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Draft report
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on implementation and review of the EU-Central Asia Strategy
(2015/2220(INI))

Amendment 1
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to the Council
conclusions on the EU Strategy for
Central Asia as adopted by the Foreign
Affairs Council on 22 June 2015,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Brando Benifei, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*– having regard to the Council
conclusions of 22 June 2015 on the EU
Strategy for Central Asia,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Joint Communiqué of the Fifth EU-Central Asia High Level Conference of Energy and Water Cooperation held in Milan on 12-13 October 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 4

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Foreign Affairs Committee's support and positive evaluation to the newly appointed EU Special Representative for Central Asia, Mr Peter Burian, at its hearing on 1 June 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 5

Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

having regard to the Council conclusions of 22 June 2015 on the EU-Central Asia Strategy,

Or. it

Amendment 6
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Istanbul Process on Regional Security and Cooperation for a Secure and Stable Afghanistan launched in Turkey in 2011 and the ‘Heart of Asia’ Ministerial Conference in Kabul on 14 June 2012 aiming at its enforcement,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to its resolution of 17 June 2010 on EU policies in favour of human rights defenders¹,

¹ OJ C 236 E, 12.8.2011, p. 69.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to its resolution of 11 December 2012 on a Digital Freedom

Or. en

Amendment 9
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the EU Human Rights Guidelines on Freedom of Expression Online and Offline, adopted by the Council (Foreign Affairs) on 12 May 2014,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2015-2019, adopted by the Council on 20 July 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 11
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to its resolution of 8 September 2015 on human rights and technology: the impact of intrusion and surveillance systems on human rights in third countries³,

³ *Texts adopted, P8_TA-PROV(2015)0288.*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Citation 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

having regard to the Foreign Affairs Council conclusions of 22 June 2015,

Or. it

Amendment 13
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Citation 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to Council conclusions on the EU Strategy for Central Asia of 22 June 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 14
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Citation 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/53/144 ‘Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms’, better known as ‘The Declaration on Human Rights Defenders’,

Or. it

Amendment 15
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of **growing importance of the** region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, **the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region**, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of **increasing focus on the development of countries in this** region and **against the backdrop of** increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

Or. de

Amendment 16
István Ujhelyi

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

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Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of growing importance of the region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges ***linked to foreign fighters and radicalisation, drug trafficking and organised crime and conflicts***, that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of growing importance of the region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of growing importance of the region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU, ***especially in the areas of counterterrorism and counteraction to growth of different forms of societal radicalisation, particularly spread of Daesh/Islamic State (IS) influence***;

Amendment 18**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution**Recital A***Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of growing importance of the region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

Amendment

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Amendment 19**Eduard Kukan****Motion for a resolution****Recital A***Motion for a resolution*

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of growing importance of the region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and

Amendment

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challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU *as well as its Member States*;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Goffredo Maria Bettini, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of growing importance of the region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges that require cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU-Central Asia Strategy was adopted in a context of growing importance of the region and increased EU engagement in neighbouring Afghanistan, the extension of the European Neighbourhood Policy to the Caspian region, ongoing EU support for reform and modernisation of post-Soviet societies, and EU energy security interests; whereas it also recognised the security threats and challenges that require *greater* cooperation between Central Asia and the EU;

Or. it

Amendment 21
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

A a. whereas the United States has withdrawn its troops from Afghanistan and closed its military bases in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan; whereas the situation in Afghanistan continues to threaten the security of the region; whereas Russia is the most significant partner for countries in Central Asia in

*terms of defence, but China is becoming
hugely important in terms of trade;*

Or. it

Amendment 22

Brando Benifei, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Aa. whereas Russia and China have
strong ties and influence in the region,
but there is still great scope for the EU to
enhance its action and cooperation with
Central Asian countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 23

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Aa. whereas the geopolitical context of
Central Asia is being affected by the
political and security transition in
Afghanistan, the implications of the crisis
in Ukraine, the impact of the Russian-led
Eurasian Economic Union, China's
economic developments, diminishing US
presence in the region;*

Or. en

Amendment 24

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas despite the common past Central Asia is a heterogeneous region with a multi-ethnic and multi-denominational character; whereas the lack of mutual trust and persisting tension over the use and sharing of natural resources have so far undermined the development of a genuine regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas serious failings in rule of law, in respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms hamper Central Asian states' chances of a sustainable development and good governance at the detriment of their societies;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas some Member States have developed and deepened bilateral relations with some of the countries of Central Asia; whereas the EU needs a coherent and consistent approach towards the region in order to avoid any overlapping and sending mixed and confusing signals;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a ***basic*** prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the ***very meaning of the term 'partnership' as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements;*** whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and ***deeply*** worrying;

Amendment

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest ***as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements;*** ***whereas the reforms to prevent torture and steps towards eradication of the child labour were launched,*** the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and worrying;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a basic prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and deeply worrying;

Amendment

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and ***respect for*** human rights is a basic prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; ***whereas nearly 25 years have passed since these countries gained independence following the fall of the Soviet empire, and*** whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and deeply worrying;

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Vincent Peillon, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas ***reaching a common understanding of*** democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a basic ***prerequisite*** for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and deeply worrying;

Amendment

B. whereas ***respect for*** democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a basic ***condition*** for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and deeply worrying;

Or. fr

Amendment 30
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is *a basic prerequisite* for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and deeply worrying;

Amendment

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is *an important element* for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and deeply worrying;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a basic prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains *to various degrees poor and deeply* worrying;

Amendment

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a basic prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains worrying;

Or. en

Amendment 32
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a basic prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and *deeply* worrying;

Amendment

B. whereas reaching a common understanding of democracy, the rule of law and human rights is a basic prerequisite for deeper cooperation between the EU and the five countries of Central Asia in areas of mutual interest, in the very meaning of the term ‘partnership’ as vested in the Partnership Cooperation Agreements; whereas the overall situation of democracy and human rights in the region remains to various degrees poor and worrying;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

B a. whereas severe political and social repercussions have arisen as a result of the short-term, simultaneous upheaval of all social conditions in Central Asian countries which occurred following the latter’s independence, the comprehensive privatisation of all existing forms of ownership, the abrupt introduction of market-based instruments, the state’s withdrawal from the social sphere, the change in elites, and the restructuring of the political system; whereas the Central Asia partner states are characterised nowadays by the indivisibility of political and economic power, the personalisation of power, the extensive political, social

Amendment

and economic exclusion of large parts of society, and an intense revival of civil, cultural and religious traditions; whereas economic and structural weaknesses and crisis effects, in combination with deep socio-economic distortions and shortcomings in political governance, have given rise to a veiled risk to the stability of these societies, which should receive closer attention in the context of the Central Asia Strategy;

Or. de

Amendment 34

Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas *the level of* development aid *was* increased from EUR 750 million in 2007-2013 to EUR 1 028 million in 2014-2020, i.e. by 56 %;

Amendment

C. whereas *EU* development aid *to Central Asia, mainly under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), has been* increased from EUR 750 million in 2007-2013 to EUR 1 028 million in 2014-2020, i.e. by 56 %;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the level of development aid was increased *from EUR 750 million in 2007-2013* to EUR 1 028 *million* in 2014-2020, i.e. by 56 %;

Amendment

C. whereas the level of development aid was increased to EUR 1 *billion* in 2014-2020, i.e. by 56 % *compared to programming period 2007- 2013;*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the level of development aid was increased from EUR 750 million in 2007 - 2013 to EUR 1 028 million in 2014-2020, i.e. by 56 %;

Amendment

C. whereas the level of development aid was increased from EUR 750 million in 2007-2013 to EUR 1 028 million in 2014-2020, i.e. by 56 %, **and whereas said aid is focused on promoting education, regional security, sustainable management of natural resources, and social and economic development;**

Or. it

Amendment 37
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. a. whereas major powers such as Russia, China and the United States have geopolitical strategies involving Central Asia which have significant political, economic and cultural elements, such as the One Belt, One Road strategy of China, the Silk Road strategy of the United States and the strong historical and economic links with Russia;

Or. nl

Amendment 38
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the region is becoming the new frontier of the Islamic State;

Or. it

Amendment 39
Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the countries of Central Asia are strategic partners for the European Union and whereas the growing regional influence of Russia and China means that the EU needs to play a proactive role in the area in question;

Or. it

Amendment 40
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the region has been integrated in the One Belt, One Road initiative, especially The New Silk Road Economic Belt, increasing its strategic importance;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the Central Asian countries must improve the legal and administrative provisions of their asylum policy, and whereas regional consultative processes, such as the Almaty Process coordinated by the UNHCR and the IOM, may contribute thereto;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas trade and energy links enhance the EU – Central Asia relations and promote common values such as rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights; whereas GSP system aims at the diversification of the Central Asian economies;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. b. recalling that various regional

partnerships, such as the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), also include several Central Asian countries among their members and are dominated by Russia and/or China;

Or. nl

Amendment 44
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas education plays a crucial role in fostering the stable, secure and sustainable development of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. whereas on 15 April 2015, the Council of the European Union appointed Peter Burian as the EU Special Representative for Central Asia, and whereas his mandate will expire in April 2016;

Or. it

Amendment 46
Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) represents an important financing tool aiming to support civil society organisations and democratisation;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. c. whereas the Central Asian republics share a common history, in that large parts of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and the Chinese province of Xinjiang were referred to as Turkestan until the 20th century, and their incorporation into the Tsarist Kingdom and subsequently the Soviet Union led to strong Russian influences on culture and administration, which are still evident today;

Or. nl

Amendment 48
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C c. whereas the 5 countries are members of the Istanbul Process, established to

encourage political cooperation between Afghanistan, its neighbours and regional partners, which aims to implement reinforcement measures to secure the borders and promote the development of Afghanistan;

Or. it

Amendment 49
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C d. whereas the five countries belong to the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO), a defensive alliance signed on 15 May 1992 by six nations belonging to the Commonwealth of Independent States, which recently held a summit in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan;

Or. it

Amendment 50
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. d. whereas all of the Central Asian countries have sought to establish their own identity in the wake of their independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, currently reflected in efforts to place their own language, history and customs above their common history;

Or. nl

Amendment 51
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. e. whereas Central Asia contains the republics of the former Soviet Union mentioned above, but is also significantly influenced by Russia, China, Mongolia, Iran and Afghanistan;

Or. nl

Amendment 52
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. f. whereas the region is an important transit route for drugs between Afghanistan and Russia and certain local clans are involved in this lucrative trade, which allows them to exert significant political influence owing to corruption and a mingling of interests;

Or. nl

Amendment 53
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. g. whereas the Ferghana Valley, which

is divided between Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, is the most densely populated region of Central Asia and was frequently the scene of political, ethnic and religion conflicts in the past (Andijan 2005 and Osh 2010);

Or. nl

Amendment 54
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. h. whereas the region is increasingly affected by religious fanaticism, reflected in the support for IS/Da'esh, Al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Hizb-ut-Tahrir, and a large number of people have left to join IS/Da'esh in Syria and Iraq;

Or. nl

Amendment 55
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Recital C i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. i. whereas the effects of global warming on Central Asia are still largely unknown, but it is already clear that the problems of water supply in the low-lying countries will become even worse;

Or. nl

Amendment 56
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses the strong political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement not yet in force with Turkmenistan;

Amendment

1. Stresses the strong political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement not yet in force with Turkmenistan; **welcomes, on the other hand, the initialisation of the EU-Kazakhstan Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement;**

Or. en

Amendment 57
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses the strong political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement not yet in force with Turkmenistan;

Amendment

1. Stresses the strong political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement not yet in force with Turkmenistan; **strongly believes that a strong political and economic partnership is of the benefit for both the European Union and the Central Asian region;**

Amendment 58

Vincent Peillon, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses the strong political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement not yet in force with Turkmenistan;

Amendment

1. Stresses the strong **strategic**, political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement not yet in force with Turkmenistan;

Or. fr

Amendment 59

Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Stresses the strong political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement not yet in force with Turkmenistan;

Amendment

1. Stresses the strong political and economic interest of the EU in strengthening its bilateral and multilateral relations with all the Central Asian countries, on the basis of common shared values as stated in the existing Partnership and Cooperation Agreements between the EU and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and in the agreement, **although** not yet in force, with Turkmenistan;

Or. fr

Amendment 60
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Notes that there is practically no co-ordination between EU-US actions in Central Asia; encourages establishing more practical co-operation links; believes that a joint action can be beneficial especially in such fields as human security and human rights promotion;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Cătălin Sorin Ivan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Reiterates the EU's strong interest in a peaceful, democratic, stable *and economically and environmentally sustainable and prosperous Central Asian* region, as stated in the strategy of 2007;

2. Reiterates the EU's strong interest in *Central Asia as a prosperous*, peaceful, democratic, stable, *and both as an economically and environmentally sustainable* region, as stated in the strategy of 2007;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Victor Boștinăru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the EU's strong interest in a peaceful, democratic, stable and economically and environmentally sustainable and prosperous Central Asian region, as stated in the strategy of 2007;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the EU's strong interest in a peaceful, democratic, stable and economically and environmentally sustainable and prosperous Central Asian region, as stated in the strategy of 2007; ***believes synergies between the European Fund for Strategic Investments and China's One Belt One Road initiative will be an important tool to bring about economic and social development in the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Reiterates the EU's strong interest in a peaceful, democratic, stable and economically and environmentally sustainable and prosperous Central Asian region, as stated in the strategy of 2007;

Amendment

2. Reiterates the EU's strong interest in a peaceful, democratic, stable and economically and environmentally sustainable, ***inclusive*** and prosperous Central Asian region, as stated in the strategy of 2007;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls the need for the EU to enhance its energy policy by diversifying sources and routes; underlines, from this

point of view, the important role the entire Central Asia region can play, and calls for all possible ways of cooperation in terms of energy supply to the EU to be further explored and implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 65
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 66
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be **better** defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to **identify and correct eventual shortfalls**;

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be **tailored more specifically to the interests, requirements and framework conditions of the Central Asia partner states and therefore more precisely** defined and accompanied by benchmarks and

indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to ***adapt the latter more flexibly to framework conditions within the region, which are clearly in a state of evolution at present;***

Or. de

Amendment 67

Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and ***accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;***

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and ***taking into account the differences between and uniqueness of the countries in the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 68

Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined ***through individual country tailor-made action plans*** and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;

Amendment 69
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and ***respected, and*** accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls ***as quickly as possible***;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives ***and targets*** should be better defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a ***credible*** timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities ***and*** objectives should be better defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a ***reasonable*** timeframe ***for completion***, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;

Or. es

Amendment 71

Brando Benifei, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the Review of the EU-Central Asia strategy conducted by the EEAS, the Commission and the Council in 2015; takes the view, nevertheless, that the priorities, objectives and targets should be better defined and accompanied by benchmarks and indicators in a credible timeframe, in order to identify and correct eventual shortfalls; ***highlights the importance of making the Strategy consistent with global commitments, in particular with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as adopted on 25 September 2015 at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit;***

Or. en

Amendment 72

Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. supports EU engagement in the countries of Central Asia, provided that the differences between and uniqueness of these countries are given due consideration;

Or. it

Amendment 73

Brando Benifei, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Agrees that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (human rights **and the** rule of law; youth and education; trade and investment; energy and transport; **the environment** and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and provide the basis for a concrete and potentially fruitful European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy;

Amendment

4. Agrees that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (human rights, rule of law, **good governance and democratization**; youth and education; **economic development, environmental sustainability** and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and provide the basis for a concrete and potentially fruitful European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy; **welcomes, however, the more focused approach of the Strategy Review**;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Agrees** that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (human rights and the rule of law; youth and education; trade and investment; energy and transport; the environment and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and provide the basis for a concrete and potentially fruitful European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy;

Amendment

4. **Notes** that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (human rights and the rule of law; youth and education; trade and investment; energy and transport; the environment and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and provide the basis for a concrete and potentially fruitful European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy;

Or. de

Amendment 75
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Agrees that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (human rights and the rule of law; youth and education; trade and investment; energy and transport; the environment and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and *provide the basis* for a concrete and potentially fruitful European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy;

Amendment

4. Agrees that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (*respect for* human rights and *for* the rule of law; youth and education; trade and investment; energy and transport; the environment and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and *necessary* for a concrete and potentially fruitful European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy;

Or. fr

Amendment 76
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Agrees that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (human rights and the rule of law; youth and education; trade and investment; energy and transport; the environment and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and provide the basis for a concrete *and potentially fruitful* European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy;

Amendment

4. Agrees that the Strategy adopted in 2007 and the long-term priority areas defined therein (human rights and the rule of law; youth and education; trade and investment; energy and transport; the environment and water; common security threats and challenges; and intercultural dialogue) remain relevant and provide the basis for a concrete European engagement in the region, in line with the objectives set in the EU strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Points out that the strategic approach adopted to date to shape relations with Central Asian countries has demonstrated only limited viability and success; recognises that economic relations between the EU and the Central Asia Strategy's target countries have seen no relevant expansion, that the aim of promoting regional cooperation and integration between Central Asian countries by means of an exchange of experience and transfer of standards on the part of the EU has stalled, and that the EU has still been unable to make any relevant contribution, on the basis of its own values and societal models and concepts, to solving the severe socio-economical and environmental issues of Central Asian societies, nor to the latter's modernisation; highlights in this context that the development of the constitutions and political systems of the Central Asia partner states, following a transitional period, is at present clearly oriented long-term towards the values and experiences of their historical, and to some extent Islamic, traditions, and the political ruling elites have at their disposal clear alternatives, including those with geostrategic relevance, in terms of the various regional cooperation and integration projects in Central Asia, irrespective of their current state of readiness and the inconsistency of their development;

Or. de

Amendment 78
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Points out that the review is rather ambitious given*** that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and *its* Member States, ***but concurs with the Council's designation of*** the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; ***in this context,*** welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. ***Highlights the political contradiction*** that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and ***the majority of its*** Member States, ***but the Council, in its revised strategy, nevertheless designated*** the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; ***highlights that the present Central Asia Strategy represents a common position carefully balancing out the varying interests of Member States, rather than a common strategy for the region, and therefore calls for this strategy to be improved further within its review cycle,*** welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. de

Amendment 79
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, ***but concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations;*** in this

Amendment

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, in this context, ***does not welcome*** the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

context, *welcomes* the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Vincent Peillon, Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the review is *rather ambitious given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition* that democratic transformation *should* lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. Points out that the review is *of the greatest strategic importance for the region and the challenges it faces; takes the view* that democratic transformation *encouraged by the EU will* lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. *points out that the review is rather ambitious given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but concurs with the*

Amendment

5. concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important; *in this regard, deems it necessary that there be effective cooperation regarding*

Council's designation of the region as strategically important, ***with the condition that*** democratic transformation ***should lead to*** improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

democratic transformation, improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. it

Amendment 82
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious ***given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger*** political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious; ***recognises, with the Council, the strategic importance of the region and accordingly agrees to strengthen*** political, diplomatic and trade relations ***and support a genuine democratic transition***; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. fr

Amendment 83
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Points out*** that the review is rather ambitious ***given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but*** concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the ***condition*** that democratic transformation ***should*** lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. ***Welcomes the fact*** that the review is rather ambitious ***and*** concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, ***and*** with the ***consideration*** that democratic transformation ***can*** lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Points out that the review is*** rather ambitious ***given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but*** concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, ***with the condition*** that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. ***Takes positive note of*** rather ambitious ***Strategy review and*** concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important ***provided*** that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. Concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Brando Benifei, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. Concurs with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment 87**Juan Fernando López Aguilar****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 5***Motion for a resolution*

5. ***Points out that the review is rather ambitious given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but concurs*** with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Amendment

5. ***Concurs*** with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. es

Amendment 88**Jozo Radoš****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 5***Motion for a resolution*

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious ***given that the region is not a geopolitical priority for the EU and its Member States, but concurs*** with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in

Amendment

5. Points out that the review is rather ambitious ***and concurs*** with the Council's designation of the region as strategically important, with the condition that democratic transformation should lead to improved and stronger political, diplomatic and trade relations; in this context, welcomes the 56 % increase in and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-

and more specific focusing of EU development assistance to the region in period 2014-2020 as compared with the previous period;

2020 as compared with the previous period;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Recommends that the review is presented at a forthcoming EU-Central Asia ministerial meeting and supports holding of an EU-Central Asia summit to promote EU objectives in the region and to address matters of concern and cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly

6. Recognises that the stability of political systems in the Central Asia partner states is under a veiled threat with regards to the ever more divergent interests of political associations and their respective representatives, mass political exclusion, and the precarious social conditions in which the vast majority of society live; is convinced that the central strategic objective of the EU must be that of pushing for economic development in the

also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;

*Central Asia partner states, in close cooperation with other countries operating in the region, such as China, the USA, France, India, Turkey and Japan, and international organisations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), such development serving to free these Central Asian countries from a commanding dependence on commodity exports and the transfer of funds from citizens abroad, and to form the basis for sustainable societal development by means of a drastic improvement in social circumstances and employment as a foundation for political stability; shares the view that a differentiated approach should be applied in order to achieve better results **above all** bilaterally and, **where possible**, regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;*

Or. de

Amendment 91
Brando Benifei, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Shares the view that a differentiated **and conditional** approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made

Amendment

6. Shares the view that a differentiated, **conditional and incentive-based** approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be

so as to target interested parties, **and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including** Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;

tailor-made so as to target interested parties, **including ones from the broader region, such as** Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in order to achieve better results **both bilaterally and** regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, **possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;**

Amendment

6. shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in order to achieve better results regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, **including of weapons, transport and energy, corruption, management of water resources, proliferation of Islamic terrorism, authoritarianism, slow progress in democratisation,** should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region;

Or. it

Amendment 93
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in

Amendment

6. Shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in

order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, **and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible** number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;

order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties; **in the pursuit of this objective, it could be beneficial to review the** number of **participating** countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;

Or. es

Amendment 94

Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. shares the view that a differentiated **and conditional** approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;

Amendment

6. shares the view that a differentiated, **conditional and incentive-based** approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and Azerbaijan;

Or. it

Amendment 95

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, Mongolia and *Azerbaijan*;

Amendment

6. Shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, *Azerbaijan*, Iran, Mongolia and *Russia*;

Or. en

Amendment 96
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran, *Mongolia and Azerbaijan*;

Amendment

6. Shares the view that a differentiated and conditional approach should be applied in order to achieve better results both bilaterally and regionally; believes that regional programmes, such as those for border management, drugs and trafficking, transport and energy, should be tailor-made so as to target interested parties, and could therefore benefit from participation in them being confined to a limited or flexible number of countries of the region, possibly also including Afghanistan, Iran *and Mongolia*;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Stresses that the enhanced regional cooperation would improve both economic and security situation in the region; given the fact that the Central Asia has weak interregional links, invites the EEAS and the European Commission to develop projects that would foster such cooperation for those countries interested in enhancing these links;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be **conditionality- and incentives-** based, **along the lines of the principles agreed for the European Neighbourhood Policy, rewarding performance** on a number of benchmarks **to be** established for each country, and depending on measurable progress with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be **incentive and performance** based, **observing achievements** on a number of benchmarks established for each country, and depending on measurable progress with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, **corruption prevention, free and fair elections**, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be **conditionality- and incentives- based, along the lines of the principles agreed for the European Neighbourhood Policy, rewarding performance on a number of benchmarks to be established for each country, and depending on measurable progress** with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be incentives-based, **and performance should seek to achieve measurable progress with respect to a series of benchmarks** with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Or. de

Amendment 100
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be conditionality- and incentives- based, along the lines of the principles agreed for the European Neighbourhood Policy, rewarding performance on a number of benchmarks to be established for each country, and depending on measurable progress with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be **clearly** conditionality- and incentives- based, along the lines of the principles agreed for the European Neighbourhood Policy, rewarding performance on a number of benchmarks to be established for each country, and depending on measurable progress with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, **fighting corruption, ending drug trafficking, respect for child labour rules**, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Or. fr

Amendment 101
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be conditionality- and incentives- based, ***along the lines of the principles agreed for the European Neighbourhood Policy***, rewarding performance on a number of benchmarks to be established for each country, and depending on measurable progress with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be conditionality- and incentives- based, rewarding performance on a number of benchmarks to be established for each country, and depending on measurable progress with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Underlines that the disbursement of EU funds should be conditionality- and incentives- based, ***along the lines of the principles agreed for the European Neighbourhood Policy***, rewarding performance on a number of benchmarks to be established for each country, and depending on measurable progress with regard, in particular, to the fields of democratisation, human rights, good governance, the rule of law, development, human security and good neighbourly relations;

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 103
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Agrees that concrete and constructive engagement and adoption of democratic reforms and governmental programmes can be taken as contributing indicators of achievements made in many fields; however, urges the Commission/EEAS to base its assessments on facts established on the ground, since many of those laws are either only of declaratory character or are not properly put in practice;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. calls on the European Commission to present a detailed draft budget showing the individual funding allocated to each country, so as to ensure optimum levels of effectiveness and transparency, with a subsequent, detailed financial report to be presented to the European Parliament;

Or. it

Amendment 105
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 106
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, **and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;**

8. urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region;

Or. it

Amendment 107
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Amendment

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice, ***without bilateral negotiations that notably fail to respect human rights requirements***, fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and ***together*** to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Or. fr

Amendment 108

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Amendment

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; ***urges the Council/EEAS/Commission to adopt a concrete action plan with measureable benchmarks enabling proper evaluation of progress made in the future***; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Amendment

8. ***Reiterates the need for a higher political EU visibility in the Central Asian region;*** urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ownership on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ***ownership*** on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Amendment

8. Urges the EU and its Member States to speak with one voice fostering foreign policy coherence and coordination in this region, and to introduce joint programming of aid and projects with Member States in order to achieve a full impact and synergy; welcomes closer involvement and ***assistance*** on the part of Member States in terms of implementing the strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 111
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Takes note of the re-establishment of the post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap, and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution to the implementation of the strategy for Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 112
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Takes note of the re-establishment of the post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap, and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution *to the implementation of the strategy for* Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;

9. Takes note of the re-establishment of the post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap, and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution *to shaping relations with* Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;

Or. de

Amendment 113
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution to the implementation of the strategy for Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region; ***requests the EUSR to focus on strengthening democracy, the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, promoting regional cooperation and facilitating the dialogue and peaceful resolution of outstanding contentious issues, developing contacts not only with governments, parliaments but also civil society and mass media, contributing to conflict prevention and promoting regional security and promoting sound environment and climate change management, in particular water and hydrocarbon resources; asks the EUSR to report orally and in written to the EP on major challenges, as provided in Article 36 of the Treaty and his mandate;***

Or. en

Amendment 114 **Eduard Kukan**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 9**

Motion for a resolution

9. **Takes note of** the re-establishment of the post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap, and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution to the implementation of the strategy for Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;

Amendment

9. **Welcomes** the re-establishment of the post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap, and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution to the implementation of the strategy for Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region ***and communicating the EU positions to the political leaders in Central Asia;***

Amendment 115
Brando Benifei, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Takes note of** the re-establishment of the post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap, and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution to the implementation of the strategy for Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 116
Goffredo Maria Bettini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

9. **welcomes** the re-establishment of the post of EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Central Asia after a year-long gap, and expects the newly appointed EUSR to make an important contribution to the implementation of the strategy for Central Asian countries by ensuring consistency of the external actions of the Union in the region;

Or. it

Amendment 117

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Request the EEAS to provide regular analysis on Central Asia, taking into account the region's diverse neighbourhood, including issues touching on integrating Afghanistan, Iran, and providing a comprehensive approach to the Caspian Sea;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to ensure synergies, coherence and consistency among the different EU external financing instruments used in the region, such as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (ISP), the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), and the Partnership Instrument (PI), as well as to step up coordination with the EBRD and the EIB;

10. Calls on the Commission to ensure synergies, coherence and consistency ***between the measures taken by international organisations such as the OSCE, the UNODC, the UNHCR and the IOM and*** among the different EU external financing instruments used in the region, such as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (ISP), the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), and the Partnership Instrument (PI), as well as to step up coordination with the EBRD and the EIB;

Or. fr

Amendment 119
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 120
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10. a. to cooperate with the aid and development projects of the United States in the field of environment, education and climate policy in order to improve effectiveness and to jointly reach a wider public;

Or. nl

Amendment 121
Gabrielius Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls for closer cooperation between EU and OSCE on Central Asia, especially in the fields of human rights, democratisation and security, with the aim of joining and complementing, where appropriate, their efforts in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Requests the EEAS, Commission and the EUSR to make the EU presence more prominent in Central Asia, ensuring increased EU's visibility among the population, civil society, local media, the business and university communities; urges the EEAS to balance the quiet diplomacy with increased public diplomacy;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. b. to also involve Mongolia on an ad

*hoc basis in certain aspects of the
European Strategy for Central Asia;*

Or. nl

Amendment 124
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*10b. Encourages the EU Delegations in
Central Asia to use their potential to the
maximal effect in contributing to
implementation of the EU Strategy, in
particular with regard to support for and
engagement with civil society;*

Or. en

Amendment 125
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*10c. Supports continued inter-
parliamentary cooperation and highlights
the role of its standing Delegation for the
region in monitoring of implementation of
PCAs with the countries of the region;*

Or. en

Amendment 126
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. c. to cooperate more intensively on an ad hoc basis with the Central Asian republics which want to go further than the EU Strategy for Central Asia;

Or. nl

Amendment 127
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to ***prioritise*** the promotion of democratic transformation, thereby ***providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and*** challenges;

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to ***attach great importance to*** the promotion of democratic transformation, ***the enforcement of civil, political and social human rights, including those social rights codified in the UN's Social Covenant, the establishment of rule of law, and the qualification of governance and administrative action in Central Asian countries,*** thereby ***laying the foundations for security and stability, for establishing open societies in the countries in question and, as a result, for tackling external and internal political, security and economic*** challenges;

Or. de

Amendment 128
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to prioritise the promotion of*** democratic transformation, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Amendment

11. ***Supports*** democratic transformation, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 129

Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ivo Vajgl

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to prioritise the promotion of ***democratic transformation***, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Amendment

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to prioritise ***and engage proactively with*** the promotion ***and reinforcement of democracy***, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 130

Eduard Kukan

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11**

Motion for a resolution

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to prioritise the promotion of democratic transformation, thereby providing ***a stronger bulwark against*** internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Amendment

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to prioritise the promotion of democratic transformation, thereby providing ***the best practices to face*** internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Amendment 131
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to **prioritise the** promotion of democratic transformation, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Amendment

11. Urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to **participate in developing programmes for the** promotion of democratic transformation, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Or. es

Amendment 132
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to prioritise the promotion of democratic transformation, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Amendment

11. urges the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to prioritise the promotion of democratic transformation, thereby providing a stronger bulwark against **external and** internal political, security and economic pressures and challenges;

Or. it

Amendment 133
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Regrets that the legal obligations vested in the PCAs to uphold democracy and the rule of law have not been ***observed in most cases***, with the exception of ***limited and fragile*** progress in Kyrgyzstan;

Amendment

12. Regrets that the legal obligations vested in the PCAs to uphold democracy and the rule of law have not been ***properly implemented***, with the exception of ***some*** progress ***made*** in Kyrgyzstan;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Regrets that the legal obligations vested in the PCAs to uphold democracy and the rule of law have not been observed in most cases, with the exception of limited and fragile progress in Kyrgyzstan;

Amendment

12. Regrets that the legal obligations vested in the PCAs to uphold democracy and the rule of law have not been observed in most cases, ***stresses that, although the PCAs fundamentally focus on trade, the respect for human rights and democracy must be at the core of the European Union strategy vis-a-vis the scope of cooperation envisaged on Partnership and Cooperation Agreements (PCAs) entailing the absolute application of the human rights and democracy clause***, with the exception of limited and fragile progress in Kyrgyzstan;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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rule of law have not been observed in most cases, with the exception of limited and fragile progress in Kyrgyzstan;

rule of law have not been observed in most cases, with the exception of limited and fragile progress in Kyrgyzstan; ***calls on the Council, the EEAS and the Commission, in the course of the further development of relations, to increase pressure on Central Asia partners to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as soon as possible, and to approve and implement essential core standards and other rules of the ILO that are outstanding;***

Or. de

Amendment 136
Goffredo Maria Bettini, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***deeply*** regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms ***has further deteriorated during the reporting period;*** regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, ***despite*** limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Amendment

13. regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms ***has not yet reached an acceptable level;*** regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, ***but stresses that there have nevertheless been*** limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Or. it

Amendment 137
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. deeply regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has further deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Amendment

13. deeply regrets that ***the region has become yet more unstable and that*** overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has further deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Or. it

Amendment 138
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Deeply regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has further deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the ***eradication*** of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Amendment

13. Deeply regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has further deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the ***extermination*** of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Deeply regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has further deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments *in some countries of the region*, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Amendment

13. Deeply regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has further deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Deeply* regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has *further* deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Amendment

13. Regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. *Deeply* regrets that overall respect for democratic standards, human rights and fundamental freedoms has further deteriorated during the reporting period; regrets that the human rights situation overall remains worrying, despite limited positive developments in some countries of the region, including legislative reforms, increased efforts to prevent torture, and steps towards the eradication of the use of child labour and forced labour;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 142
Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Deplores the ongoing Uzbek Government forced drafts of Uzbek citizens, including the use of child labour, to work in abusive conditions in the cotton harvests, constraining the basic personal free will and freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform,

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform,

coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland;

coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland; ***underlines that this Platform is presently targeted towards supporting judicial reforms in the countries in question and, on the part of the EU, is addressed towards the key issue of the separation of powers in the sense of eliminating existing monopolies and the personalisation of political, military and legislative power, and the resultant dissolution of the close affiliation between political structures and economic property cartels; reiterates that the experiences of Neighbourhood Policy have demonstrated that the endemic corruption found within these societies cannot be overcome without this dissolution;***

Or. de

Amendment 144

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform, coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland;

Amendment

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform, coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland, ***in organising several events aimed at constitutional and administrative law and training of judges; insists, however, that it be enhanced to cover actual democratisation and human rights issues; calls for the full involvement of and closer cooperation with civil society in this platform; calls on the EU and Member States' embassies to support genuinely independent non-governmental partners;***

Or. en

Amendment 145
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform, coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland;

Amendment

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform, coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland; ***encourages other Member States to take a more proactive role in this respect;***

Or. en

Amendment 146
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform, coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland;

Amendment

14. Highlights the added value and further potential of the Rule of Law Platform, coordinated by Germany and France with active support from Finland ***and Latvia;***

Or. en

Amendment 147
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. stresses the importance of the Universal Periodic Review mechanism of the United Nations Human Rights Council in effectively implementing protection for human rights, the

democratisation process and the rule of law in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan;

Or. it

Amendment 148
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Recommends that the EU tailors its human rights policy and external financing instruments, better keeping a consistent long-term democratic reform as the guiding light;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. condemns the continued persecution of human rights defenders, opposition political figures and journalists in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and, regrettably, also in Kyrgyzstan, and calls on the EEAS to speak out and take action in their defence;

deleted

Or. it

Amendment 150

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. condemns the continued persecution of human rights defenders, opposition political figures and journalists in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and, regrettably, also in Kyrgyzstan, and calls on the EEAS to *speak out and take action* in their defence;

Amendment

15. ***strongly*** condemns the continued persecution of human rights defenders, opposition political figures and journalists in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and, regrettably, also in Kyrgyzstan, and calls on the EEAS to ***use all the means at its disposal to act swiftly*** in their defence;

Or. it

Amendment 151

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. condemns the continued persecution of human rights defenders, opposition political figures and journalists in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and, ***regrettably, also*** in Kyrgyzstan, and calls on the EEAS to speak out and take action in their defence;

Amendment

15. condemns the continued persecution of human rights defenders, opposition political figures and journalists in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and in Kyrgyzstan, and calls on the EEAS to speak out and take action in their defence;

Or. it

Amendment 152

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend to clamp down on civil society and opposition forces under the pretext of security and stability; welcomes the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Mun's statements warning against a shrinking democratic space during his visit to the region in June 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. Urges, in this regard, the EEAS to make forthright declarations condemning repressive steps taken by Central Asian regimes in the name of preserving public security, whilst recognising legitimate security concerns;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability;

16. understands the risk to security posed by returning foreign fighters who have been fighting alongside Daesh, but expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability,

which it does not consider in any case to be a suitable response to this threat;

Or. it

Amendment 155
Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of *security and stability*;

Amendment

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society *and opposition parties* on the pretext of *stability*; *reminds the partner countries that a fully functioning parliamentary democracy must observe freedom of expression and media plurality*;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability;

Amendment

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability; *recognises that the relevant EU tools, such as the conducting of regular seminars with the general public and increased exchanges therewith have, to date, made no contribution to strengthening their position, and many of these communities are more inclined at present to rely upon the relationships between groups and clans or, failing that, regional networks which are purposefully*

controlled by the ruling elite;

Or. de

Amendment 157

Pier Antonio Panzeri, Vincent Peillon, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability;

Amendment

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability, *including through doubtful charges of terrorist activity or vague accusations of inciting social hatred;*

Or. en

Amendment 158

Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability;

Amendment

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability, *stresses in this context that the suppression of free expression of opinion is in no way contributing to sustained internal stability;*

Or. en

Amendment 159

Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability;

Amendment

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability; ***is concerned by the increase in human trafficking in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.***

Or. fr

Amendment 160
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability;

Amendment

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability, ***including by the increased use of monitoring, surveillance, censoring and filtering technologies;***

Or. en

Amendment 161
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability;

Amendment

16. Expresses its deep concern at the growing trend towards clampdown on civil society on the pretext of security and stability, ***including the adoption of so-called foreign agents laws, which stigmatise and limit the activities of***

legitimate NGOs that receive foreign funding;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Harald Vilimsky, Georg Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned at the wave of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association, *aimed against civil society funding (the ‘foreign agents laws’), and the LGBTI community (the so-called ‘LGBTI propaganda laws’)*;

Amendment

17. Is concerned at the wave of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association;

Or. de

Amendment 163
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned at the *wave* of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association, aimed against civil society funding (the ‘foreign agents laws’), and the LGBTI community (the so-called ‘LGBTI propaganda laws’);

Amendment

17. Is concerned at the *increasing number* of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association, aimed against civil society funding (the ‘foreign agents laws’), and the LGBTI community (the so-called ‘LGBTI propaganda laws’); *welcomes the fact that Kyrgyzstan withdrew the restrictive draft legislation on foreign agents and LGBTI;*

Or. en

Amendment 164
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. is concerned at the wave of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association, aimed against civil society funding (the ‘foreign agents laws’), **and the LGBTI community (the so-called ‘LGBTI propaganda laws’)**;

Amendment

17. is concerned at the wave of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association, aimed against civil society funding (the ‘foreign agents laws’);

Or. it

Amendment 165
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned at the wave of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association, aimed against civil society funding (the ‘foreign agents laws’), and the LGBTI community (the so-called ‘LGBTI propaganda laws’);

Amendment

17. Is concerned at the wave of legislation in the region restricting freedom of the media, expression, assembly and association, aimed against civil society funding (the ‘foreign agents laws’), and the LGBTI community (the so-called ‘LGBTI propaganda laws’); ***in this context, in addition to promoting the freedoms mentioned, the EU must also make it a priority to promote freedom of religion and belief and the rights of women, minors and minorities;***

Or. es

Amendment 166
Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Recalls that protection and promotion of children's rights is among the key objectives of the EU and calls on the authorities to support its implementation in compliance with international law and standards, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;

Or. en

Amendment 167
Brando Benifei, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process, and calls on the VP/HR to ***review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the*** countries of the region, ***and in particular to involve all stakeholders and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in countries with which the EU has entered into legally binding agreements;***

18. Welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process, and calls on the VP/HR to ***involve all stakeholders and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in all*** countries of the region; ***welcomes the EU commitment to step up its assistance to the countries in the region in implementing their commitments with regards to the Universal Periodic Review;***

Or. en

Amendment 168
Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, ***the lack of transparency of the process***, and calls on the VP/HR to ***review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the countries of the region, and in particular to involve all stakeholders and*** introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in countries with which the EU has entered into legally binding agreements;

Amendment

18. welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, ***that the European Parliament needs to become more involved***, and calls on the VP/HR to introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in countries with which the EU has entered into legally binding agreements;

Or. it

Amendment 169

Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process, and calls on the VP/HR to review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the countries of the region, and in particular to involve all stakeholders and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in ***countries with which the EU has entered into legally binding agreements***;

Amendment

18. Welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process, and calls on the VP/HR to review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the countries of the region, and in particular to involve all stakeholders and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in ***order to improve their effectiveness; notes that the Human Rights Dialogues are important EU's tools of engagement with the Central Asian countries enabling to implement smart strategies and therefore should be adequately taken use of***;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process, and calls on the VP/HR to review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the countries of the region, and in particular to involve all stakeholders and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in countries with which the EU has entered into legally binding agreements;

Amendment

18. welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process, and calls on the VP/HR to review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the countries of the region, and in particular to involve all stakeholders, *especially Islamic reformist political movements which are opposed to extremism*, and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms, *and contingency plans in case these mechanisms reveal serious shortcomings*, in countries with which the EU has entered into legally binding agreements;

Or. it

Amendment 171
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Welcomes the establishment of Human Rights Dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process, and calls on the VP/HR to review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the countries of the region, and in particular to involve all stakeholders and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in countries with which the EU has entered

Amendment

18. Welcomes the establishment of Human Rights dialogues with all five countries of Central Asia; points out, however, the lack of transparency of the process and calls on the VP/HR to review the role, mandate, objectives and follow-up of the Human Rights Dialogues with the countries of the region, and in particular to involve all stakeholders and introduce systematic human rights monitoring mechanisms in countries with which the EU has entered

into legally binding agreements;

into legally binding agreements; *asks for these dialogues be part of a comprehensive human rights engagement in the region; calls, in this regard to raise and convey human rights concerns at all levels including the Heads of State or governments; urges the EU to raise individual concrete cases coherently and publicly;*

Or. en

Amendment 172
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Highlights the success of Central Asia partners which, in the wake of the unavoidable societal transformation process, have managed to moderate a sharp increase in societal inequality; points out in this context, however, that an extremely large part of the population, that is 70 % to 80 %, still lives in poverty or is directly at risk of poverty, and that Central Asian countries therefore still fall far short of securing the internationally recognised fundamental right to social security for their citizens, not merely in a legislative sense, but primarily in a real-life sense as well; calls on the Council, the EEAS and the Commission, in the course of the development of further relations with these countries, to tighten the political and financial focus on establishing national social protection floors pursuant to ILO Recommendation No 202 (Recommendation concerning National Floors of Social Protection (SPF)), in order to contribute, as a result, to overcoming central socio-economic obstacles to development;

Amendment 173

Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the authorities to make further efforts to protect ethnic and religious minorities and LGBTI persons in Central Asian societies *and* to end discrimination against them;

Amendment

19. Calls on the authorities to make further efforts to protect ethnic and religious minorities and LGBTI persons in Central Asian societies, to end discrimination against them *and to enforce the rights of vulnerable people, in particular of persons with disabilities*;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Harald Vilimsky, Georg Mayer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the authorities to make further efforts to protect ethnic and religious minorities *and LGBTI persons* in Central Asian societies and to end discrimination against them;

Amendment

19. Calls on the authorities to make further efforts to protect ethnic and religious minorities in Central Asian societies and to end discrimination against them;

Or. de

Amendment 175

Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. calls on the authorities to make further

Amendment

19. calls on the authorities to make further

efforts to protect ethnic and religious minorities **and LGBTI persons** in Central Asian societies and to end discrimination against them;

efforts to protect ethnic and religious minorities in Central Asian societies and to end discrimination against them;

Or. it

Amendment 176
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. a. Calls on the countries in the region to consider the presence of international NGOs not as a threat, but as a benefit to society, and to grant them full access to prison facilities in order to improve the transparency of the enforcement of penalties, particularly in relation to cooperation with all agencies of the United Nations and the International Red Cross;

Or. nl

Amendment 177
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Draws the attention to the discrepancies between adoption of laws and their implementation in practice, resulting in incorrect assessment of progress; urges the EEAS/Commission to evaluate progress on real practical results rather than legislative or declaratory based assessments;

Amendment 178
Laurențiu Rebegea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Calls on the authorities to take concrete steps to end religious and ethnic discrimination, as well as discrimination against LGBTI persons in Central Asian societies;

Or. ro

Amendment 179
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Condemns the targeting of exiled opposition representatives by some of the Central Asian regimes, including murders and abuse of extradition procedures through Interpol; urges Member States to provide better protection and to avoid deporting them in line with the principle of non-refoulement, forbidding the rendering of a true victim of persecution to his or her persecutor;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19c. Reiterates its concern over the situation of children, in particular the occurrence of forced child labour; urges all countries in the region to implement their international commitments, in particular those under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the ILO Minimum Age Convention and the ILO Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19d. Recalls the Central Asian governments of their commitments within the human dimension of the OSCE;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. ***Welcomes*** the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in ***education as the best*** way to

20. ***Points out that, in the context of a profound demographic transformation in Central Asian countries, the size of the younger generation is rapidly increasing,***

improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

*with the majority of these young people, however, living in extremely precarious circumstances characterised by poverty, long-term unemployment and a lack of personal prospects; welcomes the recent commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards **sustainable** investment in **the development and expansion of the education system, universities, and vocational training to be an important** way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region; **calls on the Council, the EEAS and the Commission to not merely group together existing EU education programmes relating to Central Asia, but also to condense these into a single education policy, which also addresses the core issue of providing concrete job opportunities outside of the so-called informal economy; in this context, calls on the institutions to pay close attention to the aforesaid aspects when developing cooperation in the context of, for example, China's 'Silk Road' Initiative;***

Or. de

Amendment 183

Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

Amendment

20. ***Stresses that education is one of the key areas for the EU to deploy its action in Central Asia; in this regard,*** welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in ***inclusive and quality*** education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region; ***points out that such investment should pay special attention to targeting***

the most vulnerable groups, such as girls, children with disabilities and children belonging to minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, *with the help of* Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

Amendment

20. Welcomes *Latvia's initiative to organise the 1st EU-Central Asia ministerial meeting on education and* the commitment of Latvia *and* Poland to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to *gradually* improve the socio-economic situation of the region; *calls on all relevant stakeholders on the EU level as well as the EU Member States to evaluate and develop further the existing mechanisms of the study/scholarships programs between the EU and the Central Asian region;*

Or. en

Amendment 185
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

Amendment

20. *considers the education sector to be vital in the long term, and* welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-

economic situation of the region *but insists that problems related to 'brain-drain' and unequal access to education are taken into account;*

Or. it

Amendment 186
Nadine Morano

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

Amendment

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region; *welcomes the fact that there is near parity in the number of females and males completing primary and secondary school education; underlines the importance of women having access to professional training and university education, particularly in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, where a significant gap still exists between the number of females and males enrolled in tertiary education;*

Or. fr

Amendment 187
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of

Amendment

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of

the region;

the region; *calls upon the responsible institutional agencies of the Union and its Member States to actively contribute to the implementation of the respective goals brought forward during the Latvian Presidency in the first half of 2015;*

Or. en

Amendment 188
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

Amendment

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region; *to pay more attention to cross-border projects for intercultural reconciliation and development in the Ferghana Valley;*

Or. nl

Amendment 189
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education; regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

Amendment

20. Welcomes the commitment of Latvia, with the help of Poland, to lead the regional programme on education, *following a disappointing long-term unwillingness by Member States to do so;* regards investment in education as the best way to improve the socio-economic situation of the region;

Amendment 190
Gabrielius Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Points out that providing broad possibilities on the EU side for people-to-people contacts, youth education and mobility is one of the priorities that can bring about positive developments in relatively closed societies, help to address the lack of highly skilled technical professionals in the Central Asian countries and wider opportunities for youth, and in the longer-term unlock the economic development potential in the countries;

Or. en

Amendment 191
Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Recalls the importance of EU international exchange programmes, such as Erasmus +, Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus Tempus in promoting intercultural dialogue between the EU and Central Asia and in providing opportunities for empowerment for students benefitting the programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Supports the work carried out by the Central Asia Education Platform by means of educational and institutional programmes, providing technical support and dialogue through seminars (such as Bishkek 2014), and welcomes the increase in school enrolments at both primary and secondary level, noting the importance of continuing on this path;

Or. es

Amendment 193
Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ivo Vajgl, Paavo Väyrynen, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Considers education a crucial integrational pillar and a democratic, economic and social development enabler for all countries of Central Asia; urges the European Union, within the scope of the existing PCAs, to launch or reinforce educational programmes, as Erasmus +, that will promote a positive mobility to all EU and Central Asian students;

Or. en

Amendment 194
Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Notes that EU's positive role in the region should be advanced via education and people-to-people contacts; commends that the EU has budgeted EUR 115 million for the Erasmus+ educational cooperation programme in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 195

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Urges the EU to devote more of its attention to promotion of quality education amongst youth, both as basic means of building sustainable democratic societies and the best prevention against violent extremism, regards this as a priority due to the demographic challenge of a youth bulge of 25-35 % of 14 years old or less;

Or. en

Amendment 196

Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 b. Encourages the continuation and expansion of educational partnerships through the Erasmus Mundus programme, which is a hugely beneficial

tool in terms of improving education in the region and bringing the two cultures closer together;

Or. es

Amendment 197
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Encourages the Commission to address the identified shortcomings of the EU-Central Asia Education Initiative such as fair access to education and training by disadvantaged groups;

Or. en

Amendment 198
Brando Benifei, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Points out that investing in young people should be a key priority in Central Asian countries, given the positive effects in terms of social inclusion, social cohesion and stability; recalls that these factors play a crucial role in preventing the serious problem of radicalisation among youth in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Welcomes that all five Central Asian countries have been closely following the Bologna Process driving many national reforms in recent years;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Gabrielius Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to make full use of existing instruments and look for new ways to encourage student and young professionals' exchanges, provide wider opportunities for receiving higher and university education in Europe, especially in technical and applied sciences;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Underlines the growing importance of trade relations between the EU and Central Asia, with the EU now representing the first trading partner in

the region; stresses the need for the EU to further step up trade and investment relations with these countries; points out, in this regard, the need for Central Asian countries to strengthen their efforts in tackling corruption and in promoting a stable environment in order to attract foreign investments;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Gabrielius Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20c. Invites the Commission, EEAS and Member States to explore possibilities for easier travel and work in Europe for skilled professionals, students, journalists and young people from the Central Asian countries;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20c. Invites the Commission to promote participation of the Central Asian scientists, institutes and businesses in collaborative research and innovation projects financed under the HORIZON 2020 programme;

Or. en

Amendment 204

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20d. Urges the EU to further broaden and facilitate youth's participation in Erasmus + and other EU educational and visit programmes, in particular from Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, in order to break their isolation; calls on the EU to agree on an equal and transparent process of selection of participants based on objective criteria, whilst avoiding contributing to a brain-drain from those countries;

Or. en

Amendment 205

Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-21a. Emphasises that the expansion of the rule of law and economic progress go hand in hand and that the development of a sustainable energy sector and an improved transport infrastructure are important in order to link the Caspian energy resources to the European market, that this is a way to stimulate economic development and ensure stable growth of the GDP of the region;

Or. nl

Amendment 206
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-21a. Takes into account China's assertiveness in the region and its shifting role from external commercial partner to regional economic governance mediator including regional provision of collective goods;

Or. en

Amendment 207
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Is of the opinion that ***economic and trade relations with the countries of Central Asia must in no way develop at the expense of the rule of law, democracy, and human rights and fundamental freedoms;***

21. Is of the opinion that ***democracy, rule of law, governance and anti-corruption measures could also be addressed through economic cooperation with Central Asia;***

Or. en

Amendment 208
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Is of the opinion that economic and trade relations with the countries of Central Asia must ***in no way develop at the expense of*** the rule of law, democracy, and

21. Is of the opinion that economic and trade relations with the countries of Central Asia must ***take into due consideration*** the rule of law, democracy, and human rights

human rights and fundamental freedoms;

and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. is of the opinion that economic and trade relations with the countries of Central Asia must ***in no way develop*** at the expense of the rule of law, democracy, and human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

21. is of the opinion that economic and trade relations with the countries of Central Asia must ***advance hand in hand with and never*** at the expense of the rule of law, democracy, and human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. it

Amendment 210

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. is of the opinion that economic and trade relations with the countries of Central Asia must in no way develop at the expense of the rule of law, democracy, and human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

21. is of the opinion that economic and trade relations with the countries of Central Asia must in no way develop at the expense of the rule of law, democracy, and human rights and fundamental freedoms; ***to this end, recalls the importance of unilaterally activating the provisions laid down in the suspensory clause of the trading agreements signed by the EU, should the other contracting party violate human rights;***

Or. it

Amendment 211

Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be *disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and* equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that *those* countries *must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and* allow the EU to monitor implementation; *questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur*; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Amendment

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be *mainly aimed at poverty reduction and towards* equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that *the concerned* countries *should* allow the EU to monitor implementation; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 212
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should *be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in* the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; *questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur*; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Amendment

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should *go hand in hand with* the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; *highlights the importance of development aid as a mean of engagement and effective best practice sharing*; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Amendment 213
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; ***questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan;*** requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Amendment

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-

Amendment

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-

effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan **which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017**, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Or. fr

Amendment 215
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty **and** equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Amendment

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty, equal and sustainable socio-economic progress **and respect for human rights**, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Or. es

Amendment 216
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is of the opinion that development aid

Amendment

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should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation *of the corresponding efforts*; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field;

Amendment

22. Is of the opinion that development aid should be disbursed only in countries with a genuine interest in the alleviation of poverty and equal and sustainable socio-economic progress, and that those countries must demonstrate efficient anti-corruption policies and allow the EU to monitor implementation; questions, in this respect, the rationale for and cost-effectiveness of the aid to Turkmenistan which will graduate from bilateral aid in 2017, and of that to Uzbekistan; requests that the policy be reviewed should improvements occur; encourages the VP/HR to help foster progress in this field; *regrets that due to the high levels of corruption and ineffective bureaucracy aid's absorption capacity is very low and its positive implication very limited;*

Or. en

Amendment 218
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Considers it important that all of the countries of Central Asia respect the rules of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and join the WTO;

Or. et

Amendment 219
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Notes, that the development of regional energy infrastructure and such projects as TAPI pipeline, CASA 1000, Trans-Anatolian gas corridor, offer a unique economic opportunity to the region;

Or. en

Amendment 220
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22. a. Is of the opinion that the estimated 3.5 million Central Asian economic migrants working in Russia are

responsible for a large proportion of the gross national product (GNP) of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan;

Or. nl

Amendment 221
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Recalls the importance for the EU to have a secure, stable and affordable energy supply, in line with its Energy Union and also in light of the relevance this has for the overall security of the Union; consequently, underlines the need for energy supply and diversification to be a key element of the EU-Central Asia strategy, including through the possibility of expanding the Southern Gas Corridor to Central Asia;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Urges the EU to avoid unnecessary tensions and to identify compatible areas of cooperation and economic integration with the Eurasian Economic Union; however, emphasises that any such cooperation must be based on respect for WTO rules, international standards and the free and sovereign decision of states to

participate;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Points out that inclusive and sustainable economic development is among the key priorities of the Strategy; stresses the need for Central Asian countries to promote active policies aimed at poverty reduction and in fighting social exclusion; underlines, in this regard, that the deteriorating economic trends as a consequence of lowering commodity prices, of the devaluation of the Rouble and of the fall in remittances from migrants working in Russia, many of whom are now returning home unemployed, pose serious socio-economic challenges to the region;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Encourages the mainstreaming of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the EU's development agenda in the region; reiterates that including the SDGs will result in a more comprehensive sustainable development in the Central Asian region;

Amendment 225
Gabrielius Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls upon the Commission and EEAS to define and apply robust and objectively verifiable conditions for any continuing budget support programmes, in particular, giving sufficient attention to support for anti-corruption mechanisms; points out that the EU budget support should not be used for direct financing of the basic public services (such as primary and secondary education, basic healthcare, basic infrastructure), which is a primary responsibility of the authorities, the EU aid should rather be tied to the performance of the authorities in this regard, the EU budget support should encourage the development of the advanced public services, such as research, innovations, university education, innovative infrastructure etc.;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 b. Recommends that negotiations be initiated for entry into free trade agreements between the EU and the countries of Central Asia;

Or. et

Amendment 227

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Recognises the possible positive impact of a new impulse in economic cooperation between the EU and Central Asia on modernisation and democratisation in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 228

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Regards the deepening of regional economic integration as an important element to regional stability and peace-building;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Notes that the current review was purposefully disconnected from the 2014-

2020 programming exercise of the Development Cooperation Instrument for Central Asia concluded in 2014 in order to avoid any confusion or duplication, while preserving the coherence of EU action in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22d. Urges development assistance to focus on rural development and sustainable farming, in particular to wean off from monocultures, such as cotton growing;

Or. en

Amendment 231
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22e. Calls on the EU to monitor the effectiveness of its technical and financial assistance to the public sector reform in the countries of Central Asia;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22f. Takes note of the continued sectorial budget support in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, emphasises, however, that it must be accompanied by more stringent criteria including a strong reform agenda and effective anti-corruption measures;

Or. en

Amendment 233
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22g. Urges the Commission to develop programmes facilitating the social reintegration and employment of returnees from abroad and a stronger dialogue on migration and mobility;

Or. en

Amendment 234
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22h. Notes the deep negative impact on

*the region of the economic slowdown in
Russia and China;*

Or. en

Amendment 235

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*23a. Supports promotion by the EU of
renewable energy, energy efficiency and
the integration of energy markets in
Central Asia and with neighbouring
countries, as well as with the EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 236

Goffredo Maria Bettini, Brando Benifei, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*23 a. encourages an increase in trading
between the EU and the countries of
Central Asia in order to promote
development and opening up of the
market; reiterates the need to modernise
infrastructures in the region and to
improve links between urbanised and
rural areas;*

Or. it

Amendment 237

Goffredo Maria Bettini, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. recognises that energy cooperation is a key issue in relations between the EU and Central Asia; calls on the EU to increase efforts towards integration of the energy market, which is in the interest of all parties as it will help to create energy diversification; in this regard, calls for a redoubling of efforts to achieve the objective of expanding the Southern Corridor and the Trans-Caspian pipeline;

Or. it

Amendment 238
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23b. Regards the region as an additional potential source of energy security for the EU, in particular the potential of increased cooperation with Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan; however, emphasises that energy agreements and dialogues must be coupled by strong human rights elements;

Or. en

Amendment 239
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 c (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23c. Reiterates its opinion that re-investment of revenues from natural resources is crucial for sustainable socio-economic development;

Or. en

Amendment 240

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23d. Takes note of the EU support for energy projects which could expand the Southern Gas Corridor including through the Trans-Caspian and possibly Iran routes; calls, nevertheless, on the EU to conduct full feasibility studies of such projects, including environmental and social impact assessments, as a prerequisite to any financing decision on these projects;

Or. en

Amendment 241

Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Notes with concern that in addition to increasing climate change impacts, multiple alarming environmental challenges *inherited from the Soviet period* persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial

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and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement, *especially in the rapidly diminishing Aral Sea basin and its remaining inflow sources*; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Or. en

Amendment 242

Harald Vilimsky, Georg Mayer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes with concern that *in addition to increasing climate change impacts*, multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Amendment

24. Notes with concern that multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Or. de

Amendment 243

Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes with concern that in addition to increasing climate change impacts, multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Amendment

24. Notes with concern that in addition to increasing climate change impacts, multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to ***an unmonitored and ongoing nuclear contamination in the past decades, and the urgent action of*** cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes with concern that in addition to increasing climate change impacts, multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Amendment

24. Notes with concern that in addition to increasing climate change impacts, multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land ***and ecosystem*** degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Amendment 245

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Notes with concern that in addition to increasing climate change impacts, multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Amendment

24. Notes with concern that in addition to increasing climate change impacts, multiple alarming environmental challenges inherited from the Soviet period persist, such as those relating to cleaning up nuclear testing sites, industrial and mining activities, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources, land degradation, air pollution, desertification, and, above all, continued catastrophic water mismanagement; urges the Commission, in this respect, to step up technical assistance, *re-cultivation investments*, and provide European know-how and best practice as to how to deal with these problems;

Or. en

Amendment 246

Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls on the EU to further its efforts in fostering cooperation among Central Asian states on water management;

Or. en

Amendment 247
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Welcomes and encourages further efforts in adaptation and resilience to climate change, and urges Central Asian countries to contribute constructively to the success of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference;

Or. en

Amendment 248
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Calls on the EU to further intensify its Disaster Risk Reduction programmes in Central Asia as a high natural disaster prone region;

Or. en

Amendment 249
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Encourages the EU to prioritise and deploy its ‘water diplomacy’ further in order to facilitate improved cross-border

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water management and to mediate dispute settlement, including promotion of an open and effective framework, in particular in the case of the Rogun dam; in this context urges the EU to stimulate further adhesion to international conventions and legal principles relating to shared water resources;

water management and to mediate dispute settlement, including promotion of an open and effective framework, in particular in the case of the Rogun dam; in this context urges the EU to stimulate *and accelerate* further adhesion to international conventions and legal principles relating to shared water resources;

Or. de

Amendment 250
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Reiterates the EU readiness to offer its experience and know-how to promote the adoption of safety, security and environmental standards in all transport modes and to facilitate links along the Europe – Caucasus – Central Asia transport corridor;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Stress the need for more intensive dialogue on infrastructure development, including energy and transport networks as well as high-capacity internet connections;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. a. Calls on the countries in the region to sign and ratify the Espoo and Aarhus Conventions of the United Nations relating to water conflicts, if they have not already done so, and to involve civil society in the implementation of these conventions;

Or. nl

Amendment 253
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls for renewed efforts to cope with and tackle the dramatic consequences of the environmental disaster of the dry-up of the Aral Sea; urges the Commission to increase its support for the International Fund for the Aral Sea and calls on the EEAS to include this question as a top priority in its regular relations with Uzbekistan;

Or. en

Amendment 254
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Supports the Commission's plans to use all EU's foreign policy instruments for establishing a strategic energy partnership with Turkmenistan and emphasises its potential for the EU's energy security; points to the reliability and stability of the EU and its companies as potential investment partners in the vast reserves of natural gas and oil Turkmenistan possesses;

Or. en

Amendment 255
Brando Benifei, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Encourages continuing support to disaster risk reduction and resilience building with regards to the serious threats posed by environmental disasters and climate change in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 256
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Advocates an enhanced pro-active role for the EU in terms of

environmentally sustainable development, in this context, emphasises the importance of the principles of environmental sustainability in the course of extraction of processing of natural resources in the region promoted by the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI); notes that only Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan comply with the EITI in the region whilst Tajikistan's candidate status was temporarily suspended in 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25c. Supports EU continued efforts towards development of safe and secure air and maritime transport in Central Asia, as well as adoption and enforcement of security and, environmental standards in all transport modes;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25d. Encourages further EU coordination with China's transport policy in the region;

Amendment 259

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25e. Urges the EU to continue provide financial and technical assistance addressing the health, humanitarian, environmental, and economic and awareness issues related to consequences of the past nuclear testing by the USSR at the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site (SNTS) in the north-east of Kazakhstan near the city of Semey, previously known as Semipalatinsk;

Or. en

Amendment 260

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25f. Expresses its deep concern at the massive die-off of Kazakhstan taiga antelope herds in May 2015; urges the EU to contribute with research and environmental measures to the prevention of possible future cases;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Regional cooperation, security challenges and border management

Amendment

Regional cooperation, security challenges, ***Islamic terrorism*** and border management

Or. it

Amendment 262
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; ***is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;***

Amendment

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant;

Or. de

Amendment 263
Harald Vilimsky, Georg Mayer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of ***the additional external***

Amendment

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the current security

pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by* the crisis in Ukraine;

challenges in Afghanistan, the crisis in Ukraine *and the one-sided diplomatic behaviour exhibited by the EU with regards to the Russian Federation (referring to the sanctions against Russia), complicating proper cooperation in this region;*

Or. de

Amendment 264

Goffredo Maria Bettini, Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, *however*, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;*

Amendment

26. recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan; *considers that the fight against drug trafficking, border control and anti-terrorism are the priorities in terms of achieving safety and stability in Central Asia, and in this regard calls for greater EU engagement in the region;*

Or. it

Amendment 265

Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external

Amendment

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pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine*;

pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *and expresses its deep concern at the deteriorating security situation in northern Afghanistan and the risks of repercussions for military and political stability in the region*;

Or. fr

Amendment 266
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external *pressures* stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine*;

Amendment

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external *pressure* stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan *and the rise of the Daesh/Islamic State (IS)*;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Vincent Peillon, Pier Antonio Panzeri

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet*

Amendment

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan;

space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;

Or. fr

Amendment 268
Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;*

Amendment

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 269
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, *as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;*

Amendment

26. recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan;

Or. it

Amendment 270

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, as well as *the opaque* foreign policy of Russia *aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine*;

Amendment

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, as well as foreign policy of Russia;

Or. en

Amendment 271

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;

Amendment

26. recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant, *but that cooperation regarding security, like economic cooperation, must advance hand in hand with, and not at the expense of, democratic standards and human rights*; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;

Or. it

Amendment 272

István Ujhelyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine;

Amendment

26. Recognises that the main threats and challenges identified in the Strategy for Central Asia remain relevant; is, however, acutely aware of the additional external pressures stemming from the current security challenges in Afghanistan, as well as the opaque foreign policy of Russia aimed at reintegration of former Soviet space, triggered by the crisis in Ukraine; ***notes also that two countries, namely Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan have joined the new Eurasian Economic Union initiated by Russia;***

Or. en

Amendment 273

Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. points out that Central Asia is a region affected by both national and international terrorism, and is surrounded by countries that have been deeply unsettled by extremist attacks;

Or. it

Amendment 274

István Ujhelyi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Notes that China is committed to boosting strategic partnerships with Central Asia through the new Silk Road Economic Belt; is of the opinion that the European Union should examine the possibilities to create synergies between the EU Central Asia strategy and the new Chinese initiative which could facilitate and contribute to the development of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 275

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Goffredo Maria Bettini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Is deeply concerned that the growing numbers of Central Asian citizens, prompted in part by political marginalisation and bleak economic prospects, are travelling to the Middle East to fight or otherwise support the Daesh/IS, Al-Nusra and other terrorist and extremist organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 276

Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Encourages Central Asian states' governments to take a more proactive role

and engage in a broader cooperation towards stability in Afghanistan; notes that deterioration of the security situation in Afghanistan might have a spill over threat; emphasises the need to regionally coordinate human security, anti-terrorism, immigration and anti-drug trafficking strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 277
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Encourages the EU to enhance connectivity by identifying, together with the countries from Central Asia, fields of intensified cooperation, especially with regard to transport and energy; stresses that priority should be given to the integration of Central Asian countries among and between each other as well as into international markets and corridors;

Or. en

Amendment 278
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 a. Expresses its concern about the activities of the extremist organisation ISIL in recruiting citizens of the countries of Central Asia and highlights the importance of cooperation between the EU and the countries of Central Asia in

preventing and combating terrorism;

Or. et

Amendment 279
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Is deeply concerned that the growing numbers of Central Asian citizens, prompted in part by political marginalisation and bleak economic prospects, are travelling to the Middle East to fight or otherwise support the Daesh/IS, Al-Nusra and other terrorist and extremist organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 280
Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Believes the EU should encourage regional cooperation, in particular with regard to common issues and common challenges, and that common interest should prevail over the heterogeneity of the countries concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 281
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Highlights the need to closer interlink the EU's approach to Central Asia to Afghanistan and adapt existing policies to the post-2014 strategy for Afghanistan;

Or. en

Amendment 282
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Recognises that should a significant portion of radicalised Central Asian citizens return to their home countries, they risk challenging security and stability throughout Central Asia, Afghanistan, Iran, Russia, China and India;

Or. en

Amendment 283
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 b. points out that Central Asian governments appear to be the most aware of the imminent threat posed by ISIS, to the extent that they have all increased monitoring and repression of Islamic movements, especially in light of an international situation which risks facilitating the advance of the Jihadists;

Or. it

Amendment 284
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Recognises that should a significant portion of radicalised Central Asian citizens return to their home countries, they risk challenging security and stability throughout Central Asia, Afghanistan, Iran, Russia, China and India;

Or. en

Amendment 285
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 c. expresses concern about the fact that radicalised groups of Islamic extremists pose a serious threat to the countries of Central Asia, and that many citizens of these nations have joined such organisations to fight in the Middle East and in Afghanistan, and could play a crucial role in internal destabilisation of the region on their return;

Or. it

Amendment 286
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Considers that international cooperation, including with Russia and China, is essential in addressing the growing threat of Islamist radicalisation in Central Asia; calls on all international parties with influence in the region to encourage Central Asian states to make a concerted effort to better coordinate cooperation between their security services, including with respect to intelligence sharing; stresses that such cooperation should be consistent with their international human rights commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 287
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Considers that international cooperation, including with Russia and China, is essential in addressing the growing threat of Islamist radicalisation in Central Asia; calls on all international parties with influence in the region to encourage Central Asian states to make a concerted effort to better coordinate cooperation between their security services, including with respect to intelligence sharing; stresses that such cooperation should be consistent with their international human rights commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 288
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26d. Calls on the Council, Commission and the EEAS to prioritise in their relations with the Central Asian states the reform of the security sector, including better funding and training, promoting religious freedom in the framework of the secular constitutions and efforts at rehabilitating former jihadists as parts of an overall strategy of dealing with the challenge of radical Islamism;

Or. en

Amendment 289
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26d. Calls on the Council, Commission and the EEAS to prioritise in their relations with the Central Asian states the reform of the security sector, including better funding and training, promoting religious freedom in the framework of the secular constitutions and efforts at rehabilitating former jihadists as parts of an overall strategy of dealing with the challenge of radical Islamism;

Or. en

Amendment 290
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 d. recalls that according to a recent report from the International Crisis Group, between 2 000 and 4 000 citizens from Central Asia are fighting for ISIS in the Middle East;

Or. it

Amendment 291
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26 e. stresses that the authorities in Central Asia have reacted strongly to the expansion of ISIS' Russian-speaking propaganda channels, blocking access to social networks used by extremists and revoking the citizenship of those who have joined the ranks of ISIS;

Or. it

Amendment 292
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Is concerned at the stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance, weak institutional framework

27. Is concerned at the stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance, weak institutional framework,

and lack of respect for the rule of law; notes that unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

lack of respect for the rule of law **and low participation from civil society in favour of clientelism, exacerbating the problems of corruption and lack of state efficiency,** and notes that unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Or. es

Amendment 293
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Amendment

27. is concerned that **poverty, population growth,** stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects, **including in terms of employment,** for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability, **and provide a breeding ground for terrorism, including Islamic fundamentalism;**

Or. it

Amendment 294
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of

Amendment

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of

prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability, **and therefore the successful implementation of core EU interests following on from the Central Asia Strategy, that is creating conditions for stability in Afghanistan by ensuring stability in the region, is being seriously called into question;**

Or. de

Amendment 295

Vincent Peillon, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Is concerned that **stalled and uneven** socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Amendment

27. Is concerned that **the lack of** socio-economic development, **which is stalled and uneven**, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability **and extremism;**

Or. fr

Amendment 296

Gabrielius Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the

Amendment

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession **and non-**

countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

inclusive governance in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Or. en

Amendment 297
Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Amendment

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, *the lack of state transparency and consequent corruption*, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly succession in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Or. en

Amendment 298
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly *succession* in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Amendment

27. Is concerned that stalled and uneven socio-economic development, poor governance and a weak institutional framework, lack of respect for rule of law; unresolved ethnic issues and lack of prospects for orderly *transition of power* in the countries of Central Asia are sources of potential instability;

Or. en

Amendment 299

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges;

Amendment

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges, *such as the spill-over effects of the war in Afghanistan, including the threat of the Islamic State, drug trafficking, trafficking of human beings, extremism and terrorism, border security and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) risks; encourages further prioritisation of the preventive aspects of countering terrorism; believes that focus on human security rather than purely state security must be integrated in the Dialogue;*

Or. en

Amendment 300

Javier Nart, Fernando Maura Barandiarán, Ivo Vajgl, Paavo Väyrynen, Jozo Radoš

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges;

Amendment

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges; *highlights the importance and positive impact of regional cooperation programs as the Border Management Programme in Central Asia (BOMCA) and the Central Asia Drug Action*

Amendment 301

Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges;

Amendment

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges *and encourages the development of new programs in countering terrorism and violent extremism, including strengthening cooperation across the border;*

Amendment 302

Miroslav Poche

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges;

Amendment

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges; *stresses the need for stepping up cooperation in the areas of drug trafficking and counter-terrorism;*

Amendment 303

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges;

Amendment

28. Supports the EU's long-term goal of transforming the nascent EU-Central Asia High Level Security Dialogue into a genuine cooperative forum aimed at cooperation in addressing common security challenges *in the region and beyond its borders*;

Or. en

Amendment 304

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Takes note of multi-vector foreign policies by which the countries of Central Asia strike a careful balance between different regional actors, given their geographical positioning, therefore urges the EU to find common ground wherever possible with regional partners, such as China and its 'Silk Road Economic Belt' policy, the US and its 'New Silk Road Initiative', Turkey and others, and possibly Russia, depending on its political trajectory, in the face of mutual challenges such as socio-economic development, security and environment;

Or. en

Amendment 305

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Welcomes the project "Cross-border Cooperation for Sustainable Peace and Development" sponsored by Switzerland and UNDP aiming to create a more conducive environment of sustainable peace and development in cross-border areas between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan;

Or. en

Amendment 306
Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Is deeply worried about the risk posed by the Islamic State in terms of attracting radicalised youth in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 307
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28b. Encourages the EU to address with the Central Asian governments the mutual challenges of recruitment of fighters and supporters by the Islamic State, through focusing on political and administrative failures, such as promoting

religious freedom while safeguarding secular constitutions and revising discriminatory laws and policies, implementing outreach programs for both men and women and focusing on employment for disadvantaged youths, prioritising policing reform and ensuring better coordination of security services, as well as learning from European or Asian experiences in rehabilitating and reintegrating Islamist radicals;

Or. en

Amendment 308

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28c. Urges the EU to continue with the regional support programmes aimed at conflict prevention and peace-building, including promotion of inter-communal and inter-ethnic reconciliation, as well as at border demarcation in Central Asia, financed from the ISP;

Or. en

Amendment 309

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28d. Highlights the role of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)

based in Ashgabat since 2007, as well as of the OSCE, in conflict prevention in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 310

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28e. Takes note of the slowing down of the flow of remittances from nationals working abroad, mainly in Russia and to a certain extent in Kazakhstan, and the very low capacity to reintegrate returnees in particular in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan; therefore requests the EU to enhance the assistance in this field in order to facilitate the reintegration of migrants and prevent social destabilisation;

Or. en

Amendment 311

Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Recognises the continued *implementation* of the Central Asian Nuclear Weapon *Free* Zone by the five Central Asian Republics;

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. es

Amendment 312
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. **Recognises** the continued implementation of the Central Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone by the five Central Asian Republics;

Amendment

29. **Acknowledges** the continued implementation of the Central Asian Nuclear Weapon Free Zone by the five Central Asian Republics;

Or. de

Amendment 313
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Is seriously concerned about the increasing radicalisation of young population, including the emergence of "foreign fighters" joining ISIL, resulting in border security threats in the region; calls on the EU and UN to provide all necessary tools to ensure peace and sustainable development in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 314
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Asks the Member States to refrain from arms deliveries to Central Asia, in line with the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms

Amendment

deleted

export controls; in this respect, raises concern over the export of 300 US armoured vehicles to Uzbekistan in 2014-2015;

Or. fr

Amendment 315
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Asks the Member States to refrain from arms deliveries to Central Asia, in line with the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms export controls; in this respect, raises concern over the export of 300 US armoured vehicles to Uzbekistan in 2014-2015;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 316
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30. Asks the Member States to refrain from arms deliveries to Central Asia, in line with the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms export controls; in this respect, raises concern over the export of 300 US armoured vehicles to Uzbekistan in 2014-2015;

*30. **Highlights** the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms export controls **and calls on the Member States for a more uniform interpretation and implementation of the common position;***

Or. en

Amendment 317
Marielle de Sarnez

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Asks the Member States to ***refrain from arms deliveries to Central Asia, in line with*** the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms export controls; ***in this respect***, raises concern over the export of 300 US armoured vehicles to Uzbekistan in 2014-2015;

Amendment

30. Asks the Member States to ***strictly respect*** the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms export controls; raises concern over the export of 300 US armoured vehicles to Uzbekistan in 2014-2015;

Or. fr

Amendment 318
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Brando Benifei, Goffredo Maria Bettini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Asks the Member States to refrain from arms deliveries to Central Asia, in line with the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms export controls; in this respect, raises concern over the export of 300 US armoured vehicles to Uzbekistan in 2014-2015;

Amendment

30. Asks the Member States to refrain from arms deliveries to Central Asia, in line with the eight criteria laid down in the 2008 EU common position on arms export controls; in this respect, raises concern over the export of 300 US armoured vehicles to Uzbekistan in 2014-2015; ***and more generally over the circumvention of this ban on the sale of arms and military equipment by European companies following bilateral agreements by some Member States***;

Or. fr

Amendment 319
Marietje Schaake

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Asks Member States to stop the export of ready-made intrusive surveillance systems to the countries in the region if there are sufficient reasons to believe that these systems would be used against journalists, politicians or human rights defenders; calls on the Commission to revise the European export control system in order to prevent these intrusive systems from falling into the wrong hands;

Or. en

Amendment 320
Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Stresses the need for regional cooperation in addressing common challenges such as border control, drug trafficking, extremism, terrorism; regrets the slow progress made by the High-Level Security Dialogue and the EU and encourages all parties to step up common efforts to make the Dialogue a structural one;

Or. en

Amendment 321
David McAllister

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Encourages the EU to increase its dialogue on Central Asia with relevant regional and international organisations as well as with neighbours of the Central Asian countries and other active states in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 322

Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Regrets that despite the urgent need for Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Central Asian countries, the EU has not been able to integrate it in its strategy;

31. Regrets that despite the urgent need for Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Central Asian countries, the EU has not been able to integrate it in its strategy, **and notes that a review is required so as to be equipped to handle new challenges such as Islamist extremism; in this context, welcomes the progress that has been made in Kazakhstan as a starting point for reform on a regional scale;**

Or. es

Amendment 323

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Regrets that despite the urgent need for Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Central Asian countries, the EU has not been able to integrate it in its strategy;

31. Regrets that despite the urgent need for Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Central Asian countries, the EU has not been able to integrate it in its strategy; **reiterates the EU's determination to further develop**

both regional and bilateral security dialogues with Central Asian countries ensuring stronger involvement of Afghanistan in cooperation with regional partners involved, in particular UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia;

Or. en

Amendment 324

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Regrets that despite the urgent need for Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Central Asian countries, the EU has not been able to integrate it in its strategy;

Amendment

31. Regrets that despite the urgent need for Security Sector Reform (SSR) in Central Asian countries, the EU has not been able to integrate it in its strategy; ***calls on the EU to develop specific SSR programmes for Kyrgyzstan, and possibly Tajikistan, focusing on rule of law and human rights standards in criminal justice, and civilian policing;***

Or. en

Amendment 325

Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. a. Asks the EU to lend its support to the initiatives of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA) and, under the supervision of the Centre, to focus on the water issue and initiate a

*dialogue between the five countries in
order to deal with cross-border pollution;*

Or. nl

Amendment 326
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*31a. Encourages the involvement of
Afghanistan in programmes aimed at
stability and security in the region and
welcomes the improvements in coherence
between the EU Strategies for
Afghanistan and Central Asia,
respectively;*

Or. en

Amendment 327
Mark Demesmaeker

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*31. b. Asks the Commission to consider
the unfavourable consequences that
access to the water resources could have
on the stability and security of Central
Asia, and to closely observe all
developments;*

Or. nl

Amendment 328
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. Underlines importance of cooperation with OSCE and UN in all policy fields;

Or. en

Amendment 329
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31c. Takes note of the adoption of the EU-Central Asia Drug Action Plan for 2014-20, however, is alarmed by the record opium cultivation and related trafficking from Afghanistan through Central Asia; requests the EEAS/Commission to address the issue of involvement of organised crime as well as elites in trafficking, and the negative public health effects in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 330
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. underlines that the following country-specific paragraphs address only **priority** issues and are therefore not all-

32. underlines that the following country-specific paragraphs address only **general** issues and are therefore not all-

encompassing;

encompassing;

Or. it

Amendment 331
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Emphasises that deeper political and economic relations must be based on shared values and correspond to an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Amendment

33. Emphasises that deeper political and economic relations must be based on shared values and correspond to an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments; ***notes that Kazakhstan is the first Central Asian partner with whom the EU has negotiated an Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA);***

Or. en

Amendment 332
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. emphasises that deeper political and economic relations must be based on shared values and correspond to an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Amendment

33. expects, with the finalisation of the EU-Kazakhstan Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Or. it

Amendment 333
Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Emphasises that deeper political and economic relations **must** be based on shared values and correspond to an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Amendment

33. Emphasises that deeper political and economic relations **should** be based on shared values and correspond to an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 334
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Emphasises that deeper political and economic relations must be based on shared values and correspond to an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Amendment

33. Emphasises that deeper political and economic relations must be based on shared values and correspond to an active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments; ***recognizes the '100-step programme' as an attempt to address urgent reforms in the country;***

Or. en

Amendment 335
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. emphasises that deeper political and economic relations must be based on shared values and correspond to **an** active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Amendment

33. emphasises that deeper political and economic relations must be based on shared values and correspond to **more** active and concrete engagement by Kazakhstan on political and democratic reforms, stemming from its international obligations and commitments;

Or. it

Amendment 336
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Refers, in this regard, with emphasis to the EP recommendations on the negotiations for an EU-Kazakhstan Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) of 22 November 2012¹ which are crucial for the European Parliament's consent to the conclusion of the new EPCA and for future EU-Kazakhstan cooperation;

¹ *Texts adopted, P7_TA(2012)0459.*

Or. en

Amendment 337
Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33a. Welcomes the conclusion of the

*Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation
Agreement with Kazakhstan;*

Or. en

**Amendment 338
Mario Borghezio**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*33 a. recalls that, by the end of 2015,
Kazakhstan will have officially become
the 162nd member of the WTO;*

Or. it

**Amendment 339
Mario Borghezio**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*33 b. points out that Kazakhstan have bid
for a non-permanent seat on the UN
Security Council for 2017 - 2018;*

Or. it

**Amendment 340
Mario Borghezio**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*33 c. welcomes the fact that Kazakhstan
will host the next International Exposition*

(Expo) in 2017;

Or. it

Amendment 341
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 d. recalls that Kazakhstan has previously been granted the chairmanship of the OSCE;

Or. it

Amendment 342
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 e. stresses that the President of Kazakhstan recently proposed to President Putin that an international forum entitled 'Islam against terrorism' be established, a proposal welcomed by the Russian President;

Or. it

Amendment 343
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 f. welcomes the fact that Kazakhstan has launched the most effective counter-attack against ISIS as part of the country's new anti-terrorism strategy, namely reforming and modernising the law enforcement agencies undertaking anti-terror operations, as well as involving civil society;

Or. it

Amendment 344
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 g. welcomes the fact that 19 terrorist and extremist organisations have been banned in Kazakhstan;

Or. it

Amendment 345
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 33 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33 h. stresses that Kazakhstan is not only focused on clamping down on terrorism, but also on effective action to prevent radicalisation and on rehabilitation programs for those who have been involved in terrorist activity;

Or. it

Amendment 346
Liisa Jaakonsaari

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Regrets, in this regard, the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly;

Amendment

34. Regrets, ***with deep concern***, in this regard, the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly; ***reiterates and stresses that concrete and tangible progress of political reforms has been linked to the progress in the negotiation of the new EPCA; calls on Kazakhstan to make every effort to ensure that its legislation is in line with Council of Europe standards and that it guarantees the full implementation of the fundamental freedoms without imposed self-restrictions; encourages Kazakhstan in this respect to review and amend its new Criminal Codes related to the criminalisation of libel as it undermines the fundamental freedoms;***

Or. en

Amendment 347
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Regrets, in this regard, the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly;

Amendment

34. Regrets, in this regard, the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly ***and calls on the Kazakh authorities to take concrete and effective measures to implement the recommendations made by the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in the***

outcome report on his mission to Kazakhstan in January 2015; expresses its deep concern at the Law on Non-profit organizations that undermines the independence and even challenges the very existence of NGOs in Kazakhstan and calls for its revision;

Or. en

Amendment 348
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. **Regrets, in this regard**, the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly;

Amendment

34. **Is concerned with** the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly;

Or. en

Amendment 349
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. regrets, **in this regard**, the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly;

Amendment

34. regrets the increasing deterioration in the fields of freedom of the media, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly;

Or. it

Amendment 350
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Reminds Kazakhstan of its OSCE commitments to democratic reforms and urges Kazakhstan to match its foreign policy ambitions, as a member of the UN Human Rights Council for 2013- 2015, hosting of the 2017 International EXPO, and being a candidate for a non-permanent seat at the UN Security Council in 2017-2018, with important domestic political reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 351
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Welcomes that Kazakhstan has reached the final stage of its WTO accession process by 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 352
Pier Antonio Panzeri, Vincent Peillon, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Condemns the excessive use of important international police cooperation mechanisms, such as the Red Notice system of the Interpol, to silence

*critics of the current Kazakh authorities
living and working abroad;*

Or. en

Amendment 353

Pier Antonio Panzeri, Vincent Peillon, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34b. Expresses its high concern over the new draft law on NGOs in Kazakhstan, foreseeing the establishment of a centralised operator, tasked with allocating both government and non-government grants to local NGOs, which would lead to even greater state control over the civil society sector, hindering its independence and often putting its very existence at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 354

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34b. Recognises the positive role played by Kazakhstan by hosting and facilitating the 2013 E3+3 – Iran negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme, the country's contribution to global nuclear security and safety initiatives, including the hosting of the new international nuclear fuel bank, operated by the IAEA, commencing operations in 2017, the tentative mediating role with regard to the crisis

between Russia and Ukraine, and the good offices provided to consultations among the Syrian opposition;

Or. en

Amendment 355
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34c. Call for the release of all political prisoners, including the leader of the Alga! opposition party, Vladimir Kozlov;

Or. en

Amendment 356
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34d. Encourages the full implementation of all OSCE/ODIHR recommendations before the next parliamentary elections, scheduled for late 2016 or January 2017;

Or. en

Amendment 357
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support;

Amendment

35. ***Commends Kyrgyzstan on the progress which was demonstrated by the recent parliamentary elections; recognizes the peaceful conduct and significant improvements of transparency at the parliamentary elections on 4 October 2015 as confirmed by OSCE/ODIHR in its final report;*** points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning ***parliamentary*** democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support;

Or. en

Amendment 358
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support;

Amendment

35. Points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support; ***welcomes the findings of the OSCE Election Monitoring Mission on Parliamentary Elections in Kyrgyzstan on 4 October 2015 that highlighted a wide range of choices for voters and a competitive electoral campaign while pointing out challenges in the administrative voter registration system;***

Or. en

Amendment 359
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support;

Amendment

35. points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support; ***considers that initial steps towards improving democratic standards must be further encouraged and incentivised, and expects concrete results from the new coalition government in this regard;***

Or. it

Amendment 360
Brando Benifei, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support;

Amendment

35. Points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as one of the pilot countries for EU democracy support; ***is concerned by the recent bills on foreign-funded NGOs and anti LGBTI propaganda;***

Or. en

Amendment 361
Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as *one of the pilot countries* for EU democracy support;

Amendment

35. Points out that further efforts are needed to develop a fully functioning democracy, despite the initial encouraging signs shown by Kyrgyzstan regarding pursuing democratic reforms and shifting towards a genuine multi-party system, as *the pilot country* for EU democracy support;

Or. fr

Amendment 362
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

35 a. *points out that, as regards the economy, the government and parties in Bishkek are not in agreement, either amongst themselves or with foreign investors, about how to manage the country's most prized and only significant natural asset: the Kumtor gold mine;*

Amendment

35 a. *points out that, as regards the economy, the government and parties in Bishkek are not in agreement, either amongst themselves or with foreign investors, about how to manage the country's most prized and only significant natural asset: the Kumtor gold mine;*

Or. it

Amendment 363
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Regrets the backsliding of Kyrgyzstan, the country of the region in which the EU placed its expectations most in the region in its pursuit of democratic ambitions; in particular, asks Kyrgyzstan to reject the draft legislation discriminating LGBTI persons and targeting civil society under the so-called "foreign agents law";

Or. en

Amendment 364
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Welcomes Kyrgyzstan's successful election into the UN Human Rights Council during 2016-2018 and invites Kyrgyzstan to constructively use its upcoming membership to address human rights issues;

Or. en

Amendment 365
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35b. Urges the Commission/EEAS to assist Kyrgyzstan in delivering justice to the victims of the 2010 ethnic clashes;

Amendment 366
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 35 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35c. Welcomes the preliminary statement by the International Election Observation Mission that the parliamentary elections of 4 October 2015 were competitive and provided voters with a wide range of choice, whilst highlighting the need for better procedures and increased transparency; expresses its concern, however, at the mandatory registration of biometric data as a pre-requisite for voting resulting in significant problems with the inclusiveness of the voter list;

Or. en

Amendment 367
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-36a. Urges Tajikistan to comply with international human rights commitments and to protect freedom of assembly and independence of the legal profession; draws the attention to the problematic situation of media after the signing by the President of a new regulation according to which all information about official events will be channelled through the state information agency, thus restricting

access to other media; calls on Tajikistan to refrain from undue interference into the work of NGOs and not to implement the new legislation on NGO funding;

Or. en

Amendment 368

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -36 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-36b. Continues to express concern over the inefficiency of EU development aid in the country; urges the EEAS/Commission to prioritise programmes aimed at prevention of torture in detention centres and media freedom in Tajikistan;

Or. en

Amendment 369

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36. Regrets the lack of genuine internal reconciliation in Tajikistan following the civil war of 1992-1997; expresses, in this regard, its deepest concern at the decision to ban the Islamic Renaissance Party, following a worrying trend aimed at suppressing legitimate political forces and silencing critical voices; calls on the Tajik authorities to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee freedom of expression, pluralism and a free and open political environment;

36. Expresses, *its* concern at the decision to ban the Islamic Renaissance Party *of Tajikistan*, following a worrying trend aimed at suppressing legitimate political forces and silencing critical voices; calls on the Tajik authorities *to follow the commitments of the 1997 Peace Agreement and* to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee freedom of expression, pluralism and a free and open political environment;

Amendment 370
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. regrets the lack of genuine internal reconciliation in Tajikistan following the civil war of 1992-1997; expresses, in this regard, its deepest concern at the decision to ban the Islamic Renaissance Party, following a worrying trend aimed at suppressing legitimate political forces and silencing critical voices; calls on the Tajik authorities to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee freedom of expression, pluralism and a free and open political environment;

Amendment

36. regrets the lack of genuine internal reconciliation in Tajikistan following the civil war of 1992-1997; expresses, in this regard, its deepest concern at the decision **not** to ban the Islamic Renaissance Party, following a worrying trend aimed at suppressing legitimate political forces and silencing critical voices; calls on the Tajik authorities to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee freedom of expression, pluralism and a free and open political environment;

Or. it

Amendment 371
Brando Benifei, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Regrets the lack of genuine internal reconciliation in Tajikistan following the civil war of 1992-1997; expresses, in this regard, its deepest concern at the decision to ban the Islamic Renaissance Party, following a worrying trend aimed at suppressing legitimate political forces and silencing critical voices; calls on the Tajik authorities to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee freedom of expression, pluralism and a free and open political environment;

Amendment

36. Regrets the lack of genuine internal reconciliation in Tajikistan following the civil war of 1992-1997; expresses, in this regard, its deepest concern at the decision to ban the Islamic Renaissance Party, following a worrying trend aimed at suppressing legitimate political forces and silencing critical voices **for the sake of security concerns**; calls on the Tajik authorities to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee freedom of expression, pluralism and a free and open political

environment;

Or. en

Amendment 372

Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 a. calls on the Tajik authorities to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee freedom of expression, pluralism and a free and open political environment;

Or. it

Amendment 373

Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Welcomes the Tajikistan accession to WTO in March 2013;

Or. en

Amendment 374

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. Takes note of the conclusions of the

OSCE/ODIHR election observation mission to the March 1 parliamentary elections in Tajikistan that the elections "took place in a restricted political space and failed to provide a level playing field for candidates";

Or. en

Amendment 375
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 b. expresses concern at the presence of the Islamic Renaissance Party on the country's political landscape;

Or. it

Amendment 376
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 36 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36 c. notes that the next meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) will take place on 27 May 2016 in Tajikistan;

Or. it

Amendment 377
Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Stresses that *the main* international indexes give Turkmenistan a very low ranking as regards respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

37. Stresses that *Turkmenistan is a party to most major international agreements and therefore under the obligation to respect and protect human rights under all circumstances; expresses its readiness to increase EU support in the field of democratic principles and human rights, in particular by making full use of the European Instrument of Democracy and Human Rights and other means to support the reform process in the country; in this context, calls on the VP/HR to honour the agreement reached with her predecessor regarding a monitoring mechanism, allowing Parliament to be properly informed by the EEAS about the implementation of the PCA, once it enters into force;*

Or. en

Amendment 378

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Stresses that the main international indexes *give* Turkmenistan a very low ranking as regards respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

37. Stresses that *according to* the main international indexes Turkmenistan is *given a bottom* ranking as regards *the* respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; *regrets, that in the reporting period, the situation in the field of rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms practically did not change despite some legislative efforts in the political, judicial, economic, social and educational fields; believes that the new legislation should be subject to*

international experts' review in the light of international human rights obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 379
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. stresses that the main international indexes give Turkmenistan a very low ranking as regards respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

37. stresses that the main international indexes give Turkmenistan a very low ranking as regards respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms ***and list it among the most authoritarian and repressive countries in the world;***

Or. it

Amendment 380
Eduard Kukan, Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Welcomes the recently strengthened engagement of Turkmenistan with the EU in areas of mutual concerns; took note of the country's presence at the 2015 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and the high-level presence on the Turkmen side at the 15th annual Joint Committee meeting under the Interim Trade Agreement in October 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 381
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 a. points out that in the annual report from the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), Turkmenistan was named among the countries which 'have engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom';

Or. it

Amendment 382
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 b. notes that the situation relating to fundamental freedoms is characterised by the systematic persecution of dissidents, journalists and human rights defenders, the constant use of torture and generalised violation of the freedom of expression, association and assembly;

Or. it

Amendment 383
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 c. deplores the fact that Turkmen

government officials recently ordered thousands of families living in the Choganly district of the capital city Ashgabat to demolish their homes, which would otherwise be destroyed by the authorities, to make way for the construction of infrastructure for the upcoming Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, to be held in Ashgabat in 2017, and for a redevelopment project that aims to replace old housing with modern apartment blocks; notes that thousands of homes have already been knocked down, and estimates that if the demolition project is completed, a total of 18 000 houses will be destroyed;

Or. it

Amendment 384
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 d. points out that the President of Turkmenistan owns most of the State media, and censorship of news is extensive, especially due to the fact that many websites are blocked and, in some regions, there is no access to the Internet at all;

Or. it

Amendment 385
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 e. supports reinforced controls on shared borders with Afghanistan and military support from Kyrgyzstan to help create a security system in the region to oppose Taliban militants, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) and any other terrorist group;

Or. it

Amendment 386
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 37 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37 f. due to widespread corruption, calls on the European Commission to present a detailed draft budget showing the individual funding allocated to Turkmenistan, to ensure optimum levels of effectiveness and transparency, with a subsequent, detailed financial report to be presented to the European Parliament;

Or. it

Amendment 387
Eduard Kukan, Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38. Urges the VP/HR and the Commission to ***make it clear*** to the Turkmen authorities ***that EU engagement is conditional on*** concrete steps aimed at improving the human rights situation and the rule of law,

38. Urges the VP/HR and the Commission to ***engage with*** the Turkmen authorities ***in terms of EU approach requiring*** concrete steps aimed at improving the human rights situation and the rule of law ***as stipulated***

and firmly to raise human rights concerns at all levels in addition to the *ongoing* human rights dialogue; *points out*, in this regard, *the importance of setting up an* EU Delegation in Turkmenistan, *in particular for interaction* with civil society and *monitoring of* the human rights situation;

in Article 21 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU); further calls to continue raising human rights concerns at all levels in addition to the *on-going* human rights dialogue; *regrets that Turkmenistan remains the only country in Central Asia where the European Union does not have a full-fledged European Delegation;* in this regard *reiterates its call on the EEAS to upgrade the Liaison Office in Ashgabat into a full – fledged* EU Delegation in Turkmenistan *as quickly as possible to, inter-alia, interact* with civil society and *monitor* the human rights situation;

Or. en

Amendment 388
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. *Urges* the VP/HR and the Commission to make it clear to the Turkmen authorities that EU engagement is conditional on concrete steps aimed at improving the human rights situation and the rule of law, and firmly to raise human rights concerns at all levels in addition to the ongoing human rights dialogue; *points out*, in this regard, *the importance of setting up an* EU Delegation in Turkmenistan, *in particular for interaction* with civil society and *monitoring of* the human rights situation;

Amendment

38. *Asks* the VP/HR and the Commission to make it clear to the Turkmen authorities that EU engagement is conditional on concrete steps aimed at improving the human rights situation and the rule of law, and firmly to raise human rights concerns at all levels in addition to the ongoing human rights dialogue; *points out*, in this regard, *the importance of setting up an* EU Delegation in Turkmenistan, *in particular for interaction* with civil society and *monitoring of* the human rights situation;

Or. fr

Amendment 389
Eduard Kukan, Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. Recognises that the entry into force of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Turkmenistan would help to develop the full potential of established relationship;

Or. en

Amendment 390
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38a. Calls on Turkmenistan to stop the ongoing campaign of removing satellite dishes and blocking access to some websites and put an end to intimidation and harassment of independent journalists, and civil society activists;

Or. en

Amendment 391
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38 a. expresses concern about the forced expropriation and demolition of an entire neighbourhood of homes in Ashgabat as part of the preparations for the 2017 Asian Indoor Games; considers that the Turkmen authorities should take

advantage of the opportunity afforded to them as hosts of this international event to improve the human rights situation in the country; expresses alarm about the corruption that creates social inequality, making Turkmenistan a rich country but one that suffers from centralisation of power and resources, which is oriented towards China and shows no evident interest in developing a relationship with the EU;

Or. it

Amendment 392
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 38 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

38b. Underlines the importance of a continued Human Rights Dialogue, especially with regard to continued pressure to release individuals detained on politically motivated grounds, and to the disclosure of the fate of those who have disappeared in prison;

Or. en

Amendment 393
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39. Regrets the EU's lack of effective pursuit of democratisation in Uzbekistan, as proven by the government's refusal to engage in any meaningful reform, and

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reiterates its expectation that the VP/HR should develop a policy of critical, conditional and coherent European engagement with non-aligned Uzbekistan;

encourages the VP/HR to develop a policy of critical, conditional and coherent European engagement with non-aligned Uzbekistan;

Or. fr

Amendment 394
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39

Motion for a resolution

39. Regrets the EU's lack of effective pursuit of democratisation in Uzbekistan, *as proven by the government's refusal to engage in any meaningful reform*, and reiterates its expectation that the VP/HR should develop a policy of *critical*, conditional and coherent *European* engagement with *non-aligned* Uzbekistan;

Amendment

39. Regrets the EU's lack of effective pursuit of democratisation in Uzbekistan and reiterates its expectation that the VP/HR should develop a policy of *constructive*, conditional and coherent *EU* engagement with Uzbekistan;

Or. en

Amendment 395
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

39 a. points out that Uzbekistan unfortunately continues to have one of the worst records in the world in many areas, including respect for human rights, freedom of the press and corruption, and notes the Uzbek Government's refusal to undertake significant reforms; reiterates its expectation that the EU will actively pursue the objective of democratisation in this country, and that the VP/HR will develop a policy of critical, conditional

*and coherent European engagement with
Uzbekistan;*

Or. it

Amendment 396
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*39 a. regrets that the Islamic Movement of
Uzbekistan continues to be a force that
could collaborate with ISIS;*

Or. it

Amendment 397
Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*39a. Notes that the country has achieved
progress in eliminating child labour and
recognises the need to eliminate use of
forced labour during the annual cotton
harvest; while encouraging further
commitment by the government to
continue concrete efforts, e.g. action plan,
to eradicate forced labour along with the
recommendations from ILO and the
World Bank;*

Or. en

Amendment 398
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Takes the view, in this regard, that some of the past EU's development aid in Uzbekistan, including the capacity building of its parliament, was misdirected and should, instead, be redirected to more meaningful areas such rural development and environmental and water management;

Or. en

Amendment 399
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39 a. Expresses its deep concern at the activities of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, which pledged allegiance to Islamic State in August 2015 and has recruited thousands of jihadis in Central Asia;

Or. fr

Amendment 400
Brando Benifei, Vincent Peillon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Welcomes progress to ending child labour in the cotton fields and, in particular, the Government's ban in this sense; recalls the importance of

monitoring the implementation of such act;

Or. en

Amendment 401
Andrejs Mamikins

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39a. Is of the opinion that, while any considerable progress in the areas disclosed in the present report is yet to be achieved, feels hopeful that the parties involved on the sides of both the Union and its Member States and the five respective Central Asian states shall earnestly activate their efforts in order to reach the aims and goals as set out in the official documents and treaties, which act as the legal basis for the Union's bilateral and multilateral relations with, respectively, the states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan;

Or. en

Amendment 402
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39b. Deplores the systematic and routine violation of fundamental rights and freedoms despite the adoption of improved laws on the matter and the ratification of international human rights instruments; urges the Uzbek authorities to take

meaningful steps to fully address the concerns and effectively implement all the recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, the Committee Against Torture and the Human Rights Committee;

Or. en

Amendment 403
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39 b. notes that only five parties, all of which support the government, are legally recognised, while opposition groups are not permitted to participate in political processes or elections;

Or. it

Amendment 404
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39c. Insists that Uzbekistan authorities release all those who have been imprisoned in retaliation for their peaceful exercise of freedom of expression, association and assembly, and highlights the need of prevention and investigation of cases of torture in prison; expresses its concern at the arbitrary extensions of prison terms; calls on the Uzbek authorities to allow independent human rights NGOs to work without

hindrance;

Or. en

Amendment 405
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39 c. regrets that the principal international organisations involved in the protection of human and civil rights consider Uzbekistan to be one of the most authoritarian and repressive countries in the world;

Or. it

Amendment 406
Mario Borghezio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 39 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

39 d. points out that women are not spared from exposure to serious human rights violations such as the system of forced labour, bordering on slavery, organised by the government every year, specifically during the cotton-picking season, where citizens are forced to work in terrible conditions for little or no pay;

Or. it