government to address the structural weaknesses of the economy, to stimulate employment by reviving the labour market, which is rigid, and to ***keep public spending firmly under control, pursuing*** fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession;

Or. it

Amendment 82
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. As the Croatian economy is still vulnerable and exposed to risks, calls on Croatia's Government to address the structural weaknesses of the economy, to stimulate employment by reviving the labour market, which is rigid, and to pursue fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession;

Amendment

11. As the Croatian economy is still vulnerable and exposed to risks, calls on Croatia's Government to address the structural weaknesses of the economy, to stimulate employment by reviving the labour market, which is rigid, and to pursue fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession; ***calls on the Croatian authorities to ensure that economic recovery goes hand in hand with ecological modernisation, including through significantly improving energy efficiency, abandoning the restrictive policy towards renewable energy sources and harmonising spatial development and energy policies;***

Or. en

Amendment 83
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. As the Croatian economy is still vulnerable and exposed to risks, calls on Croatia's Government to address the structural weaknesses of the economy, to stimulate employment by reviving the labour market, which is rigid, and to pursue fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession;

Amendment

11. As the Croatian economy is still vulnerable and exposed to risks, calls on Croatia's Government to address the structural weaknesses of the economy, to stimulate employment by reviving the labour market, which is rigid, and to pursue fiscal consolidation in order to boost competitiveness, to enable Croatia to catch up with EU Member States and to fully benefit from EU accession; ***urges the Government to pay particular attention to small and medium-sized enterprises and***

to support them by providing better access to long-term financing, improving the regulatory framework and overcoming inefficiency in the public administration; encourages the Government to improve the overall business environment, including by decreasing the administrative burden;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Danuta Jazłowiecka, Csaba Óry, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Heinz K. Becker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Croatian authorities to pursue further efforts to reform Croatia's social system in order to improve its cost-effectiveness and secure sustainability of public finances;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Pervenche Berès on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Calls on the current and future EU Member States to ratify and implement all up-to-date ILO conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Calls on the Croatian authorities to restructure the process of spatial development in such a way that it guarantees maximum transparency and civil society involvement and fully respects the public interest and environmental standards for projects that might have an irreversible impact on the environment and the local population;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Pervenche Berès on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11d. Calls on Member States to refrain from imposing temporary labour market restrictions on Croatian nationals;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Danuta Jazłowiecka, Csaba Óry, Traian Ungureanu, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11e. Recognises the right of Member

States to introduce transitional provisions concerning the access of Croatian workers to their labour markets but calls on Member States to base such decisions and any extension of transitional periods on facts and only in the situation of a real threat of serious disturbances of national labour markets; at the same time, encourages Member States to consider refraining from introducing transitional periods in order to secure greater freedom of movement of Croatian workers or even free labour market access;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Pervenche Berès on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11f. Recognises the right of Member States to introduce transitional provisions concerning the access of Croatian workers to their labour markets but, at the same time, considers that the possibility of transitional period for Croatian workers to gain free access to the labour market of other Member States should only be introduced if based on factual information and in the situation of real threat of serious disturbances of the national labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Pervenche Berès on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11g. Encourages Member States to consider refraining from introducing transitional provisions concerning the access of Croatian workers to their labour markets in order to secure greater freedom of movement or even free labour market access;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Pervenche Berès on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11h. Calls on Member States that want to apply transitional periods limiting free access to their labour market to inform the Commission of the numbers of workers which are expected on their territory;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11i. Encourages the Croatian government to address the serious matter of the large percentage of unemployed women by promoting policies aimed at facilitating women's access to the labour market and decreasing the gender pay-gap;

Amendment 93
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Considering that weaknesses remain in the administrative capacities of relevant Croatian institutions, encourages*** the Croatian authorities to further reinforce the administrative structures and institutional capacities necessary for the proper implementation of the acquis, so that the country may maximise the benefits of EU membership after accession;

Amendment

12. ***Encourages*** the Croatian authorities to further reinforce the administrative structures and institutional capacities necessary for the proper implementation of the acquis, so that the country may maximise the benefits of EU membership after accession;

Amendment 94
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considering that weaknesses remain in the administrative capacities of relevant Croatian institutions, encourages the Croatian authorities to further reinforce the administrative structures and institutional capacities necessary for the proper implementation of the acquis, so that the country may maximise the benefits of EU membership after accession;

Amendment

12. Considering that weaknesses remain in the administrative capacities of relevant Croatian institutions ***and that the reform of public administration is proceeding sluggishly***, encourages the Croatian authorities, ***by improving coordination at national, regional, and local level***, to further reinforce the administrative structures and institutional capacities necessary for the proper implementation of the acquis, so that the country may maximise the benefits of EU membership after accession;

Amendment 95

Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Invites* Croatia to *consistently* advocate EU enlargement and the promotion of European values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to maintain good-neighbourly relations, to remain an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic benefit to all citizens of the region;

Amendment

13. *Welcomes the adoption by the Croatian government in July 2011 of the declaration on the promotion of European values in South East Europe; invites* Croatia to *continue to* advocate EU enlargement and the promotion of European values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to maintain good-neighbourly relations, to remain an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic benefit to all citizens of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites Croatia to consistently advocate *EU enlargement and* the promotion of *European* values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to maintain

Amendment

13. Invites Croatia to consistently advocate the promotion of *Western* values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to maintain good-neighbourly

good-neighbourly relations, to remain an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic benefit to all citizens of the region;

relations, to remain an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic benefit to all citizens of the region;

Or. nl

Amendment 97

Ivo Vajgl, Stanimir Ilchev, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicolò Rinaldi, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites Croatia to consistently advocate EU enlargement and the promotion of European values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to *maintain* good-neighbourly relations, to *remain* an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic benefit to all citizens of the region;

Amendment

13. Invites Croatia to consistently advocate EU enlargement and the promotion of European values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to *enhance* good-neighbourly relations, to *be* an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic benefit to all citizens of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Ivo Vajgl, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Nicolò Rinaldi

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites Croatia to consistently advocate

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EU enlargement and the promotion of European values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to maintain good-neighbourly relations, to remain an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic benefit to all citizens of the region;

EU enlargement and the promotion of European values of peace, prosperity, freedom, the rule of law, democracy and the social market economy in the region; encourages Croatia to continue to maintain good-neighbourly relations, to remain an important and proactive promoter of regional cooperation on all levels and to maintain its commitment to translate reconciliation efforts into practical steps of economic, *social and human* benefit to all citizens of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, *and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;*

Amendment

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees;

Or. nl

Amendment 100
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, **and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;**

Amendment

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees; **urges all the parties concerned, therefore, to deal with those bilateral issues not falling under EU responsibility or covered by contractual obligations to the EU, acting in a constructive spirit and taking into account the EU's overall interests, so as to ensure that problems of this kind do not needlessly hold up the enlargement process;**

Or. fr

Amendment 101
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Calls for progress in the resolution of*** outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Amendment

14. ***Supports Croatia's efforts to solve*** outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Rolandas Paksas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, **and** strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Amendment

14. Calls for progress ***in the intensification of the reconciliation dialogue among citizens in the Western Balkan region and*** in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees; strongly believes that ***regional initiatives aimed at fostering reconciliation will all prove to be economically advantageous actions in the future; maintains that*** open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Or. It

Amendment 103

Ivo Vajgl, Niccolò Rinaldi, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with ***some*** neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Amendment

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Stanimir Ilchev, Andrew Duff, Renate Weber, Ivo Vajgl, Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular *as regards* border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Amendment

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular *with Serbia, mainly regarding* border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, *and* strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Amendment

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees; strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans *and therefore welcomes the draft declaration to this end proposed by the Croatian government; calls on the Croatian Parliament to swiftly endorse the draft declaration;*

Or. en

Amendment 106
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans;

Amendment

14. Calls for progress in the resolution of outstanding bilateral issues with some neighbouring countries, in particular as regards border demarcation, missing persons, property restitution and refugees, and strongly believes that open issues of a bilateral nature must not halt the process of EU accession of candidate and potential candidate countries in the Western Balkans, ***but should be settled in general before the accession;***

Or. en

Amendment 107
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considering that the success of accession depends to a large extent on the support and commitment of citizens, encourages the Croatian authorities and civil society to conduct, with the help of the Commission, a wide-ranging and objective information campaign on the obligations, consequences ***and*** advantages arising from EU accession so that the Croatian people will be fully aware of their choice in the referendum ***and that they see the European project as theirs as well;***

Amendment

15. Considering that the success of accession depends to a large extent on the support and commitment of citizens, encourages the Croatian authorities and civil society to conduct, with the help of the Commission, a wide-ranging and objective information campaign on the obligations, consequences, advantages ***and particularly disadvantages*** arising from EU accession so that the Croatian people will be fully aware of their choice in the referendum;

Or. nl

Amendment 108
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Considering that the success of accession depends to a large extent on the support and commitment of citizens, encourages the Croatian authorities and civil society to conduct, with the help of the Commission, a wide-ranging and objective information campaign on the obligations, consequences and advantages arising from EU accession so that the Croatian people will be fully aware of their choice in the referendum and that they see the European project as theirs as well;

Amendment

15. Considering that the success of accession depends to a large extent on the support and commitment of citizens, encourages the Croatian authorities and civil society to conduct, with the help of the Commission, a wide-ranging, **fair**, and objective information campaign on the obligations, consequences and advantages arising from EU accession so that the Croatian people will be fully aware of their choice in the referendum and that they see the European project as theirs as well;

Or. de

Amendment 109
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. As regards transitional measures provided for in Article 18 of the Accession Treaty, calls on Member States not to restrict the fundamental rights of EU citizens more than absolutely necessary; calls on Member States, in particular, not to make use of the transitional measures restricting the free movement of persons; recalls that the restriction on the access to their labour markets during transitional periods after previous rounds of enlargement has proven detrimental to the welfare of those Member States enacting

the restrictions;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Stresses that Croatia's accession to the European Union represents an opportunity to further contribute to the process of European integration, which seeks to promote peace and European values and to create an area of solidarity and prosperity by extending its advantages to all Member States and their inhabitants;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Ramon Tremosa i Balcells, Oriol Junqueras Vies, Raül Romeva i Rueda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Notes that Croatia's accession will necessitate a change to the Treaty to make Croatian an official language of the European Union; calls on the Member States to accept Catalan as an official language of the EU, given that it is the 13th most spoken language in Europe, with more than 10 million speakers;

Or. es

Amendment 112
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. **Supports** the signing of the Treaty of Accession **and looks forward to welcoming parliamentary observers from Croatia;**

Amendment

16. **Does not support** the signing of the Treaty of Accession;

Or. nl

Amendment 113
Othmar Karas, Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Supports the signing of the Treaty of Accession and looks forward to welcoming parliamentary observers from Croatia;

Amendment

16. Supports the signing of the Treaty of Accession and looks forward to welcoming parliamentary observers from Croatia; **calls on the Member States to complete the ratification process in good time;**

Or. de