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Amendment 1
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***- having regard to the Resolution of the
Conference of the National Platform of
the Eastern Partnership Civil Society
Forum of 1 June 2013;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***- having regard to the Prague Declaration
of the Eastern Partnership summit 2009;***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Aa. whereas the principle of separation of
powers was virtually abolished by the
constitutional reform of 1996, and the
political opposition has not been
represented since in political institutions***

and has not been able to participate in formulation and implementation of the political course of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas in 1997 the European Council suspended the ratification of the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement and froze the Interim Trade Agreement, therefore EU-Belarus relations remain regulated by the 1989 Trade and Co-operation Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas over the same period human rights and fundamental freedoms have been systematically and massively violated with regard, in particular, to freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom of assembly;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas the European Parliament does not recognise the legitimacy of the Belarusian parliament; in the recent decade, only one official delegation of the European Parliament visited Belarus in 2010; currently the European Parliament is planning its mission to Belarus in 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Libor Rouček, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas democratic transformation could probably be more likely if parts of the now ruling elites were engaged; however, major catalysts could come from civil society organizations and private business;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas Belarus is the only European country applying capital punishment;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas the Belarusian population perceives that substantial change in the country almost certainly will initially lead to a deterioration of living standards;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, ***but*** the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections led to ***their*** deterioration;

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum; ***in this period, certain improvement of the conditions for activities of civil society, opposition and free press could be observed; however,*** the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections ***and the arrest of presidential candidates*** led to a ***significant*** deterioration of ***EU-Belarus relations***;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections led to their deterioration;

Amendment

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown *on peaceful demonstrations* following the Presidential elections, *as well as the mass arrests, politically motivated criminal trials of opposition members and the wave of repression targeted at human rights defenders and the independent media* have led to their deterioration;

Or. pl

Amendment 12
Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections led to their deterioration;

Amendment

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown following the *on peaceful protestors, mass arrests, politically motivated criminal cases against representatives of the opposition, and a wave of repression against human rights defenders and independent media following the 2010* Presidential elections led to their deterioration;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but *the brutal crackdown* following the Presidential elections led to their deterioration;

Amendment

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but *events surrounding and* following the Presidential elections led to their deterioration;

Or. de

Amendment 14
Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections led to their deterioration;

Amendment

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained a positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections *and tightening of repressive policy* led to their deterioration;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained *a* positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections led to their

Amendment

B. whereas in 2008-2010, EU-Belarus relations had gained *some* positive momentum, but the brutal crackdown following the Presidential elections led to

deterioration;

their deterioration;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas in 2011, the EU restrictive measures have been reviewed and extended; currently, they are imposed on 242 persons and 30 entities from Belarus while Belarusian authorities continuously ban some EU politicians and officials from entering the country;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas some of the EU restrictive measures have had provoked as a collateral effect easier conditions for Russia investors to privatize Belarusian enterprises at a lower price and led to some economic losses for certain EU Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Libor Rouček, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas the establishment of a consistent political dialogue with Belarusian authorities under the above mentioned condition could result in involving civil society and opposition in the multi-stakeholder dialogue and implementation of the reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Libor Rouček, Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bc. whereas the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius could become yet another important opportunity for the conditional and gradual improvement of the EU-Belarus relations as long as political prisoners are released and politically rehabilitated;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression

C. whereas the human rights centre Viasna reported a decrease of politically

against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas, however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;

motivated arrest from 868 in 2011 to 235 in 2012¹ is attributed to the atmosphere of repressions and intimidation;

¹<http://spring96.org/persecution?DateFrom=2012-01-01&DateTo=2012-12-31>

Or. en

Amendment 21
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments *let* to further repression against civil society, including human *right* defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas, *however, an improvement of the situation* of human rights *was discernible in 2012;*

Amendment

C. Whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments *led* to further repression against civil society; including human *rights* defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas *the lack of progress in the domain* of human rights *as well as continuing deterioration of conditions for civil society and political activists is deplorable; whereas immunity shown by Belarusian authorities to appeals made by the international community contributes to further worsening of relations with the EU and contributes to Belarus's progressing self-isolation;*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas, ***however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;***

Amendment

C. whereas ***harassment against civil society continues and*** recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas ***civil society organisations continue to be impeded to register and operate in accordance to international standards on freedom of association; whereas independent journalists face restrictions on freedom of speech, including detention prior to the 2012 Parliamentary elections; whereas, lawyers disbarred in 2011 remain prevented from exercising their profession;***

Or. en

Amendment 23

Jacek Protasiewicz, Cristian Dan Preda, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments ***let*** to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas, ***however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;***

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments ***led*** to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas, ***the general human rights situation remains of a great concern;***

Or. en

Amendment 24

Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; *whereas, however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;*

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; *whereas, however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;*

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression

against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; *whereas, however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;*

against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers,

Or. en

Amendment 27
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; *whereas, however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;*

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments *have led* to further repression against civil society, including human *rights* defenders, independent media and defence lawyers;

Or. pl

Amendment 28
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; *whereas, however, an improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;*

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas, however, **an** improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;

Amendment

C. whereas recent restrictive legislative amendments let to further repression against civil society, including human right defenders, independent media and defence lawyers; whereas, however **some, albeit limited** improvement of the situation of human rights was discernible in 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas recent opinion polls show that approximately 30 % of Belarusian population still support A. Lukashenka (in 2011 due to economic crisis, this dropped from 50% to 20 %) and around 20 % support democratic opposition forces¹;

¹ <http://iiseeps.org/old/etrend.html>

Or. en

Amendment 31
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the political opposition in Belarus lacks unified strategy and action plan; however, recent signs of closer cooperation, including presentation of the joint list of candidates for the local elections in 2014, as well as drafting a single political programme and electing a single candidate for the presidential elections in 2015 could be assessed positively;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas reports by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch reflect the state of human rights in Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas reports produced by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch state that basic civil rights are still subject to restrictions in Belarus, and that the human-rights situation has not improved;

whereas the 2012 report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Belarus, which was published in April 2013, draw attention to the systemic and systematic character of political, civil and social human rights violations in Belarus;

Or. pl

Amendment 34
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas in the past Belarus authorities showed willingness to engage constructively with the EU but failed thereafter to follow through the commitments made;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas *the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on the development of* civil society *in Belarus;*

D. whereas *Belarusian authorities rejected the invitation to engage in the European Dialogue on Modernization on an equal footing with* civil society;

Amendment 36
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on *the development of civil society in Belarus*;

Amendment

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on *starting a constructive debate among the Belarusian society on necessary reforms in the country*;

Amendment 37
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 *has had a positive impact on* the development of civil society in Belarus;

Amendment

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 *is an important step towards supporting* the development of civil society in Belarus *but more coordination with the Eastern Partnership initiatives is necessary, supported by adequate funding for cooperation projects*;

Amendment 38
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on the development of *civil society* in Belarus;

Amendment

D. *whereas there is no discernible improvement as regards the respect for human rights, the rule of law and for democratic principles*; whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on the development of *certain sectors* in Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on the development of civil society *in Belarus*;

Amendment

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on the development of civil society *and rising awareness about the EU among the population*;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society

Amendment

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society

launched in 2012 has had a positive impact on the development of civil society in Belarus;

launched in 2012 has had a **limited** positive impact on the development of civil society in Belarus; **whereas there are still notable shortcomings in this process;**

Or. en

Amendment 41
Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 **has had a positive** impact on **the** development of civil society in Belarus;

Amendment

D. whereas the European Dialogue on Modernisation with Belarusian society launched in 2012 **could have a transformative potential and** impact on **reform processes and** development of civil society in Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Da. whereas Belarus experienced a full-blow economic crisis with inflation rates over 100% that unfolded in the summer and autumn of 2011 which led to significant devaluation of Belarusian currency and caused the level of popular discontent with the authorities to reach an all-time high;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the authorities started barring hundreds of journalists, opposition and human rights representatives from leaving the country in 2011, but there have been limited examples of the application of this restriction in 2012 and 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Libor Rouček, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the democratic opposition and Belarusian authorities have not engaged in the European Dialogue on Modernisation so far, while at the same time the concept, purpose, strategy and management structure of the Dialogue is still under development;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas until 2007, Belarus had a

low level of external debt (27% of GDP), however, in 2009, the situation changed, the Belarusian foreign debt reached 62% of GDP compared to 2006¹;

¹ <http://www.nbrb.by/engl/>

Or. en

Amendment 46
Norbert Neuser, Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas Belarus ranks 50th according to the newest UN Human Development Index 2012¹, compared to Russia (55) and the Eastern Partnership countries (Georgia (72), Ukraine (78), Azerbaijan (82), Armenia (87), Moldova (113))²;

¹<http://hdrstats.undp.org/en/countries/profiles/BLR.html>

²http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/HDR2013_EN_Summary.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 47
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dd. whereas in Belarus, state-owned enterprises generate about 70 % of GDP and are responsible for 50 % of employment; Belarus has always attained rather low unemployment rates, because

of subsidies for state companies;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

De. whereas until now Belarusian authorities have expressed their geopolitical interest in further economic integration with Russia creating the Eurasian customs and economic union; at the same time the vast deal of all direct foreign investments in Belarus in recent years are of Russian origin (78.4%)¹; in the recent decades, according to experts, around 700 000 Belarusians emigrated to Russia, mostly to Moscow and St. Petersburg;

¹http://www.mfa.gov.by/en/invest_support/

Or. en

Amendment 49
Norbert Neuser, Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Df. whereas Belarus had submitted its application on the accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)/ WTO in 1993, however the negotiations have been suspended due to the political situation and lack of reforms in the country, but currently some signals from the EU and the U.S. to restart the

negotiation process can be observed while Belarus still has to complete bilateral negotiations on access to markets with 12 members of the WTO;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Norbert Neuser, Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dg. whereas the recent polls conducted in the framework of the EU Neighbourhood Barometer project suggest that over 50 per cent of Belarusian population believe that the EU should increase its role in the areas of economic development, trade and regional cooperation with Belarus¹;

¹ http://euneighbourhood.eu/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/FactsheetENPI_wave2-BY-EN1.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 51
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dh. whereas Belarus' managed economy depends more than ever on Russia to provide loans and subsidies; it is estimated that in 2012 Belarus saved approximately 10 billion US dollars due to energy subsidies from Russia¹, 2 billion US dollars on energy solvents and 800 million US dollars on bank interest for

loans;

¹<http://www.nbrb.by/bv/cont.asp?id=9712>

Or. en

Amendment 52
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital D i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Di. whereas according to World Bank Doing Business report 2013¹ Belarus has the 58th ranking out of 185 economies being the 9th out of 24 countries in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region;

¹http://www.doingbusiness.org/~/_/media/GIAWB/Doing%20Business/Documents/Annual-Reports/English/DB13-full-report.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 53
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dj. whereas the program of modernisation, recently declared by Belarus authorities, according to experts, is mostly directed at upgrading the basic industrial infrastructure while the business society in Belarus desires more substantial economic reforms and transparent business environment, as well as less government control in all business sectors;

Amendment 54
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dk. whereas the situation in Belarus can be characterised by a lack of trust in the judiciary due to its insufficient independence and politically motivated decisions;

Amendment 55
Norbert Neuser, Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dl. whereas according to the Corruption Perceptions Index 2012 by Transparency International Belarus ranks 123 out of 176 countries and territories in comparison with Ukraine (144), Azerbaijan (139), Russia (133), Armenia (105), Moldova (94), and Georgia (51)¹;
¹<http://cpi.transparency.org/cpi2012/results/>

Amendment 56
Norbert Neuser, Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dm. whereas 33.4 million euro were allocated in the 2007-2013 financial perspective for the ENPI cross border cooperation projects between Belarus and its neighbouring countries while around 60 municipalities currently participate in 50 joint cross border cooperation projects between Latvia, Lithuania and Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital D n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dn. whereas at the end of 2012, Belarusian authorities have been showing some signs of interest in the practical solution for the deadlock in the bilateral relations with EU;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital D o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Do. whereas Belarus remains the last country in Europe that still applies the death penalty; the dates of the executions are unknown to the families of the

convicted and the public, the body of an executed person is not given for burial to the relatives while the place of burial is not communicated;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D p (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dp. whereas in 2012 two men were executed by Belarusian authorities for an act of terrorism while in public opinion, the judicial process against them did not fully satisfy the conditions of a fair trial; after a long period no capital punishment conviction was announced in 2012, however, this positive development was interrupted by a recent death penalty conviction in April 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital D q (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dq. whereas according to the 2013 World Press Freedom Index by Reporters without Borders, Belarus moved up to the 157th position from the 168th out of 179 countries, however it still remains on the lowest position among the Eastern Partnership countries (Azerbaijan (156), Ukraine (126), Georgia (100), Armenia

(74), Moldova (55))¹;

¹ <http://en.rsf.org/press-freedom-index-2013,1054.html>

Or. en

Amendment 61
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D r (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dr. whereas currently the access to independent TV and radio channels, as well as print media, is poor with state media dominating the access to information;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital D s (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ds. whereas situation of media freedom in Belarus is unacceptable, including harassment of journalists who have had foreign travel bans imposed on them, restrictive laws with regard to broadcasting and internet freedom, as well as selective justice towards independent journalists demonstrated by 3 criminal cases that were initiated in summer 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital D t (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dt. whereas one of the main reasons for a certain social stability in the country has been the social benefits system whereby people profit and in return, choose to be politically inactive; 65% of Belarusians receive state support in various forms: pensions, scholarships, unemployment benefits, etc¹;

¹ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=4346&langId=en

Or. en

Amendment 64
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital D u (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Du. whereas the share of the population with incomes below the subsistence level according to the World Bank decreased from 46.7% in 1999 to 5.4% in 2009¹, however, in 2011 due to economic crisis, the poverty rates started to grow and reached 7.3 % in that year²;

¹<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SI.POV.NAHC/countries/BY?display=graph>

²<http://www.research.by/webroot/delivery/files/poverty2012r.pdf>

Or. en

Amendment 65
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus; ***whereas the improvement of bilateral relations with the European Union is conditional upon the release of all political prisoners as well as on the progress by the Belarusian authorities towards the fulfilment of its international commitments and the respect for fundamental human rights, the rule of law and democratic freedoms;***

Or. en

Amendment 66
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus ***who endure severe psychological and physical torture including death threats, unjustified transfers, unsatisfactory health care provision and deprivation of meeting family members;***

Or. en

Amendment 67
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ***there are still*** political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas ***the continued persistence of*** political prisoners in ***Belarus including Ales Bialatski, Sakharov Prize Nominee, remains a regrettable circumstance which forbids cooperation between the EU and*** Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ***there are still*** political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas ***a number of*** political prisoners in Belarus ***remain in custody, including Ales Bialatski who was among finalists for the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought and the Nobel peace prize nominee in 2012;***

Or. en

Amendment 69
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas ***there are still*** political prisoners ***in Belarus;***

Amendment

E. whereas ***release of all*** political prisoners, ***including Mikalai Autukhovich, Ales Bialatski, Dzmitry Dashkevich, Eduard Lobau, Pavel Seviarynets, Mikalai Statkevich, Ihar Alienevich, Mikalai Dziadok, Aliaksandr Frantskevich, Artsiom Prakapenka, and Yauhen Vaskovich; remains the principal***

condition for the normalization of EU-Belarus relations;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus: *Mikalai Autukhovich, Ales Bialiatski, Dzmitry Dashkevich, Eduard Lobau, Pavel Seviarynets, Mikalai Statkevich, Ihar Alienevich, Mikalai Dziadok, Aliaksandr Frantskevich, Artsiom Prakapenka and Yauhen Vaskovich;*

Or. pl

Amendment 71
Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus, *who are kept in unacceptable conditions and being forced to ask for a pardon from President Alexander Lukashenko;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus ***and no released political prisoner has been rehabilitated; whereas human rights defenders are among the political prisoners;***

Or. en

Amendment 73
Cristian Dan Preda, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus;

Amendment

E. whereas there are still political prisoners in Belarus ***and the capital punishment is still being used;***

Or. en

Amendment 74
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas in 2012 the Belarusian authorities introduced legislative changes that grant the KGB wide-ranging powers to use coercive measures freely; whereas under the new law the security services may enter apartments and arrest and detain both Belarusian citizens and diplomats and representatives of

international institutions protected by immunity without restriction; whereas this law also contains a provision freeing KGB agents of all legal responsibility for injuries suffered at their hands; whereas the Belarusian special forces have been given wide-ranging powers to break up demonstrations;

Or. pl

Amendment 75
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas ratification of an EU-Belarus Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (negotiated in 1995) and the Interim Agreement have been frozen since 1997 in response to the political situation in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas censorship is a serious political issue in Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas Belarusian authorities take actively part in the expert meetings in the framework of the multilateral track of the Eastern Partnership, in particular in Cross border cooperation projects;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Filip Kaczmarek, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas the exacerbation of persecution of independent journalists through ongoing arrests and detentions has been noted;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas Belarus is the only country among the Eastern Partnership countries where an official human rights institution has not yet been established;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas Belarus is covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy but, in view of the political situation, no action plan is yet in place;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas in 2011 the receipt of foreign grants became a criminal act, and the definition of treason was broadened, thereby making it possible for the authorities to use criminal law to crack down on organisations and individuals receiving funding from abroad or taking part in international events;

Or. pl

Amendment 82
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. Bearing in mind that in 2012, the Belarusian authorities introduced legislative changes that gave broad powers to the secret services for the purpose of increasing coercive measures;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas the National Platform of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership is an important and reliable partner and a unique communication channel to the Belarusian people for the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas human rights violations in Belarus remain systematic according to the Report¹ of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus and new restrictive legislative amendments are being adopted in order to allow more governmental harassment of

human rights defenders, political opponents, independent journalists, defence lawyers and even art representatives;

¹http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session23/A-HRC-23-52_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 85
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas more than a half of Belarus citizens have internet access¹; electronic media gives new possibilities of wider access for independent media, although there are some oppositional websites which have been blocked in governmental and educational institutions; as to the printed press, the largest independent newspaper "Narodnaya Volya";

¹http://www.mfa.gov.by/upload/internet_eng.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 86
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ec. whereas several restrictive measures towards Belarus government are in force (a total of 242 persons are subject to a

travel ban and an asset freeze in the EU; a total of 30 business entities are also subject to the asset freeze and since June 2011 an embargo on arms and material that can be used for internal repression was imposed);

Or. en

Amendment 87
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ec. whereas Ales Bialiatski, chairman of the 'Viasna' Human Rights Centre, was sentenced to four-and-a-half years' imprisonment on account of the fact that his organisation had received funds to support victims of persecution and their families;

Or. pl

Amendment 88
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ec. Aware of new criminal liabilities introduced in 2010 for the reception of foreign grants, extending the concept of treason, giving the authorities the ability to prosecute those organizations and individuals who receive foreign funding or participate in events at the international level;

Amendment 89
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ec. whereas since most of Belarus' powers over the tariff regulation of foreign trade have been transferred to the Eurasian union with Russia being the WTO member and Kazakhstan to be invited in the end of 2013, Belarus has to carry out Russian commitments to the WTO due to the contractual and legal base of the Customs Union/ the Unified Economic Space; Russia's membership in WTO accelerates Belarus' accession to this organization;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ed. whereas assistance for Belarus is currently granted under the Country Strategy Paper 2007 - 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ed. whereas in 2012 at least 15 activists and journalists were banned from leaving Belarus on the basis of false assertions;

Or. pl

Amendment 92
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ed. Knowing that Ales Bialacki, chairman of the Center for Human Rights "Viasna", was sentenced to 4.5 years in a penal colony because of the foreign financial support "Viasna" had received to help victims of repression and their families;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ed. whereas Belarusians have been obtaining the greatest number of Schengen visas per capita in the world in recent years¹; however, they have to spend much more money, in many cases also time and effort to obtain a visa than citizens of other Eastern Partnership

countries or Russia;

¹http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/borders-and-visas/visa-policy/index_en.htm

Or. en

Amendment 94
Libor Rouček, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ed. whereas independent opinion polls showed that until the economic crisis the majority of Belarusians supported the country's closer integration with Russia; however, 2013 polls show that 42% Belarusians preferred the country's closer integration with EU and 37% - with Russia¹;

¹ <http://iiseps.org/old/etrend.html>

Or. en

Amendment 95
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Recital E e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ee. whereas in late 2011 changes were introduced to the Law on Mass Actions, according to which holding mass protests could result in criminal liability for public disorder; whereas the organisers of mass protests are obliged to provide the authorities with information on the sources of their funding;

Or. pl

Amendment 96
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital E e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ee. Noting that in at least 15 activists and journalists were prevented from leaving Belarus in 2012 because of false charges by the Belarusian authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital E e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ee. whereas Belarus government attempts to attract foreign investment - it has a skilled workforce, a privatization programme, six Free Economic Zones and High Technologies Park – however, examples of systematic state intervention in private sector could be observed;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Recital E f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ef. Taking into account the changes in the 2010 law on "mass meetings", whereby any violation of said law leads to criminal liability and organizers of such events must provide authorities with information on their sources of funding;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Libor Rouček, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Recital E f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ef. whereas Belarus recently acceded to the Council of Europe's anti-corruption mechanism Greco and became a member of Greta, the mechanism to combat human trafficking;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital E f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ef. whereas Belarusian authorities, rejecting calls for compliance with internationally accepted democratic standards by the EU, lead the policy of self-isolation imposing it on Belarusian population;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital E g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eg. whereas currently only 20 Belarusian experts participate in various ENPI projects in comparison to 120 in 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital E g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eg. whereas in 2012, the Ministry of Justice of Belarus denied registration to 19 NGOs and 2 political parties while members of unregistered organizations are continuously intimidated, harassed, and persecuted in Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Recital E h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eh. whereas 58 cities and municipalities in Poland, 47 in Lithuania and 30 in Latvia have a fruitful cooperation with its

partner cities and municipalities in Belarus while "Nemunas-Neman-Niemen" Euroregion uniting Lithuania, Poland, Kaliningrad region and Belarus in common project implementation could be seen as a good practice example;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Jacek Protasiewicz

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. urge the Belarusian authorities to respect human rights and work towards a democratic transition in order to end the country's self-imposed isolation from the rest of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(a) reiterate ***the need*** for the unconditional and immediate release and rehabilitation of the political and civic rights of all remaining political prisoners ***to be a prerequisite for a gradual lifting of EU restrictive measures and for a substantial upgrade in EU-Belarus relations;***

(a) reiterate ***that an absolute prerequisite for the gradual lifting of EU restrictive measures and a full-fledged upgrade in EU-Belarus relations is the*** unconditional and immediate release and rehabilitation of the political and civic rights of all remaining political prisoners; ***in all aspects of practical cooperation with Belarus apply the "more for more" principle;***

Or. en

Amendment 106
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) reiterate the need for the unconditional and immediate release and rehabilitation of the political and civic rights of all remaining political prisoners to be a prerequisite for *a* gradual lifting of *EU* restrictive measures and for *a substantial* upgrade in EU-Belarus relations;

Amendment

(a) reiterate the need for the unconditional and immediate release and rehabilitation of the political and civic rights of all remaining political prisoners to be a prerequisite for *the improvement of bilateral relations, which could lead to* gradual lifting of restrictive measures - and for *an* upgrade in EU-Belarus relations;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Daniël van der Stoep

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) reiterate the need for the unconditional and immediate release and rehabilitation of the political and civic rights of all remaining political prisoners to be *a prerequisite* for a gradual lifting of EU restrictive measures and for a *substantial* upgrade in EU-Belarus relations;

Amendment

(a) reiterate the need for the unconditional and immediate release and rehabilitation of the political and civic rights of all remaining political prisoners to be *one of the prerequisites* for a gradual lifting of EU restrictive measures and for a upgrade in EU-Belarus relations;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to ***improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;***

Amendment

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to ***elaborate on further ways to engage with the citizens of Belarus and with the opposition and civil society, without compromising the policy of sanctions against the current regime;***

Or. en

Amendment 109
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as ***unique opportunities*** to improve relations with Belarus, ***including*** with a ***view to restarting*** the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as ***an opportunity*** to improve relations with Belarus with a ***possibility to renew*** the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms ***provided that the Belarusian authorities demonstrate respect for these basic values; and, in particular, as soon as the issue of political prisoners is resolved;***

Or. en

Amendment 110
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use *Lithuania's Presidency and* the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius *as unique opportunities* to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

(b) use the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius *hosted by Lithuania as a yet another important opportunity* to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms *as soon as the issue of political prisoners is resolved*;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to *restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia*, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, *thus restarting the political dialogue*;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as

Amendment

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as

unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue *on, inter alia*, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue *and magnifying the need for* democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. es

Amendment 113
Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as *unique* opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms *and* respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms, *free and fair elections*, respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) *use* Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as *unique* opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental

Amendment

(b) *take advantage of* Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as *further* opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law,

freedoms;

human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, ***and to invite members of the Belarusian opposition to a summit;***

Or. pl

Amendment 116

Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

(b) use Lithuania's Presidency and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius as unique opportunities to improve relations with Belarus, including with a view to restarting the political dialogue on, inter alia, democratic reforms and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, ***as well as invite representatives of the Belarusian political opposition to the Vilnius summit;***

Or. en

Amendment 117
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 118
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 119
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 120

Daniël van der Stoep

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list **with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;**

(c) prolong the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) consider the **suspension** of key officials **from** the EU visa ban list with a view to **broadening the main and essential** diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

(c) consider the **maintenance** of key officials **on** the EU visa ban list with a view to **encourage real steps broadening** diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) *consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;*

Amendment

(c) *supports the strict implementation of the EU wide visa ban for a number of Belarusian officials and points out that the list can be expanded to include further names, if deemed necessary;*

Or. en

Amendment 123
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) consider *the* suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to *broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;*

Amendment

(c) consider *that a single and temporary* suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to *allow for their participation in the Eastern Partnership summit, is an exception of technical nature and by no means signifies a change in the EU's position on the visa ban, which is possible only if substantial progress in respecting standards of democracy human rights and the rule of law in Belarus, including the release and rehabilitation of all political prisoners, is seen and acknowledged by all actors involved, including the civil society and human rights organisations like the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH);*

Or. en

Amendment 124
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) consider the *suspension of* key officials *from* the EU visa ban list with a view to *broadening the main and essential* diplomatic communication *channel* with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

Amendment

(c) consider the *possibility of creating a legal framework for technical meetings with* key officials *on* the EU visa ban list with a view to *facilitate* diplomatic communication with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) consider the suspension of *key officials* from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, *also* in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

Amendment

(c) consider the *temporary and conditional* suspension of *foreign minister in office* from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, *particularly*, in view of the Eastern Partnership summit; *nevertheless, to stay firm on visa ban and asset freeze targeting those directly involved in violating democratic election standards and human rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 126
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

Amendment

(c) consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, ***only when this is necessary for a meaningful dialogue for the release of political prisoners***; also in view of the Eastern Partnership Summit, ***the same conditionality should be applied***;

Or. en

Amendment 127
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) consider the suspension of ***key officials*** from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, ***also in view of*** the Eastern Partnership summit;

Amendment

(c) consider the suspension of ***the Foreign Minister*** from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, ***in particular with a view to facilitating his participation in*** the Eastern Partnership summit;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) consider the suspension of key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus, also in view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

Amendment

(c) consider the suspension of **some** key officials from the EU visa ban list with a view to broadening the main and essential diplomatic communication channel with Belarus also in **the** view of the Eastern Partnership summit;

Or. en

Amendment 129

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ca) carefully evaluate the efficiency of EU restrictive measures and adapt their scope, nature and validity in a reactive way to developments in the country and in its relations with the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ca) carry out an in depth evaluation of the current EU sanction regime against Belarusian officials and entities in order to revise and improve their effectiveness; establish clearer criteria, measures and monitoring mechanism and urge member states to overcome national economic interests in order to speak with one voice;

Amendment 131
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘*roadmap*’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including *both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; in the same vein*, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning *interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly*;

Amendment

(d) prepare a strategic ‘*pro-democracy-roadmap*’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including *concrete measures aimed at supporting the restoration of democratic rule in Belarus*, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning *a continued mix of restrictive measures against the Minsk regime and stronger engagement with civil society and ordinary citizens*;

Amendment 132
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to *a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement*; in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest

Amendment

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan *and based on a step-by-step approach should the Belarusian authorities take concrete steps towards democratic progress, human rights and the rule of law*, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to *re-launch of bilateral relations and unfreeze Belarus full participation in the ENP*; in the same

Parliamentary Assembly;

vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly ***should the next parliamentary elections in Belarus be recognized as free and fair by international organizations, such as OSCE/ODIHR;***

Or. en

Amendment 133

Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; ***in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly;***

Amendment

(d) Prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement, ***provided that the authorities carry out substantive political reforms;***

Or. en

Amendment 134

Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired

Amendment

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired

by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on *enhanced* political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; *in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly;*

by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; *in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly;*

Amendment

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 136
Daniël van der Stoep

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, **both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly**;

Amendment

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly;

Amendment

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually, **in the case of putting the end to political harassment and starting democratic reforms in Belarus**, lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; in the same vein, consult **at an appropriate time** the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly;

Or. en

Amendment 138

Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly;

Amendment

(d) prepare a strategic ‘roadmap’, inspired by the Joint Interim Plan ***and based on the "more for more" principle***, including both priority areas for reforms in Belarus and proposals on enhanced political dialogue, which could eventually lead to a relaunch of negotiations on a new comprehensive agreement; in the same vein, consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly ***that can in no way take place at the expense of EU support to Belarus democratic forces and civil society***;

Or. en

Amendment 139

Filip Kaczmarek, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(da) consult the European Parliament on the inclusion of new proposals concerning interparliamentary relations, both bilaterally and within the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 140
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, the unreserved support of the Member States for the EU's position on Belarus and the compliance of their bilateral relations with the EU's actions;

Amendment

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, the unreserved support of the Member States for the EU's position on Belarus and the compliance of their bilateral relations with the EU's actions; ***emphasise that a firm commitment of all EU member states as well as other democratic countries to act united may foster a successful promotion of universal values and democratic transition in Belarus;***

Or. en

Amendment 141
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, ***the unreserved support of*** the Member States ***for*** the EU's position on Belarus and ***the compliance of*** their bilateral relations with the EU's actions;

Amendment

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, ***that*** the Member States ***do not take up positions that diverge from*** the EU's position on Belarus and ***that*** their bilateral relations ***are in line*** with the EU's actions;

Or. de

Amendment 142
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, the ***unreserved*** support of the Member States for the EU's position on Belarus and the compliance of their bilateral relations with the EU's actions;

Amendment

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, the support of the Member States for the EU's position on Belarus and the compliance of their bilateral relations with the EU's actions;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, the ***unreserved*** support of the Member States for the EU's position on Belarus and the compliance of their bilateral relations with the EU's actions;

Amendment

(e) ensure, in line with Article 24 TEU, the support of the Member States for the EU's position on Belarus and the compliance of their bilateral relations with the EU's actions;

Or. it

Amendment 144

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) increase contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 145
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f) increase contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

deleted

Or. pl

Amendment 146
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f) increase contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 147
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f) increase contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 148
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) increase contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and *to enhance* EU-Belarus cooperation;

Amendment

(f) increase contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and *political liberalization so that* EU-Belarus cooperation *can be enhanced*;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) *increase* contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

Amendment

(f) *establish* contacts with *those* officials *who were not involved in repressions*, in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) increase contacts with officials in order to foster openness of mind towards the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

Amendment

(f) increase contacts with officials in *a context of Dialogue for Modernization in* order to foster openness of mind towards

the EU and to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) **encourage the authorities to fully participate** in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law;

Amendment

(g) **monitor that any participation by the authorities** in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law **is conducted in full respect of democratic principles and is not an attempt to distort it for biased purposes**;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) encourage the authorities to fully participate in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law;

Amendment

(g) encourage the authorities to fully participate **alongside the democratic opposition and civil society**, in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at **fostering the conduct of democratic reforms**, developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law **without limiting the scope of topics to be addressed or the participation of the civil society representatives**;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) encourage the authorities to fully participate in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law;

Amendment

(g) encourage the authorities to fully participate in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law ***provided that civil society is not sidelined in this Dialogue;***

Or. en

Amendment 154

Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) encourage the authorities to fully participate in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law;

Amendment

(g) encourage the authorities to fully participate ***on an equal basis with representatives of civil society*** in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) encourage the authorities to **fully participate** in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law;

Amendment

(g) encourage the authorities to **meaningful participation** in the Dialogue on Modernisation aimed at developing a competitive economy, a pluralistic society and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Libor Rouček, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ga) increase contacts with open minded officials in order to enhance EU-Belarus cooperation and contribute to their contacts with Belarusian civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(h) encourage civil society **and the political opposition to increase their involvement in** this Dialogue and **further support it through enhanced financial assistance and expertise;**

(h) encourage **the wider** civil society, **including trade unions and business representatives, to contribute to** this Dialogue and **the political opposition to increase their involvement;**

Or. en

Amendment 158
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in *this* Dialogue *and* further support it through enhanced financial assistance and expertise;

Amendment

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in *the* Dialogue *on Modernisation; organize open public consultations with the civil society and political opposition on this concept, purpose, strategy and management structure; support open, transparent and multi-stakeholder nature of the Dialogue;* further support it through enhanced financial assistance and expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in this Dialogue and further support it through enhanced financial assistance and expertise;

Amendment

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in this Dialogue and further support it through enhanced financial assistance and expertise; *take into consideration the specific recommendations to improve structure, strategy and working procedure of the Dialogue drawn up by the National Platform of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership;*

Or. en

Amendment 160
Daniël van der Stoep

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in this Dialogue and further support it through enhanced financial assistance and expertise;

Amendment

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in this Dialogue and further support it through enhanced financial assistance and expertise, **and to make their involvement in this Dialogue mandatory**;

Or. en

Amendment 161
Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to **increase** their involvement in this Dialogue and **further** support it **through enhanced** financial assistance and expertise;

Amendment

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to **continue** their involvement in this Dialogue and support it **further through** financial assistance and expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in this Dialogue and further support it through **enhanced** financial assistance and

Amendment

(h) encourage civil society and the political opposition to increase their involvement in this Dialogue and further support it through **the necessary** financial assistance and

expertise;

expertise;

Or. de

Amendment 163
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ha) review the format of the Dialogue on Modernisation so as to establish clear objectives and mechanisms of implementation as well as to help attain expected results including ways to involve civil society on an equal footing and to promote democratic standards;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ha) assert that civil society remains a crucial actor of the political dialogue with the EU in encouraging democratic change in Belarus and therefore supports the idea of creating a civil society conference in Vilnius in anticipation of the third Eastern Partnership summit;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ha) make full use of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED) with a view to supporting key actors working on democracy and human rights issues in Belarus, focusing on those who have had difficulty accessing traditional EU support;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ha) urge Russia and Eastern Partnership countries to call upon Belarus to immediately and unconditionally release and politically rehabilitate all political prisoners and restrain from any further politically motivated harassment;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(hb) further support the Dialogue on Modernisation through enhanced financial assistance and expertise; also

support a reinforcement of the communication campaign about the Dialogue, highlighting in particular the content of the Dialogue and its expected outcome;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(hc) ensure that EU and Member States representatives visiting Belarus include regular contacts with the representatives of the civil society and of the opposition in order to guarantee a balanced participation of all the parties in the processes concerning EU-Belarus relations;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(i) *envisage* all available policy options *with the view* to ensure that Belarus:

(i) *use* all available policy options *including stronger sanctions* to ensure that Belarus :

Or. en

Amendment 170
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

(i) envisage all available policy options with the view to **ensure that** Belarus:

Amendment

(i) envisage all available policy options with the view to **encourage** Belarus **to**:

Or. en

Amendment 171
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ia) urge Belarus to lift accreditation restrictions for journalists, provide all financial and technical assistance to all types of independent media (within and outside the country TV and radio, online and print, regional, local and thematic) in order to ensure their sustainable running and the wider possible access to them; to provide such assistance with a view to also develop joint projects and consortia with international press agencies and foreign media;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Filip Kaczmarek, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ia) reinforces political parties as a constitutive element of democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 173
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ib) conduct the audit of the existing EU funding for independent media and provide Belarusian media with technical assistance aimed at completing the application for the European aid programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

fully implements electoral code reforms on the basis of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

fully implements Electoral Code reforms on the basis of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations ***with the view to establish a pluralistic political system based on free and fair elections, where policy ideas would emerge from genuine political competition;***

Or. en

Amendment 175
Filip Kaczmarek, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 1

Motion for a resolution

fully implements electoral code reforms on the basis of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

Amendment

fully implements electoral code reforms on the basis of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations ***which lead to free and fair elections***;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 1

Motion for a resolution

fully implements electoral code reforms on the basis of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

Amendment

fully implements electoral code reforms on the basis of OSCE/ODIHR recommendations ***to hold free and fair elections***;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

allows the re-opening of the closed OSCE office in Minsk;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 2

Motion for a resolution

lifts all restrictions imposed on the democratic opposition;

Amendment

lifts all restrictions imposed on the democratic opposition **and civil society, including the limits on the exercise of their freedom of association, expression, movement, and peaceful assembly; removes any existing obstacles to registration of international development aid for Belarusian civil society organisations and independent media; facilitates regulations for the reception of international humanitarian and technical aid;**

Or. en

Amendment 179
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 2

Motion for a resolution

lifts all restrictions imposed on the democratic opposition;

Amendment

lift all restrictions imposed on the democratic opposition **and create a favourable climate for developing a free civil society with respect to all fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of assembly and freedom of organizations;**

Or. en

Amendment 180
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 2

Motion for a resolution

lifts all restrictions imposed on the democratic opposition;

Amendment

lifts all restrictions imposed on the democratic opposition, ***especially by freeing all political prisoners***;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3

Motion for a resolution

fully modernises the judiciary in line with international standards;

Amendment

introduces the necessary institutional changes to ensure judicial independence from the executive power in accordance with the recommendation by the UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3

Motion for a resolution

fully modernises the judiciary in line with international standards;

Amendment

fully modernises the judiciary in line with international standards ***and takes substantive action to eliminate police brutality***;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3

Motion for a resolution

fully *modernises* the judiciary in line with international standards;

Amendment

fully *reform and modernise* the judiciary in line with international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3

Motion for a resolution

fully modernises the judiciary in line with international standards;

Amendment

modernises the judiciary in line with international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

joins a global moratorium on the death penalty as the country's first step to its complete abolition;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Ana Gomes, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

implements the recommendations made by the UN Committee against Torture in 2011 with the view to stop the inhuman and degrading treatment and the decisions on the individual cases of the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

fully cooperates with the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation on human rights in Belarus to address the serious concerns expressed in his report of April 2013¹ and accept his demand of a visit to the country;

¹http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/RegularSession/Session23/A-HRC-23-52_en.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 188
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 3 b (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

amends the Law on Legal Profession introducing the provision on the independence of this legal institute and guarantees its effective application;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

works towards the abolition of the death penalty;

abolishes the death penalty;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

works towards the abolition of the death penalty;

work towards the abolition of the death penalty ***starting with imposition of an immediate moratorium;***

Or. en

Amendment 191
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 4

Motion for a resolution

works towards ***the abolition of*** the death penalty;

Amendment

does not implement execution of a person sentenced to death in April 2013 and further on works towards introducing a moratorium and eventually abolishing the death penalty;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Raimon Obiols

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 4

Motion for a resolution

works towards the abolition of the death penalty;

Amendment

gives its firm support to abolition of the death penalty ***and prevents covert executions of prisoners;***

Or. es

Amendment 193
Ana Gomes, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 5

Motion for a resolution

reforms its Criminal Code and in particular article 193(1) on participation in unregistered organisations;

Amendment

reforms its Criminal Code and in particular article 193(1), ***which envisages a up to two years punishment for*** on participation in unregistered organisations ***since it violates the freedom of association and breaches Belarus commitments to its OSCE and UN obligations;***

Or. en

Amendment 194
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 5

Motion for a resolution

reforms its Criminal Code and in particular article 193(1) on participation in unregistered organisations;

Amendment

reforms its Criminal Code *to European standards* and in particular article 193(1) on participation in unregistered organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 5

Motion for a resolution

reforms its Criminal Code and in particular article 193(1) on participation in unregistered organisations;

Amendment

reform its Criminal Code and in particular article 193(1) on participation in unregistered organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 196
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

fully modernises its penal system, ensures that prisoners' rights are respected, including those laid down in the Convention against Torture, and puts a stop to incidents of torture and brutality in places of detention;

Amendment 197
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 6

Motion for a resolution

allows access for representatives of *the* relevant international organisations *and* members of families *to all* Belarusian prisons;

Amendment

steps up cooperation with the Council of Europe, first of all by signing those conventions open as well to non-member states, such as the European Convention on the Prevention of torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which would grant the Committee for the Prevention of Torture regular access to places of detention in Belarus, including imprisoned human rights defenders; allows access for representatives of *other* relevant international *and national* organisations, *civil society groups as well as* members of families *of political prisoners to* Belarusian prisons;

Or. en

Amendment 198
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 6

Motion for a resolution

allows access for representatives of *the relevant* international *organisations and members of families to all* Belarusian prisons;

Amendment

provides access for *authorized* representatives of international *organizations and family members to* Belarusian prisons *and inmates*;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 6

Motion for a resolution

allows access for representatives of *the* relevant international organisations and members of families to all Belarusian prisons;

Amendment

allow access for representatives of *human rights and other* relevant international organisations and members of families to all Belarusian prisons;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 6

Motion for a resolution

allows access for representatives of *the* relevant international organisations and members of families to all Belarusian prisons;

Amendment

grants to the representatives of relevant international organisations and members of *the prisoners'* families *access* to all Belarusian prisons;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 6

Motion for a resolution

allows access for representatives of the relevant international organisations and members of families to all Belarusian prisons;

Amendment

allows access for representatives of the relevant international organisations, *diplomats* and members of families to all Belarusian prisons, *as well as visits to prisoners*;

Amendment 202
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

fully modernizes the prison system, guarantees respect for the rights of prisoners as defined by the Convention Against Torture, and prevents the use of torture and ill-treatment within the prison system;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

removes any existing obstacles to **NGO** registration;

removes any existing obstacles to registration of civil society organisations, political parties and other associations whose official registration has been repeatedly denied without due cause;

Or. en

Amendment 204
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 7

Motion for a resolution

removes any existing obstacles to NGO registration;

Amendment

remove any existing obstacles to NGO registration **and ensure their full-fledged functioning in Belarus**;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 8

Motion for a resolution

guaranties effective freedom of and access to the media;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 206
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 8

Motion for a resolution

guaranties effective freedom of and access to the media;

Amendment

guaranties effective freedom of and access to the media **and a lifting of restrictions on the use of satellite television**;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 8

Motion for a resolution

guaranties effective freedom of and access to the media;

Amendment

guarantees effective freedom of and access to the media ***lifts restrictions on the use of satellite televisions in Belarus;***

Or. pl

Amendment 208
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 8

Motion for a resolution

guaranties effective freedom of and access to the media;

Amendment

guarantee effective freedom of and access to the media;

Or. en

Amendment 209
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 8

Motion for a resolution

guaranties effective freedom of and access to the media;

Amendment

guarantees effective freedom of and access to the media;

Or. en

Amendment 210
Ana Gomes, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 9

Motion for a resolution

creates an independent and fully functional ombudsman;

Amendment

establishes an independent and fully functional ***national human rights institution that could take the form of an*** ombudsman;

Or. en

Amendment 211
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 9

Motion for a resolution

creates an independent and fully functional ombudsman;

Amendment

create an independent and fully functional ombudsman ***institution***;

Or. en

Amendment 212
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 10

Motion for a resolution

ensures equal opportunities for, and the inclusion and non-discrimination of, all minorities;

Amendment

ensures equal opportunities for, and the inclusion and non-discrimination of, all minorities, ***including the LGBT community; terminates the continuous persecution of activists belonging to Polish minority who wish to preserve the independence of their association; terminates the marginalisation of Roma minority whose basic civic rights have been curtailed, make progress in respecting religious rights and freedoms***;

Or. en

Amendment 213
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 10

Motion for a resolution

ensures equal opportunities for, and the inclusion and non-discrimination of, all minorities;

Amendment

ensure equal opportunities **and equal rights** for, and the inclusion and non-discrimination of all minorities, **in particular, ensure normalization of the situation of the Union of Poles in Belarus;**

Or. en

Amendment 214
Kinga Göncz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

fully cooperates with the UN HRC Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus who expressed serious concerns regarding the situation of human rights in Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point i – point 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

ensures the effectiveness of the principle of religious freedom, radically changing

its 2002 law on freedom of conscience and religious organisations, which considers unregistered religious activity an offence which can result in up to two years' imprisonment or heavy fines;

Or. it

Amendment 216
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

j. make use of the constructive EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to gradual macroeconomic and structural reforms including gradual and socially responsible privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; the development of an appropriate social safety net and the fight against corruption;

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Or. en

Amendment 217
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

j. make use of the constructive EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to gradual macroeconomic and structural

j. make use of the constructive EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to gradual macroeconomic and structural

reforms including gradual and socially responsible privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; *the* development of an appropriate social safety net *and* the fight against corruption;

reforms including gradual and socially responsible privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; *assist in* development of an appropriate social safety net *preserving positive aspects of the existing social system; foster* the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 218
Filip Kaczmarek, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

j. make use of the constructive EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to *gradual* macroeconomic and structural reforms including *gradual and socially responsible* privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; the development of an appropriate social safety net and the fight against corruption;

Amendment

j. make use of the constructive EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to macroeconomic and structural reforms including privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; the development of an appropriate social safety net and the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 219
Daniël van der Stoep

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

j. make use of *the constructive* EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to

Amendment

j. make use of EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible

achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to gradual macroeconomic and structural reforms including gradual and socially responsible privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; the development of an appropriate social safety net and the fight against corruption;

commitment by Belarus to gradual macroeconomic and structural reforms including gradual and socially responsible privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; the development of an appropriate social safety net and the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 220

Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

j. ***make use of the*** constructive EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to gradual macroeconomic and structural reforms including gradual and socially responsible privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; the development of an appropriate social safety net and the fight against corruption;

Amendment

j. ***seek a*** constructive EU-Belarus technical dialogue on macroeconomic developments and financial issues to achieve a credible commitment by Belarus to gradual macroeconomic and structural reforms including gradual and socially responsible privatisation of state-owned enterprises; price, trade and banking system liberalisation; the development of an appropriate social safety net and the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

k. ***further emphasise that the above reforms would also facilitate European investments and international loans as***

Amendment

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well as the negotiations for WTO accession;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

k. further emphasise that the above reforms would also facilitate European investments and international loans *as well as the negotiations for WTO accession;*

Amendment

k. further emphasise that the above reforms, *provided that the key political prerequisites are fulfilled*, would also facilitate European investments and international loans *and could send a positive signal for removing existing obstacles to WTO negotiations;*

Or. en

Amendment 223
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

k. further *emphasize that* the above reforms *would* also facilitate European investments and international loans as well as the negotiations for WTO accession;

Amendment

k. further *emphasize that full implementation of* the above *political and economic* reforms *could* also facilitate European investments and international loans as well as the negotiations for WTO accession;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

k. further emphasise that the above reforms would also facilitate European investments and international loans as well as the negotiations for WTO accession;

Amendment

k. further emphasise that the above **mentioned** reforms would also facilitate European investments and international loans as well as the negotiations for **the** WTO accession;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ka) continue supporting Belarus integration in the world economy, in particular through international cooperation with and accession to the WTO and further demonstrate to its authorities that structural reforms aimed at accession to the WTO are vital to the economic development of Belarus and for its integration of Belarus into the world economy;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point l

Motion for a resolution

l. offer technical assistance to create

Amendment

deleted

favourable business environment with the view to establish a level playing field and equal opportunities for all companies, and especially SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. offer technical assistance to create favourable business environment with the view to establish a level playing field and equal opportunities for all companies, and especially SMEs;

Amendment

1. offer technical assistance to create favourable business environment with the view to establish a level playing field, ***security of investment*** and equal opportunities for all companies, and especially SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 228
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point 1

Motion for a resolution

1. offer technical assistance to create favourable business environment with the view to establish a level playing field and equal opportunities for all companies, and especially SMEs;

Amendment

1. offer ***a*** technical assistance to create favourable business environment with the view to establish a level playing field and equal opportunities for all companies, and especially SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 229
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point l a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

la. engage further with Belarus on employment issues, including human capital and skills development matching labour market demand;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(m) encourage Belarus to implement ILO recommendations, in particular concerning the freedom of association, registration and activities of independent trade unions;

(m) encourage Belarus to implement ILO recommendations, in particular concerning the freedom of association, registration and activities of independent trade unions; ***urge Belarus to amend its legislation with the view to guarantee that workers can freely and without any restrictions quit their jobs both in public and private sector;***

Or. en

Amendment 231
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, ***optimising expertise and financing from***

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants;

all available international instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 232

Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments;

Amendment

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest **available** international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing **thereof** from all available international instruments **in line with existing international legislation such as the Espoo Convention¹ and the Aarhus Convention² and following the commitment of 23 June 2011 to undertake comprehensive risk and safety assessments (stress tests), taking into account the specifications agreed by the European Commission and the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group;**

¹<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/en v/eia/documents/legaltexts/conventiontext english.pdf>

²<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/en v/pp/documents/cep43e.pdf>

Or. en

Amendment 233

Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of **nuclear** power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments;

Amendment

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments **and in full compliance of the UNECE Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context**;

Or. en

Amendment 234

Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments;

Amendment

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments; **fully implementing UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)**;

Or. en

Amendment 235

Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments;

Amendment

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments **and fully implementing UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context**;

Or. en

Amendment 236
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments;

Amendment

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards **and truly independent environmental impact assessment** for the construction of nuclear power plants, optimising expertise and financing from all available international instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 237
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction of nuclear power plants, **optimising expertise and financing from**

Amendment

(n) call on Belarus to enforce the highest international safety standards for the construction **and operation** of nuclear power plants, **optimizing** international

all available international *instruments*;

expertise;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point o

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(o) assist in developing a diversification of energy resources and supply routes in Belarus and share EU best practices in carrying out international and regional ‘green economy’ projects, with support for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 239

Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point o

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(o) assist in developing a diversification of *energy resources and* supply routes *in* Belarus and share EU best practices in carrying out international and regional ‘green economy’ projects, with support for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources;

(o) assist in developing a diversification of supply routes *through* Belarus and share EU best practices in carrying out international and regional ‘green economy’ projects, with support for energy efficiency and renewable energy sources;

Or. en

Amendment 240

Daniël van der Stoep

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives with Belarus, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation;

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Or. en

Amendment 241
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives with Belarus, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 242
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives with Belarus, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation;

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives with Belarus, so long as they are consistent with the goals outlined in this document and the 15 October 2012 Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions on

Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 243

Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives with Belarus, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation;

Amendment

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives with Belarus, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation; ***encourage the expansion of the best practice examples of organising the bilateral economic forums between EU countries and Belarus;***

Or. en

Amendment 244

Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives with Belarus, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation;

Amendment

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership ***sectoral*** initiatives with Belarus, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation; ***whilst also aiming for more capacity-building of non-state actors as well as the promotion of good governance and public administration reform;***

Or. en

Amendment 245
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) promote further regional cooperation including through Eastern Partnership initiatives **with Belarus**, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation;

Amendment

(p) promote further regional cooperation **with Belarus**, including through **the** Eastern Partnership initiatives, in particular in terms of trade, energy, environment and transportation;

Or. en

Amendment 246
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point p a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(pa) continue to provide technical and health assistance to the population affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster;

Or. en

Amendment 247
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) strengthen EU-Belarus cooperation on border management and the fight against cross-border crime and in particular assist Belarus in developing its transit system,

Amendment

deleted

modernising customs and border control procedures and fully implementing the EU Integrated Border Management concept;

Or. en

Amendment 248
Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) strengthen EU-Belarus cooperation on border management and the fight against cross-border crime and in particular *assist* Belarus in developing its transit system, modernising customs and border control procedures and fully implementing the EU Integrated Border Management concept;

Amendment

(q) strengthen EU-Belarus cooperation on border management and the fight against cross-border crime and in particular *provide technical assistance to* Belarus in developing its transit system, modernising customs and border control procedures and fully implementing the EU Integrated Border Management concept;

Or. it

Amendment 249
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(qa) ensure unrestricted entry and travel across Belarus for EU diplomats and politicians;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point q b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***(qb) encourage Belarusian exploration
and development of unconventional
energy sources;***

Or. en

Amendment 251
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***(r) provide further training for the
Belarus border management agency in
line with the Schengen acquis;***

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 252
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(r) provide further training for the Belarus border management agency in line with the Schengen acquis;

(r) provide ***in mutual interest*** further training for the Belarus border management agency in line with the Schengen acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 253
Daniël van der Stoep

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(s) consider increasing its financial assistance with a view to introducing up-to-date border control systems and modern infrastructure on the EU side;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 254
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(s) consider increasing its financial assistance with a view to introducing up-to-date border control systems and modern infrastructure on the EU side;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 255
Lorenzo Fontana, Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(s) consider *increasing its financial* assistance with a view to introducing up-to-date border control systems and modern infrastructure on the EU side;

(s) consider *providing appropriate technical* assistance with a view to introducing up-to-date border control systems and modern infrastructure on the EU side;

Or. it

Amendment 256

Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) consider increasing its financial assistance ***with a view to*** introducing up-to-date border control systems and modern infrastructure on the EU side;

Amendment

(s) consider increasing its financial assistance ***to be used for*** introducing up-to-date border control systems and modern infrastructure on the EU side;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point s a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(sa) provide the relevant Belarusian services with the adequate training on the EU best practices in introduction of biometric passports;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) launch an EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership and encourage Belarus to take an active part in the Eastern

Amendment

deleted

Partnership Panel on Migration and Asylum;

Or. en

Amendment 259
Cristian Dan Preda, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point t a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ta) to intensify its collaboration with the UNDP and UNICEF in order to support programmes meant to combat human trafficking;

Or. en

Amendment 260
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point u

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise;

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise, *and to create an independent institution in that field to supervise the implementation of projects in Belarus and to assess the effectiveness of actions carried out as part of grant programmes in that country;*

Or. pl

Amendment 261
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point u

Motion for a resolution

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise;

Amendment

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise; ***and in this context, create an independent institution with the aim of monitoring the implementation of projects in Belarus and evaluating the effectiveness of grant programs in the country;***

Or. en

Amendment 262
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point u

Motion for a resolution

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise;

Amendment

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU ***values, standards and*** policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise; ***to promote, in this respect, the chance offered by the Civil Society Forum, in particular in view of its upcoming meeting in Chisinau in October this year;***

Or. en

Amendment 263
Adam Bielan

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point u

Motion for a resolution

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise;

Amendment

(u) increase the share of projects with greater benefit to and visibility for the population at large, which would foster citizens' understanding of EU policies and stress the advantages of its model and expertise; ***provided that these projects are in line with the 15 October Council Conclusions and previous EU policy with respect to projects in Belarus;***

Or. en

Amendment 264
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point u a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ua) call for immediate release of all the political prisoners in Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 265
Justas Vincas Paleckis, Norbert Neuser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point u b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ub) systematically and uncompromisingly oppose any disinformation and misleading information by the Belarusian authorities on the EU policies and projects by releasing and spreading all

necessary information (data, figures, legislation);

Or. en

Amendment 266
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v

Motion for a resolution

(v) intensify technical and financial support to civil society organisations, independent NGOs, independent media, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus or in the Member States; also significantly upgrade the communication and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

Amendment

(v) intensify technical and financial support to civil society organisations, independent NGOs, independent media, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus or in the Member States; ***engage more actively civil society in the implementation, monitoring and assessment of EU funded projects***; also significantly upgrade the communication and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Jacek Protasiewicz, Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v

Motion for a resolution

(v) intensify technical and financial support to civil society organisations, independent NGOs, independent media, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus ***or*** in the Member States; also significantly upgrade the communication

Amendment

(v) intensify technical and financial support, ***also through the new European Endowment for Democracy***, to civil society organisations, independent NGOs, independent media, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus, ***or those***

and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

in the Member States *that have a key impact in Belarus*; also significantly upgrade the communication and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

Or. en

Amendment 268
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v

Motion for a resolution

(v) intensify technical and financial support to civil society organisations, independent NGOs, independent media, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus or in the Member States; also significantly upgrade the communication and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

Amendment

(v) intensify technical and financial support to civil society organisations, independent NGOs, independent media *operating within Belarus and broadcasting into Belarus*, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus or in the Member States; also significantly upgrade the communication and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

Or. pl

Amendment 269
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v

Motion for a resolution

(v) intensify technical and financial support to civil society organisations, independent

Amendment

(v) intensify technical and financial support to civil society organisations, independent

NGOs, independent media, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus or in the Member States; also significantly upgrade the communication and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

NGOs, independent media ***operating and relevant within Belarus***, human rights defenders and trade unions based in Belarus or in the Member States; also significantly upgrade the communication and dissemination of EU information in order to develop citizens' understanding of the EU's approach to fundamental rights and freedoms and the need for social and economic progress;

Or. en

Amendment 270

Werner Schulz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point v a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(va) request Belarus authorities to implement Decision A/HRC/WGAD/2012/39 of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on the case of human rights defender Ales Bialiatski, which found in particular that the detention of Mr. Ales Bialiatski, President of the Human Rights Centre (HRC) "Viasna" and FIDH Vice-President, was arbitrary, "being in contravention of Article 20, paragraph 1, of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR) and Article 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (ICCPR);

Or. en

Amendment 271

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(va) reiterate its support, political and financial, to independent media such as Belsat TV, Racja Radio and Charter 97, whose day-to-day work allows Belarusian citizens to have access to free media promoting democratic values;

Or. en

Amendment 272
Paweł Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(va) support organizations working for democracy and human rights in Belarus not established within Belarus, but also abroad, as Belarusian authorities consistently deny registration to such organizations;

Or. en

Amendment 273
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(va) support organisations working to promote democracy and human rights, not only those based in Belarus, but also those based abroad, given that the Belarusian authorities consistently deny

such organisations the possibility of registration;

Or. pl

Amendment 274
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(vb) urge Belarus to extend a standing invitation to all UN Special Procedures and invite the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders to visit the country;

Or. en

Amendment 275
Pawel Robert Kowal

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(vb) enable organizations to operate foreign accounts within the EU and call on Belarusian authorities to abolish criminal liability for the reception of foreign grants;

Or. en

Amendment 276
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point v b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(vb) oblige the Belarusian authorities to remove criminal liability for the receipt of foreign grants and to allow organisations to keep funds in foreign bank accounts;

Or. pl

Amendment 277
Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(w) consider unilaterally facilitating the issuing of visas and reducing their cost from EUR 60 to an affordable level for Belarusian citizens, and making full use of the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas; also consider unilaterally reducing or waiving the visa fees for long-stay visas;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 278
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(w) consider unilaterally facilitating the issuing of visas and reducing their cost from EUR 60 to an affordable level for Belarusian citizens, and making full use of

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the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas; also consider unilaterally reducing or waiving the visa fees for long-stay visas;

the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas ***especially for, but not limited to, children and persons at the age of 25 and younger, who take part in seminars, conferences, sports, cultural or educational events in member-states of the EU, following the example of some member-states, which have already introduced such measures***; also consider unilaterally reducing or waiving the visa fees for long-stay visas;

Or. en

Amendment 279
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

(w) consider unilaterally facilitating the issuing of visas and reducing their cost from EUR 60 to an affordable level for Belarusian citizens, and making full use of the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas; also consider unilaterally reducing or waiving the visa fees for long-stay visas;

Amendment

(w) consider unilaterally facilitating the issuing of visas and reducing their cost from EUR 60 to an affordable level for Belarusian citizens, ***with the possibility in a longer term to abolish visas completely***; and making full use of the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas ***to facilitate and intensify people-to-people contacts and help prevent further isolation of Belarusian citizens***; also consider unilaterally reducing or waiving the visa fees for long-stay visas;

Or. en

Amendment 280
Filip Kaczmarek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

(w) consider unilaterally facilitating the issuing of visas and reducing their cost from EUR 60 to an affordable level for Belarusian citizens, and making full use of the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas; also consider unilaterally reducing *or waiving* the visa fees for long-stay visas;

Amendment

(w) consider unilaterally facilitating the issuing of visas and reducing their cost from EUR 60 to an affordable level for Belarusian citizens, and making full use of the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas; also consider unilaterally reducing the visa fees *for students* for long-stay visas;

Or. en

Amendment 281
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point x

Motion for a resolution

(x) call on the Belarusian authorities to start negotiations with the EU on visa facilitation and readmission agreements with the long-term view of a visa-free regime to promote people-to-people contacts and take urgent measures on implementing local border traffic agreements with Poland and Lithuania;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 282
Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point x a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(xa) consider unilaterally facilitating the issuing of visas and reducing their cost from EUR 60 to an affordable level for Belarusian citizens, and making full use of the existing flexibilities offered by the Visa Code, including the waiver or reduction of fees for short-stay visas; also consider unilaterally reducing or waiving the visa fees for long-stay visas;

Or. en

Amendment 283
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point x b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(xb) encourage the cooperation between cities and municipalities in EU and Belarus using the good practice examples of some EU countries, especially Poland, Lithuania and Latvia;

Or. en

Amendment 284
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities *in the EU* for Belarusians, *including the provision of further support for the European Humanities University, and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;*

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities for Belarusians *in the EU;*

Amendment 285
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, **including the provision of further support for** the European Humanities University, and **to** develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Amendment

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians in **the fields of higher, informal and adult education through Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Erasmus for All and Marie Skłodowska Curie programmes; initiate and support an internship programme for young Belarusian professionals in EU institutions and other international organisations, the European Parliament among them;** further support the European Humanities University, and develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Amendment 286
Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including the provision of further support for the European Humanities University, and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Amendment

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including the provision of further support for the European Humanities University, **an increase in the number of exchange programme opportunities for students,** and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Amendment 287
Marek Henryk Migalski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including the provision of further support for the European Humanities University, and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Amendment

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including the provision of further support for the European Humanities University, and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus, ***with a view to ensuring the continuity and funding of mobility programmes for young Belarusians***;

Or. pl

Amendment 288
Werner Schulz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) ***seek to*** provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including the provision of further support for the European Humanities University, and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Amendment

(y) provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including the provision of further support for the European Humanities University ***and the Erasmus for all Programme*** , and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 289
Eduard Kukan, Peter Šťastný

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y

Motion for a resolution

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including *the provision of further support for* the European Humanities University, and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Amendment

(y) seek to provide more education and research opportunities in the EU for Belarusians, including *through* the European Humanities University, and to develop and support education and vocational programmes within Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 290
Cristian Dan Preda, Jacek Protasiewicz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point y a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ya) to increase the funding of the Erasmus Mundus programme in order to allow more Belarusian students to come and study in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 291
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point z

Motion for a resolution

(z) actively seek opportunities to engage with Belarus in a dialogue on implementing profound reforms of its

Amendment

(z) actively seek opportunities to engage with Belarus in a dialogue on implementing profound reforms of its

higher education system in order to develop, in particular, academic freedom, institutional autonomy and student participation with the aim of eventually joining the European Higher Education Area (the Bologna Process) *in 2015*.

higher education system in order to develop, in particular, academic freedom, institutional autonomy and student participation with the aim of eventually joining the European Higher Education Area (the Bologna Process).

Or. en

Amendment 292
Libor Rouček

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point z a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(za) encourage further implementation of common EU-Belarus projects in the fields of innovations in public health care and integration of socially vulnerable groups, environmental protection, energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy, and sustainable development;

Or. en