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AMENDMENTS

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Draft motion for a resolution

Charles Tannock

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on the 2015 Report on Montenegro

Amendment 1
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Draft motion for a resolution

— having regard to the outcome of the **Sixth** Meeting of the EU-Montenegro Accession Conference at Ministerial level of **22 June** 2015,

Amendment

— having regard to the outcome of the **Seventh** Meeting of the EU-Montenegro Accession Conference at Ministerial level of **21 December** 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Nikos Androulakis

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— having regard to the outcome of the **Seventh** Meeting of the EU-Montenegro Accession Conference at Ministerial level of **21 December** 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

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- having regard the 7th meeting of the

accession conference with Montenegro at ministerial level held on 21 December 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

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Amendment

- having regard to the Declaration and Recommendations of the 11th Meeting of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) held in Strasbourg on 16-17 December 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Nikos Androulakis

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Citation 6 a (new)

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Amendment

- having regard to the Conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 15 December 2015 on Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Tonino Picula

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*– having regard to the decision taken by
the NATO Foreign Ministers on
2 December 2015,*

Or. hr

Amendment 7

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

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Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas further progress was made in the accession negotiations with Montenegro; whereas Montenegro is the most advanced enlargement country when it comes to the process of negotiations;

Amendment

A. whereas further progress was made in the accession negotiations with Montenegro *and at the Intergovernmental Conference in Brussels on 21 December 2015 another two negotiation chapters were opened, concerning transport and energy*; whereas Montenegro is the most advanced enlargement country when it comes to the process of negotiations;

Or. it

Amendment 8

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

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Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas sustainable dialogue and constructive cooperation between the ruling coalition and the opposition are crucial in order to maintain progress in the accession process;

Amendment

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Amendment 9
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Ba. whereas in September 2015,
opposition parties embarked on a boycott
of Parliament sabotaging political
dialogue;***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Ba. whereas free, fair and transparent
next parliamentary elections are crucial
for the democratic future of Montenegro;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

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Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas Montenegro should further develop a solid track record on the rule of law, which is a fundamental prerequisite for EU accession;

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forces in Parliament are not very structured in civil society, also because of the distorted parliamentary composition of the parties represented; whereas the parliamentary group of independent members is one of the largest;

Or. it

Amendment 12
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas corruption continues to be a serious problem and organised crime *and freedom of expression* remain of concern;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Nikos Androulakis

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Recital E a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Ea. whereas further steps should be taken for combating unemployment and social discrimination, poverty and strengthening labour and trade union rights in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Welcomes *the steady progress of the accession negotiations with Montenegro, noting that 22* negotiation chapters, including chapters 23 and 24, have been opened so far, two of which have been provisionally closed; encourages tangible progress in meeting the *benchmarks for the closing of chapters already under negotiation and the opening of new chapters*; stresses that progress in the negotiations has to be accompanied by the strict implementation of relevant action plans and strategies; reiterates that overall progress in the negotiations depends on the progress in the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

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Amendment

1. Welcomes *the fact that since the IGC held in Brussels on 21 December 2015, 22* negotiation chapters, including chapters 23 and 24, have been opened so far, two of which have been provisionally closed; encourages tangible progress in meeting the opening benchmarks in other chapters; stresses that progress in the negotiations has to be accompanied by the strict implementation of relevant action plans and strategies; reiterates that overall progress in the negotiations depends on the *parallel* progress in *the implementation of* the rule of law;

Or. it

Amendment 16
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 17
Charles Tannock

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Jozo Radoš

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Marielle de Sarnez

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Or. fr

Amendment 23
Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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2. Urges more parliamentary scrutiny over the accession process; welcomes the adoption of the 2015 action plan to strengthen parliamentary oversight but emphasises the need to reinforce the capacities of the Montenegrin Parliament and to improve its access to accession-related information; welcomes the newly-

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adopted Code of Ethics and calls for further measures to improve public trust in the Parliament;

adopted Code of Ethics and calls for further measures to improve public trust in the Parliament *such as proper follow-up by the Government when it comes to recommendations adopted by the Parliament; deplores in this respect that the conclusions of the Parliament related to the independent audit of the expenditures of the KAP have not been implemented by the government;*

Or. en

Amendment 24

Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Is concerned about the way specialised committees of the Parliament are treated by institutions of the Government; regrets that in the recording or Telekom affair public institutions have restricted access to information to Members of Parliament which seriously hampers parliamentary scrutiny and clarification of facts; is concerned about the proper functioning of the Anticorruption Committee and advises the Parliament to modify its rules of procedures in a way that the governing party cannot block the work of this important committee via a majority of members;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Is deeply concerned about the **extremely** polarised domestic climate and the boycott of parliamentary activities by part of the opposition; urges all political forces, in government and opposition alike, to re-engage in sustainable dialogue and constructive cooperation within the parliament; considers it essential for a well-functioning democracy that any form of protest is conducted peacefully and in line with the relevant laws; expects the competent authorities to investigate thoroughly all incidents of violence that occurred during the protests, including any allegations on the excessive use of force by the police;

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Or. en

Amendment 26
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Is deeply concerned about the extremely polarised domestic climate and the boycott of parliamentary activities by part of the opposition; urges all political forces, in government and opposition alike, to re-engage in sustainable dialogue and constructive cooperation within the parliament; **welcomes initiatives by the Speaker for political dialogue between the political parties**; considers it essential for a well-functioning democracy that any form of protest is conducted peacefully and in line with the relevant laws; expects the competent authorities to investigate thoroughly all incidents of violence that occurred during the protests, including any allegations on the excessive use of force by

some members of the police force;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

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3. Is deeply concerned about the extremely polarised domestic climate and the boycott of parliamentary activities by part of the opposition; urges all political forces, in government and opposition alike, to re-engage in sustainable dialogue and constructive cooperation within the parliament; ***reminds that dialogue and compromise are cornerstones of any democratic decision-making process;*** considers it essential for a well-functioning democracy that any form of protest is conducted peacefully and in line with the relevant laws; expects the competent authorities to investigate thoroughly all incidents of violence that occurred during the protests, including any allegations on the excessive use of force by the police;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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opposition; urges all political forces, in government and opposition alike, to re-engage in sustainable dialogue and constructive cooperation within the parliament; considers it essential for a well-functioning democracy that any form of protest is conducted peacefully and in line with the relevant laws; expects the competent authorities to investigate thoroughly *and in a timely manner* all incidents of violence that occurred during the protests, including any allegations on the excessive use of force by the police;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Takes note of the modifications adopted in December 2015 to the law on public gathering and calls on the government to further clarify the mentioned law in order to ensure the full respect of the freedom of assembly and association;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

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strengthen the State Election Commission, which needs to effectively fulfil its mandate; urges once again a due political follow-up on the '*audio-recording affair*';

strengthen the State Election Commission, which needs to effectively fulfil its mandate; *while acknowledging the progress made on the judicial follow up to the 'audio-recording affair'*, urges once again *the need for* a due political follow-up on the *issue*;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the government to fully implement the new electoral legislation prior to any new elections and to further strengthen the State Election Commission, which needs to effectively fulfil its mandate; urges once again a due political follow-up on the 'audio-recording affair';

Amendment

4. Calls on the government to fully implement the new electoral legislation prior to any new elections and to further strengthen the State Election Commission, which needs to effectively fulfil its mandate; urges once again a due political follow-up on the 'audio-recording affair' *and calls for starting investigations and prosecutions of related high level cases including alleged money laundering cases involving the Prva Banka; is concerned about delays and blockades regarding on-going investigations such as in the Telekom and KAP cases and calls for swift conclusion of these on-going investigations;*

Or. en

Amendment 32

Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the government to fully implement the new electoral legislation prior to any new elections and to further strengthen the State Election Commission, which needs to effectively fulfil its mandate; urges once again a due political follow-up on the 'audio-recording affair';

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4. Calls on the government to fully implement the new electoral legislation prior to any new elections and to further strengthen the State Election Commission, which needs to effectively fulfil its mandate; urges once again a due political follow-up on the 'audio-recording affair'; ***stresses how right and legal elections acknowledged by all participants are important for public confidence in the electoral process as well as for the relations among political parties;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Notes some progress in the government's 2011-2016 public administration reform and calls for the timely adoption of a strategy covering the period 2016-2020; ***remains concerned about the politicisation*** of public administration; considers it essential to adhere to the principles of merit, de-politicisation, accountability and transparency in public administration as well as to ensure the citizens' right to good administration;

Amendment

5. Notes some progress in the government's 2011-2016 public administration reform and calls for the timely adoption of a strategy covering the period 2016-2020; ***encourages further depoliticisation*** of public administration; considers it essential to adhere to the principles of merit, de-politicisation, accountability and transparency in public administration as well as to ensure the citizens' right to good administration;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Notes some progress in the government's 2011-2016 public administration reform and calls for the timely adoption of a strategy covering the period 2016-2020; ***remains concerned about the politicisation*** of public administration; considers it essential to adhere to the principles of merit, de-politicisation, accountability and transparency in public administration as well as to ensure the citizens' right to good administration;

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Or. en

Amendment 36

Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution

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5. Notes some progress in the government's 2011-2016 public administration reform and calls for the timely adoption of a strategy covering the period 2016-2020; **stresses the need for further depoliticisation** of public administration; considers it essential to adhere to the principles of merit, de-politicisation, accountability and transparency in public administration as well as to ensure the citizens' right to good administration;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Andrey Kovatchev

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Amendment 38**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao****Draft motion for a resolution****Paragraph 5***Draft motion for a resolution*

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5. Notes some progress in the government's 2011-2016 public administration reform and calls for the timely adoption of a strategy covering the period 2016-2020; remains concerned about the politicisation of public administration; considers it essential to adhere to the principles of merit, de-politicisation, accountability and transparency in public administration as well as to ensure the citizens' right to good administration, ***which is still a pipe dream in Montenegro today, owing to rampant corruption;***

Or. it

Amendment 39**Nikos Androulakis****Draft motion for a resolution****Paragraph 6***Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the good progress on strengthening the legislative framework to enhance the independence, accountability and professionalism of the judiciary, ***but calls for*** the full implementation of relevant rules in practice; ***welcomes*** that the backlog of certain types of cases has further decreased; calls for ensuring the independence and increased efficiency of the judiciary; remains concerned about undue influence on judicial independence,

Amendment

6. Welcomes the good progress on strengthening the legislative framework to enhance the independence, accountability and professionalism of the judiciary ***and looks forward to*** the full implementation of relevant rules in practice; ***notes with satisfaction*** that the backlog of certain types of cases has further decreased; calls for ensuring the independence and ***welcomes the*** increased efficiency of the judiciary; remains concerned about undue

especially with regard to the appointment of judges; stresses the need to reinforce the capacity of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils, to further improve the efficiency of the Constitutional Court *and* to strengthen the enforcement of civil and administrative decisions;

influence on judicial independence, especially with regard to the appointment of judges; stresses the need to reinforce the capacity of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils, to further improve the efficiency of the Constitutional Court, to strengthen the enforcement of civil and administrative decisions *and to fully implement the new recruitment and professional appraisal and promotion systems*;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 6**

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6. Welcomes the good progress on strengthening the legislative framework to enhance the independence, accountability and professionalism of the judiciary, but calls for the full implementation of relevant rules in practice; welcomes that the backlog of certain types of cases has further decreased; calls for ensuring the independence and increased efficiency of the judiciary; remains concerned about undue influence on judicial independence, especially with regard to the appointment of judges; *questions the practice of blinding all data regarding names of individuals, companies etc. in final verdicts which significantly limits the information to the public about organised crime and corruption in the country, and for evaluating the efficiency of the judiciary*; stresses the need to reinforce the capacity of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils, to further improve the efficiency of the Constitutional Court and to strengthen the enforcement of civil and

administrative decisions;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Neena Gill

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

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Amendment

6a. Calls for the improvement of legislative and administrative capacity in the field of asylum and migration and urges the Commission to provide support to this effect; commends the government of Montenegro for the steps it has taken to help stateless persons on its territory resolve their status; encourages Montenegro to continue its efforts in this field, especially with regard to children, including by further facilitating birth registration and subsequent or re-registration in civil registers;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Dubravka Šuica

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

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Amendment

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; ***stresses the need to effectively ensure*** that victims ***of war crimes*** have access to justice and compensation;

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes ***in order to ensure, in line with international standards, that court rulings are enforced, with a guarantee of fair and just indemnification, and that*** victims have

access to justice and **obtain** compensation
for damage sustained;

Or. hr

Amendment 43

Jozo Radoš

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7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and **compensation**;

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7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes **particularly with regard to the responsible officials at the top of the command chain**; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and **reparations**; **calls for the full protection of witnesses**;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Tonino Picula

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Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and compensation;

Amendment

7. Points out there are cases in which war crimes are not prosecuted in due time and the victims of those crimes are still awaiting fair compensation for the damage that they suffered; invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes;

stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and compensation;

Or. hr

Amendment 45
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and compensation;

Amendment

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and compensation; ***reiterates the need to resolve any issues that are not in line with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute or with the related EU guiding principles on bilateral immunity agreements;***

Or. en

Amendment 46
Andrej Plenković

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to

Amendment

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in war crimes, ***increase the efficiency in handling domestic war crime cases*** and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need

justice and compensation;

to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and **are provided fair** compensation;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in **war** crimes and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and compensation;

Amendment

7. Invites the government and prosecution service to intensify their efforts to fight impunity in **cases relating to war** crimes, **which are still being recorded to an unacceptable extent**, and to demonstrate a more proactive approach in following up on outstanding allegations of war crimes; stresses the need to effectively ensure that victims of war crimes have access to justice and compensation;

Or. it

Amendment 48

Antonio López-Istúriz White, Miriam Dalli, Kinga Gál, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Roberta Metsola, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Caterina Chinnici, Julie Ward

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the recent EU Child Rights Peer Review and calls for full implementation and monitoring of child-related policies and laws at all levels; stresses the need to adequately resource child-related policies and services at national and local level and to enhance capacities to produce and use quality, disaggregated, child-focused data for

evidence based policy making and programming;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Antonio López-Istúriz White, Miriam Dalli, Kinga Gál, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Roberta Metsola, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Caterina Chinnici, Julie Ward

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Commends the Government's commitment to expand good quality early childhood education and welcomes increases in pre-school enrolments following a targeted campaign; welcomes the efforts to improve quality of education in general and early education in particular through standard-setting, enhancing capacities of education providers and establishing oversight and quality assurance mechanisms; welcomes the pioneering work to develop socio-emotional and other soft skills among pupils in primary schools;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Antonio López-Istúriz White, Miriam Dalli, Kinga Gál, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Roberta Metsola, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Caterina Chinnici, Julie Ward

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7c. Acknowledges the Government's commitment and results achieved in the social and child care system reform and stresses the need for these reforms to be effectively implemented by centres for

social welfare through individual case management and coordination of services; points out that the recent legal amendment that allows adults to use services of day-care centres together with children with disabilities is not in line with international standards; welcomes the commitment of the Government to ensure that no children under three years of age are placed in residential state institutions by 2017; commends the proposed amendments to the Family Law to prohibit corporal punishment in family setting; calls for expanding efforts to include the principle of best interests of the child in all civil and administrative proceedings while promoting broader access to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the *preparations for the setting-up* of the Anti-Corruption Agency *and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;*

Amendment

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the *establishment* of the Anti-Corruption Agency *launched on 1 January 2016;*

Or. en

Amendment 52
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the *preparations for the setting-up* of the Anti-Corruption Agency *and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016*;

Amendment

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the *start of functioning* of the Anti-Corruption Agency;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the *preparations for the setting-up* of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Amendment

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences *and urges it to become fully operational as soon as possible*; welcomes the *start of functioning* of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Amendment

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; ***reiterates the need to eliminate corruption on all levels as a conditio sine qua non for a well-functioning system which serves its citizens and respects rule of law;*** welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to

Amendment

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; ***reminds that corruption in all its forms undermines democratic principles and negatively affects social and economic development;*** welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat

make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Amendment

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016, *as well as to ensure its independence and its capacity to conduct administrative investigations; reminds, furthermore, the importance of providing incentive and protecting whistle-blowers;*

Or. en

Amendment 57
Philippe Juvin

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious

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8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious

concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016; ***calls on the government to make combating corruption one of its priorities by allocating sufficient human and budgetary resources to it;***

Or. fr

Amendment 58

Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Amendment

8. Notes that, despite positive legislative changes, corruption remains a serious concern, particularly in public procurement, healthcare, education, spatial planning, ***privatisation*** and construction; welcomes the establishment of the Special Prosecutor's Office with the task to combat inter alia corruption offences; welcomes the preparations for the setting-up of the Anti-Corruption Agency and stresses the need to make it fully operational by 1 January 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 59 **Jozo Radoš**

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

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Draft motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the government to further strengthen the legislative and institutional framework in the fight against corruption and to ensure the effective protection of whistle-blowers; calls for more active participation and effective cooperation of the government, all sectors of public life and civil society in the prevention of corruption; reiterates the need to reinforce anti-corruption track records in investigation, prosecutions and convictions at all levels, to strengthen the institutional and operational capacity of prosecutors, judges and police, and to systematically use financial investigations and the power to seize and confiscate assets;

Amendment

9. Calls on the government to further strengthen the legislative and institutional framework in the fight against corruption and to ensure the effective protection of whistle-blowers; calls for more active participation and effective cooperation of the government, all sectors of public life and civil society in the prevention of corruption; reiterates the need to reinforce anti-corruption track records in investigation, prosecutions and convictions at all levels, to strengthen the institutional and operational capacity of prosecutors, judges and police, and to systematically use financial investigations and the power to seize and confiscate assets; ***calls for criminalising illicit enrichment;***

Or. en

Amendment 60

Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Is concerned about the level of corruption in the country; stresses that reports by NGOs and media suggest a much higher number of corruption cases than currently being under investigation; calls on the authorities to facilitate and widen access to information about ownership of companies, real estate, and details about public expenditures in particular those related to public procurement and privatisation processes;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State *Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, Lazar Rađenović, along with several other* officials with *regard to a* high level corruption *case during his years in office*; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption;

Amendment

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State *Prosecutor's Office in certain Montenegrin municipalities against* several officials with *regards* to high level corruption; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, *Lazar Rađenović*, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption;

Amendment

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, Lazar Rađenović, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption;

Amendment

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, Lazar Rađenović, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption; ***reiterates the need to further increase the track record in high-level corruption cases, as the final convictions still remain limited;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, Lazar Rađenović, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption;

Amendment

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, Lazar Rađenović, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption ***and encourages Montenegro to continue with this practice, in particular when it comes to the highest level officials;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, Lazar Rađenović, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption;

Amendment

10. Notes the bringing of criminal charges by the Montenegrin State Prosecutor against the former Mayor of Budva, Lazar Rađenović, along with several other officials with regard to a high level corruption case during his years in office; welcomes this as a positive sign in establishing a track record in rooting out high level corruption; ***commends the good performance of the Podgorica High Court in delivering convictions for corruption-related offences;***

Or. en

Amendment 66
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Is concerned that the reported number of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained very low; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities; welcomes the good cooperation ***with*** neighbouring countries, ***especially Albania and Kosovo; encourages more cooperation with Serbia and to maintain close operational cooperation with relevant European judicial bodies;*** while noting that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

Amendment

11. Is concerned that the reported number of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained very low; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities; welcomes the good cooperation ***between Montenegro and*** neighbouring countries ***across a broad range of issues; welcomes the Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Montenegro;*** while noting that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

Amendment 67
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Is concerned that the reported number of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained **very** low; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities; welcomes the good cooperation with neighbouring countries, especially Albania and Kosovo; encourages more cooperation with Serbia and to maintain close operational cooperation with relevant European judicial bodies; while **noting** that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

Amendment

11. Is concerned that the reported number of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained low; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities; welcomes the good cooperation with neighbouring countries, especially Albania and Kosovo; encourages more cooperation with Serbia and to maintain close operational cooperation with relevant European judicial bodies; **welcomes the initialling of the agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Montenegro and invites the Council to approve its signing**; while **welcoming** that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

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of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained very low; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities; welcomes the good cooperation with neighbouring countries, especially Albania and Kosovo; encourages more cooperation with Serbia and to maintain close operational cooperation with relevant European judicial bodies; while noting that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained very low; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities **and urges making operational the special police directorate which is supposed to support the Special Prosecutor's Office**; welcomes the good cooperation with neighbouring countries, especially Albania and Kosovo; encourages more cooperation with Serbia and to maintain close operational cooperation with relevant European judicial **and police** bodies; **welcomes the initialling of the Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Montenegro, and invites the Council to approve its signing**; while noting that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Is concerned that the reported number of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained very low; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities; welcomes the good cooperation with neighbouring countries, especially Albania and Kosovo; encourages more cooperation with Serbia and to maintain close operational

Amendment

11. Is concerned that the reported number of final convictions in organised crime cases and the number of seizures and confiscations of criminal assets has remained very low; **notes the counterproductive effect of disproportionately low penalties**; encourages stronger and better cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities; welcomes the good cooperation with neighbouring countries, especially

cooperation with relevant European judicial bodies; while noting that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

Albania and Kosovo; encourages more cooperation with Serbia and to maintain close operational cooperation with relevant European judicial *and police* bodies; **welcomes the initialling of the Agreement on cooperation between Eurojust and Montenegro and invites the Council to approve its signing**; while noting that the legal framework on money laundering is largely at place, calls for the relevant supervisory framework to be significantly enhanced as well as to increase the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in money laundering cases;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. **Notes that** trafficking *in* human beings **remains a concern despite progress on** the relevant legal and institutional aspects including the setting up of a multi-disciplinary coordination team; calls on the competent authorities to increase the number of financial investigations and seizure and confiscation of assets as well as to more efficiently identify and protect victims and prosecute cases;

Amendment

12. **Encourages further measures against the** trafficking *of* human beings **to complement** the relevant legal and institutional aspects, including the setting up of a multi-disciplinary coordination team; calls on the competent authorities to increase the number of financial investigations and seizure and confiscation of assets as well as to more efficiently identify and protect victims and prosecute cases;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes that trafficking in human beings remains a concern despite progress on the relevant legal and institutional aspects including the setting up of a multi-disciplinary coordination team; calls on the competent authorities to increase the number of financial investigations and seizure and confiscation of assets as well as to more efficiently identify and protect victims and prosecute cases;

Amendment

12. Notes that trafficking in human beings remains a concern despite progress on the relevant legal and institutional aspects including the setting up of a multi-disciplinary coordination team; calls on the competent authorities to increase the number of financial investigations and seizure and confiscation of assets as well as to more efficiently identify and protect victims and prosecute cases; **welcomes the 70 arrests for trafficking in human beings towards Italy in the wake of investigations carried out by the Montenegrin authorities;**

Or. it

Amendment 72

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

12a. **Points out that of the 18 000 or so refugees present in Montenegro, many are likely not to be able to enjoy their national right to protection because of ineffective asylum application procedures; stresses that as early as 2014, the UNHCR had advised Podgorica to establish an asylum system that was able to cope with the migration flow, encouraging the use of cross-border cooperation instruments and discouraging refoulement;**

Amendment

12a. **Points out that of the 18 000 or so refugees present in Montenegro, many are likely not to be able to enjoy their national right to protection because of ineffective asylum application procedures; stresses that as early as 2014, the UNHCR had advised Podgorica to establish an asylum system that was able to cope with the migration flow, encouraging the use of cross-border cooperation instruments and discouraging refoulement;**

Or. it

Amendment 73

Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; **welcomes** the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities;

Amendment

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; **notes the pressing need to understand the root causes of the crisis in the Middle East and the Western involvement that has led to the phenomenon of recruitment of nationals to jihadist organisations and possible terrorist attacks**; notes the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities; **urges that all measures taken in this direction should ensure in all circumstances the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with international human rights standards and international instruments**;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; **welcomes** the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor

Amendment

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; **welcomes the amendment of the Criminal Code**

the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities;

regarding the foreign terrorist fighters phenomenon, in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolution; welcomes the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; ***calls and encourages the competent authorities for immediate and proper implementation and application of relevant legal provisions in order to prevent and monitor any potential threat for the security of its citizens; calls and*** encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities;

Or. en

Amendment 75 **Dubravka Šuica**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 13**

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; welcomes the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities;

Amendment

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; welcomes the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities; ***considers that political stability in the region, the promotion of interethnic and interreligious tolerance, and further progress towards the EU are essential in order to strengthen cohesion***

Amendment 76

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; welcomes the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities;

Amendment

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; welcomes the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities; ***calls on the authorities to establish an open dialogue with the large Muslim minority (some 19% of the population);***

Amendment 77

Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; welcomes the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor

Amendment

13. Notes that the Montenegrin police have intensified controls throughout the country to prevent possible terrorist attacks and recruitment of Montenegrin nationals to jihadist organisations; welcomes the ***adoption of the 2016-18 anti-terrorism***

the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities;

strategy and the setting up of an inter-ministerial group to monitor the situation and to assess terrorist threats; encourages the competent authorities to strengthen regional and international cooperation also by exchanging information and best practices in a move to prevent radicalisation and respond to terrorist activities;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Neena Gill

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Welcomes recent efforts by the government of Montenegro to step up the fight against illegal trafficking of weapons and explosives; calls for close coordination and sharing of best practices to take place between initiatives in Montenegro as well as the wider region and the Commission on this matter;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Neena Gill

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Urges the government of Montenegro to investigate reports of illegal arm exports to conflict zones; calls on Montenegro to consider the adoption of arms export controls with a view to avoid contributing to human rights

violations, fuelling conflict and enabling the re-exportation of arms under undesirable conditions in third countries; calls on the Commission to share information with the government of Montenegro to this effect;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

Amendment

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making, **but calls on the authorities to strengthen the public endorsement of Parliament at the same time**; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

Or. it

Amendment 81
Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

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consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; ***appreciates the motivation and efforts of the CSO sector which proved to be vocal and effective in many fields***; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

Amendment

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; ***calls on authorities to encourage CSOs to actively participate in overview of the whole electoral process***; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

Amendment

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; ***calls on the authorities to refrain from exerting pressure on CSOs and*** invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and social entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and

Amendment

14. Welcomes efforts to improve consultation mechanisms with civil society organisations (CSOs) and to achieve more transparency in policy and law-making; stresses the need to further improve their access to accession-related information as well as to further improve cooperation between local self-governments and CSOs; invites the competent authorities to further develop a sustainable system of public funding for CSOs and to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary work and

social entrepreneurship;

social entrepreneurship; *stresses the importance of including the CSOs in the process of rule of law reforms and their role in monitoring the implementation of reforms;*

Or. en

Amendment 85

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the *ongoing* smear campaigns, *mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis*; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the *personal* smear campaigns; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Or. it

Amendment 86

Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. **Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern** that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. **Notes with satisfaction the fact that no new attacks against journalists took place in the reporting period; expresses concern however, for the shortcoming in the investigation of previous cases of violence and intimidation against journalists; points out** that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that **past** incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; **recalls that all media outlets need to fully respect the established rules of professional reporting**; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Philippe Juvin

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro, **which is ranked 114th in terms of press freedom by the annual ranking of Reporters Without Borders**; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and

considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Or. fr

Amendment 88
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly *by one tabloid* newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly *in a certain* newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism *and urges for a fair and equal access to media for all parties involved in the elections;*

Or. en

Amendment 89
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; ***considers it essential for journalists to have full independence away from any interventions including by media owners***; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly ***politicized and*** divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that

of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

incidences of intimidation of journalists **and media outlets** can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 91 **Dubravka Šuica**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 15**

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, **along with other forms of unauthorised pressure being brought to bear on the media**, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism; ***maintains that media freedom and pluralism, as well as freedom of expression in the broader sense, are key foundations of democracy***;

Or. hr

Amendment 92
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; **highlights the importance of self-regulation of media outlets**; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Marietje Schaake

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences

of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;
calls on the relevant authorities to immediately cease all intimidation of journalists and media outlets and to take necessary steps to improve investigations into attacks and threats against journalists and to bring perpetrators to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;
encourages further progress to be made in freedom of expression and align decisions

Amendment 95
Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Remains concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism;

Amendment

15. Remains ***strongly*** concerned about the freedom of the media in Montenegro; notes with concern that the media community is highly divided, that professional and ethical standards are weak and that journalists are poorly paid and their jobs are insecure; is concerned that incidences of intimidation of journalists can considerably encourage self-censorship and limit the scope for investigative journalism; condemns the ongoing smear campaigns, mostly by one tabloid newspaper, targeting prominent civil society activists and some politicians on a personal basis; welcomes the agreement among media practitioners to improve the existing Code of Ethics in order to enhance qualitative journalism; ***reiterates the importance of media freedom and independence as one of the core EU values and a cornerstone of any democracy;***

Amendment 96
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Welcomes the efforts made in the Information society and technology sector; calls attention to the importance of the independence of media agencies and the public broadcaster;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Urges the competent authorities to resolve the pending cases of violence against journalists, including the murder of Duško Jovanović in 2004, by identifying not only the perpetrators but also those behind the attacks and by implementing recommendations issued by the ad hoc media commission set up to monitor the attacks; calls for continuing the OSCE-facilitated dialogue on improving ethical and professional standards in the media; urges measures to ensure the independence of the public service broadcaster RTCG;

Amendment

16. Urges the competent authorities to resolve the pending cases of violence against journalists, including the murder of Duško Jovanović in 2004, by identifying not only the perpetrators but also those behind the attacks and by implementing recommendations issued by the ad hoc media commission set up to monitor the attacks; calls ***on the Government to prolong the mandate of this commission and to provide it with much more information and competences; questions the current composition of the commission which enables police officers and prosecutors representing more than half of its members to block progress and the adoption of a report;*** calls for continuing the OSCE-facilitated dialogue on improving ethical and professional standards in the media; urges measures to ensure the independence of the public service broadcaster RTCG;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Urges the competent authorities to resolve the pending cases of violence against journalists, including the murder of Duško Jovanović in 2004, by identifying not only the perpetrators but also those behind the attacks and by implementing recommendations issued by the ad hoc media commission set up to monitor the attacks; calls for continuing the OSCE-facilitated dialogue on improving ethical and professional standards in the media; urges measures to ensure the independence of the public service broadcaster RTCG;

Amendment

16. Urges the competent authorities to resolve the pending cases of violence **and threats** against journalists, including the murder of Duško Jovanović in 2004, by identifying **and bringing to justice** not only the perpetrators but also those behind the attacks and by implementing recommendations issued by the ad hoc media commission set up to monitor the attacks; calls for continuing the OSCE-facilitated dialogue on improving ethical and professional standards in the media **and for the judiciary to continue to align decisions with the European Court of Human Rights case law on freedom of expression**; urges measures to ensure the independence of the public service broadcaster RTCG;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Anneliese Dodds, Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that **their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access**; calls on the competent authorities to

Amendment

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that **most public buildings are still not accessible for disabled people, including all 13 priority buildings despite the government's commitments to change the situation; calls for the full utilization of the Fund for Professional Rehabilitation and**

encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards;

Employment of Persons with Disabilities and to ensure that the fund is spent in accordance with its purpose; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Dubravka Šuica

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards;

Amendment

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards; ***urges the Montenegrin authorities to further protect the multinational identity of the Boka Kotorska region and enhance its cultural and economic cooperation with neighbouring EU Member States***;

Or. hr

Amendment 101
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the *freedom of religion* in line with European standards;

Amendment

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the *legal status of religious communities* in line with European standards *and to address the issue of lack of transparency in funds for minority issues*;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better

Amendment

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better

representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards;

representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards *and to make further efforts to protect the multi-ethnic identity of Boka Kotorska*;

Or. hr

Amendment 103
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards;

Amendment

17. Welcomes improvements in the legal framework with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities; expresses concern, however, that their access to a majority of the 13 priority public buildings, such as the Parliament, schools, hospitals, social welfare centres and courts, is still very difficult despite the 31 August 2013 deadline to enable access; calls on the competent authorities to encourage better representation of ethnic minorities in public sector employment, including the police and the judiciary; urges them also to adopt a new law on minorities and a law on the freedom of religion in line with European standards *and after due consultations with all stakeholders*;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls once again for additional measures to facilitate the access of Roma to health care and employment; urges both political and civil society actors to fight **widespread** hostility against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges;

Amendment

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls once again for additional measures to facilitate the access of Roma to health care and employment; urges both political and civil society actors to fight hostility against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges; **welcomes that the Third Pride Parade was held without any major incidents on 13 December 2015;**

Or. en

Amendment 105

Ulrike Lunacek, Daniele Viotti, Tanja Fajon, Sophia in 't Veld, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls once again for additional measures to facilitate the access of Roma to health care and employment; urges both political and civil society actors to fight widespread hostility against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges;

Amendment

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls once again for additional measures to facilitate the access of Roma to health care and employment; urges both political and civil society actors to fight widespread hostility, **discrimination and hate crime** against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges; **calls for the perpetrators of such discrimination and violence, including those responsible for attacks against the LGBTIQ Social Center in Podgorica, to be brought to justice; congratulates the Montenegrin government for hosting the 2015 IDAHO Forum in Budva; welcomes that for the third time in a row, a well-protected Pride**

was organised in Podgorica in December 2015; condemns, however, the ban of the Pride march in Nikšić and reminds the government that freedom of expression and freedom of association are fundamental human rights and basic values of the EU, which must be respected; regrets that the strategy for the improvement of the position of LGBTI persons currently lacks any financial resources and calls on the government to fix this and work towards full implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Anneliese Dodds, Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls once again for additional measures to facilitate the access of Roma to health care and employment; urges both political and civil society actors to fight widespread hostility against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges;

Amendment

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls once again for additional measures to facilitate the access of Roma to health care, *housing* and employment; *takes positive note of the successful organisation in May by the Montenegrin Government of the third International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia; while welcomes that the pride in Podgorica was held without incidents, expresses its concern that the pride parade in Nikšić was banned 3 times in 2015;* urges both political and civil society actors to fight widespread hostility against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges; *encourages the authorities to continue and enhance efforts to safeguard the rights of LGBTI*

people and ensure freedom of assembly;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls *once again* for additional measures to facilitate the access of Roma to health care and employment; urges both political and civil society actors to fight widespread hostility against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges;

Amendment

18. Notes the improving participation of Roma students in all levels of education, but calls *for the same benefits to be extended also to the Egyptian and Ashkali minorities and* for additional measures *to be taken once again* to facilitate the access of Roma, *the Egyptian minorities and the Ashkali* to health care and employment; urges both political and civil society actors to fight widespread hostility against the LGBTI community, in particular by efforts to educate and inform the public in order to help change attitudes, and by providing training to the police, prosecutors and judges;

Or. it

Amendment 108

Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Remains concerned about domestic and sexual violence against women and girls, its underreporting, the lack of prosecutions and inefficient support to victims as well as the lenient sentences imposed on perpetrators or outright impunity; urges the competent authorities to take domestic

Amendment

19. Remains concerned about domestic and sexual violence against women and girls, its underreporting, the lack of prosecutions and inefficient support *and protection* to victims as well as the lenient sentences imposed on perpetrators or outright impunity; urges the competent authorities

violence seriously, by establishing protection services, enhancing coordination between state institutions and by effectively implementing the convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence;

to take domestic violence seriously, by establishing protection services, enhancing coordination between state institutions and by effectively implementing the convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; ***urges the competent authorities to educate employees in state institutions (social workers, police officers, etc.) for work with victims;***

Or. en

Amendment 109

Anneliese Dodds, Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Remains concerned about domestic and sexual violence against women and girls, its underreporting, the lack of prosecutions and inefficient support to victims as well as the lenient sentences imposed on perpetrators or outright impunity; urges the competent authorities to take domestic violence seriously, by establishing protection services, enhancing coordination between state institutions and by effectively implementing the convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence;

Amendment

19. Remains concerned about domestic and sexual violence against women and girls, its underreporting, the lack of prosecutions and inefficient support to victims as well as the lenient sentences imposed on perpetrators or outright impunity; urges the competent authorities to take domestic violence seriously, by establishing protection services, enhancing coordination between state institutions and by effectively implementing the convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence; ***stresses the importance of increasing women's representation in politics during the next elections as well as access to the labour market for women;***

Or. en

Amendment 110

Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Calls on the government to further reinforce human rights institutions, such as the Ombudsman and the Ministry of Human Rights and Minorities and allocate the adequate resources for the enforcement of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Anneliese Dodds, Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Commends macroeconomic stability and favourable developments in the economy; notes also that, according to the World Bank's Doing Business report for 2016, Montenegro ranks 46th worldwide, putting it in second place in the Western Balkans; ***notes also, however, the legal uncertainty facing foreign investors, as Montenegro ranks 136th among 188 countries in enforcing contracts; urges the government to launch further structural reforms, to further simplify the regulatory environment, to pursue efforts to reduce corruption in the economy, to address the country's large current-account deficits and deteriorating public finances as well as to implement policies that will help diversify the economy;***

20. Commends macroeconomic stability and favourable developments in the economy; notes also that, according to the World Bank's Doing Business report for 2016, Montenegro ranks 46th worldwide, putting it in second place in the Western Balkans; however ***notes that*** Montenegro ranks 136th among 188 countries in enforcing contracts ***which leads to legal uncertainty***; urges the government to launch further structural reforms, to ***ensure a business-friendly*** regulatory environment ***while protecting consumer and social rights***, to pursue efforts to reduce corruption in the economy, to ***implement economic reforms that will create jobs and growth, a diverse economy and address the budget deficit in a sustainable way;***

Or. en

Amendment 112

Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 113

Charles Tannock

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

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government to launch further structural reforms, to further simplify the regulatory environment, to pursue efforts to reduce corruption in the economy, to address the country's large current-account deficits and **deteriorating** public finances as well as to implement policies that will help diversify the economy;

government to launch further structural reforms, to further simplify the regulatory environment, to pursue efforts to reduce corruption in the economy, to address the country's large current-account deficits and **the sustainability of** public finances as well as to implement policies that will help diversify the economy;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 115

Philippe Juvin

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

20. Commends macroeconomic stability and favourable developments in the economy; notes also that, according to the World Bank's Doing Business report for 2016, ***which calculates the ease of doing business in a country***, Montenegro ranks 46th worldwide, putting it in second place in the Western Balkans; notes also, however, the legal uncertainty facing foreign investors, as Montenegro ranks 136th among 188 countries in enforcing contracts; urges the government to launch further structural reforms, to further simplify the regulatory environment, to pursue efforts to reduce corruption in the economy, to address the country's large current-account deficits and deteriorating public finances as well as to implement policies that will help diversify the economy;

Or. fr

Amendment 116

Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the importance of strengthening the SME sector and providing support through better legislation, financing, implementation of industrial policy and reducing the informal economy as well as speeding up electronic registration of companies nation-wide;

Amendment 117
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Notes with concern that Montenegro is not in alignment with the 3rd Energy package and there is no progress in the development of the gas market; points out the need to dedicate sufficient resources in the interest of achieving the targets and the need to establish a specialized energy efficiency agency;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Notes that state aid remains an issue of concern, particularly as regards the independence of the State Aid Control Commission and the State Aid Control Unit, the notification and compatibility of new legislation and aid to large investment projects and the KAP aluminium plant; reiterates its call on the government and involved parties to reach a sustainable and negotiated solution for KAP in compliance with the SAA and the rule of law;

21. Notes that state aid remains an issue of concern, particularly as regards the independence of the State Aid Control Commission and the State Aid Control Unit, the notification and compatibility of new legislation and aid to large investment projects and the KAP aluminium plant; reiterates its call on the government and involved parties to reach a sustainable and negotiated solution for KAP in compliance with the SAA and the rule of law; ***calls for special attention with respect to the plans to build a new highway which will become the largest ever public project and expenditure in Montenegrin history; calls***

for very high levels of transparency and calls on the authorities to consider establishing a special committee ensuring the appropriate use of public funds and compliance with relevant laws;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Anneliese Dodds, Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Notes that state aid remains an issue of concern, particularly as regards the independence of the State Aid Control Commission and the State Aid Control Unit, the notification and compatibility of new legislation and aid to large investment projects and the KAP aluminium plant; reiterates its call on the government and involved parties to reach a sustainable and negotiated solution for KAP in compliance with the SAA and the rule of law;

Amendment

21. Notes that state aid remains an issue of concern, particularly as regards the independence of the State Aid Control Commission and the State Aid Control Unit, the notification and compatibility of new legislation and aid to large investment projects and the KAP aluminium plant; reiterates its call on the government and involved parties to reach a sustainable and negotiated solution for KAP *bankruptcy proceedings* in compliance with *state aid rules*, the SAA and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Notes that state aid remains an issue of concern, particularly as regards the independence of the State Aid Control Commission and the State Aid Control Unit, the notification and compatibility of new legislation and aid to large investment

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projects and the KAP aluminium plant;
reiterates its call on the government and
involved parties to reach a sustainable and
negotiated solution for KAP in compliance
with the SAA and the rule of law;

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reiterates its call on the government and
involved parties to reach a sustainable and
negotiated solution for KAP in compliance
with the SAA, *transparency* and the rule of
law;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. While noting that the international arbitration cases of the aluminium plant KAP, Montenegro's biggest industrial manufacturer, are still pending, continues to be seriously concerned about the delay in the resolution of the bankruptcy procedure as it is in breach of the country's obligations under the SAA; urges the government and the parties involved to reach a sustainable solution for KAP with the help of the EU, if necessary, in compliance with SAA state aid rules and based on transparency and the rule of law; calls for a full and independent audit into the KAP affair, from its acquisition to today;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Anneliese Dodds, Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Encourages the government to

accelerate its work in addressing Montenegro's key challenges regarding social inclusion, poverty reduction and addressing the grey economy; insists on the need to effectively fight tax evasion and the establishment of a more socially just taxation; welcomes the memorandum of understanding with the ILO; calls for improvements in the social dialogue and the involvement of the social council regarding regulations related to social partners' competences;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. *Notes* that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment;

Amendment

22. *Reiterates its concerns* that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for *more* active labour market measures to increase employment *and better cooperation with social partners and NGO's; welcomes the implementation of the first operational programme for human resources development as a precursor to European Social Fund (ESF) and the adoption of the 2016 action plan on social inclusion;*

Or. en

Amendment 124
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; ***stresses the importance of including the CSOs and the Social Council in the formulation of labour policies***; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment; ***is concerned by the lack of progress on the freedom of movement of workers***;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment; ***is of the opinion that all measures and economic policies should be the result of social dialogue among the various partners and particularly the workers and their unions***;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment ***and thus calls on the authorities to establish better conditions, in particular for youth employment;***

Or. en

Amendment 127
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels; ***notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country;*** calls for active labour market measures to increase employment;

Amendment

22. Notes that in some parts of the country many are living in relative poverty and that youth and long-term unemployment are at persistently high levels, ***despite the growing GDP;*** notes the skills mismatch between the educational system and the labour market and the widening socio-economic gap between the north and south of the country; calls for active labour market measures to increase employment;

Or. it

Amendment 128

Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

23. Calls for further efforts to preserve the biodiversity of the Saline in Ulcinj as ***one of Europe's most important bird habitats***; calls on the government to continue and enhance efforts for the sustainable national and international protection of this unique ecosystem; encourages sustainable development of the coastline, and the protection of the natural environment and biodiversity in line with European standards;

Amendment

23. Calls for further efforts to preserve the biodiversity of the Saline in Ulcinj as ***the most important breeding and wintering site for birds on the eastern Adriatic coast***; calls on the government to continue and enhance efforts for the sustainable national and international protection of this unique ecosystem ***recognising the functioning of the saline as one of the best examples of economic development and environmental protection synergy, since only a functional saline can provide natural service to millions of birds every year***; encourages sustainable development of the coastline, and the protection of the natural environment and biodiversity in line with European standards;

Or. en

Amendment 129

Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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standards;

standards; *reiterates that further efforts should be made towards the adoption of a new law on the environment in conjunction with the need to assess environmental impact;*

Or. en

Amendment 130
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Draft motion for a resolution

23. Calls for further efforts to preserve the biodiversity of the Saline in Ulcinj as one of Europe's most important bird habitats; calls on the government to continue and enhance efforts for the sustainable national and international protection of this unique ecosystem; encourages sustainable development of the coastline, and the protection of the natural environment and biodiversity in line with European standards;

Amendment

23. Calls for further efforts to preserve the biodiversity of, *in particular*, the Saline in Ulcinj as one of Europe's most important bird habitats; calls on the government to continue and enhance efforts for the sustainable national and international protection of this unique ecosystem; encourages sustainable development of the coastline, and the protection of the natural environment and biodiversity in line with European standards;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Notes the intention of the Montenegrin Government to build around 80 hydropower plants; is concerned about the fact that many of these plants are being planned without sound environmental impact assessment, in

particular with regard to the protection of biodiversity and their impact on protected areas as required by EU legislation; calls for strategic planning approach in accordance with the guiding principles for sustainable hydropower development of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River set under the Danube River Protection Convention to which Montenegro is a signatory state; urges the Montenegrin government to enhance the registry of small hydropower projects up to 10MW through detailed scientific biodiversity research and to suspend all relevant projects until research in the biodiversity has been concluded; stresses the need to abandon large scale hydropower projects on the river Morača as these have significant adverse effects on lake Skadar and river Tara, which are protected under international and national legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Expresses concern at Montenegro's plans to exploit oil and natural gas in the Adriatic Sea and at the environmental impact of offshore drilling and its effect on water quality and marine fauna; calls on Montenegro to focus on renewable energy sources and sustainable energy policies; reiterates its alarm with regard to the projected Tivat-Pescara undersea electricity cable and the environmental damage it could cause;

Or. it

Amendment 133
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Encourages Montenegro to continue progressing in the field of environment protection by strengthening administrative and coordination capacity and adopting the new legislation on environment; welcomes the adoption in September 2015 of the Climate Strategy; notes that its implementation should be consistent with the EU 2030 Framework;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU*** (100% alignment currently);

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation, ***including in regional reconciliation; congratulates Montenegro on fully aligning with the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and encourages the government to continue the current 100% alignment;***

Or. en

Amendment 135
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; **encourages the government to continue to fully align** the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Amendment

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; **notes the alignment of** the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Or. en

Amendment 136
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. **Commends** Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Amendment

24. **Highlights** Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation **through the "Berlin process" and Western Balkan six initiative; welcomes the outcome of the Vienna Summit 2015 and recent adoption of IPA 2015 package that includes funding of two important infrastructure projects: Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor with the Grid Section in Montenegro and the extension of the Orient/East-Med Corridor with the construction of the electrified railway track between the port of Bar and the Serbian border at Vrbnica; therefore calls on Montenegrin authorities to swiftly implement 'soft measures' agreed during the 2015 WB Summit in Vienna (e.g. simplifying/aligning border crossing procedures, railway reforms, information systems) before the next WB Summit in 2016 in France;** encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU

(100% alignment currently);

Or. en

Amendment 137

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Amendment

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently); **welcomes the progress made by adopting the law on the implementation of international restrictive measures, including in the context of Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea and events in Eastern Ukraine; welcomes the adoption of the law for ratification of the Convention of Nuclear Safety; strongly reiterates the importance and necessity of a common pro-active strategy of foreign and security policy, especially in the current situation of the international terrorist threat;**

Or. en

Amendment 138

Miroslav Poche

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation;

Amendment

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation;

encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently); *welcomes especially Montenegro's decision to align with the EU's decision to adopt sanctions on Russia and encourages Podgorica to work together with the EU in persuading other countries in the Western Balkans region to do the same;*

Or. en

Amendment 139
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Amendment

24. *Welcomes the decision of the NATO Foreign Ministers to invite Montenegro to become a full member of the alliance;* commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Or. hr

Amendment 140
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation;

Amendment

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation,

encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

including its contribution to crisis management operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP); encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Or. en

Amendment 141
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Draft motion for a resolution

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Amendment

24. Commends Montenegro's proactive participation and constructive role in regional and international cooperation; ***highlights Montenegro's constructive role in the framework of the "Berlin Process" and the Western Balkan Six initiative;*** encourages the government to continue to fully align the country's foreign policy with that of the EU (100% alignment currently);

Or. en

Amendment 142
Pier Antonio Panzeri, Goffredo Maria Bettini

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 143
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. **Welcomes** NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance **and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;**

Amendment

25. **Deplores** NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance; **notes that polls show great diversity among Montenegro citizens on the issue;**

Or. en

Amendment 144
Ulrike Lunacek, Terry Reintke
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. **Welcomes** NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and **encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;**

Amendment

25. **Notes** NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and **calls for a national referendum in the country;**

Or. en

Amendment 145
Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;

Amendment

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations, **which nonetheless**

should not be used as a pretext or means of applying pressure to Moscow, leaving Montenegro to deal with the consequences; expresses concern with regard to possible Russian reactions to the accession of Montenegro to NATO, since they could further expose the country to the economic crisis already affecting broad swathes of the population;

Or. it

Amendment 146
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;

Amendment

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations; *condemns other states' involvement in Montenegro's foreign and security policy and rest assured that the people of Montenegro is best suited to choose its own future;*

Or. en

Amendment 147
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;

Amendment

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations; *reiterates that NATO accession criteria are similar to the EU accession criteria and that NATO accession will lead to a better*

preparedness in the EU negotiation talks;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;

Amendment

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations; *encourages, in this context, to continue the security sector reform; welcomes Montenegro's participation in EU-lead Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions;*

Or. en

Amendment 149
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Draft motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations;

Amendment

25. Welcomes NATO's decision to invite Montenegro to join the alliance and encourages a quick and efficient process of accession negotiations; *is of the opinion that Montenegro's membership of NATO strongly contributes to the stability of the region;*

Or. en

Amendment 150
Takis Hadjigeorgiou

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Is of the opinion that there is no need for further militarization of the region and possible inclusion of Montenegro in the NATO alliance, as this would just be a step for further destabilization of the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Deplores external pressures aimed at limiting the sovereignty of Montenegro to decide on its integration into the Euro-Atlantic organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Welcomes the border agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo and urges Montenegro to build on this and speed up work on ***the delimitation of borders*** with Croatia and Serbia;

26. Welcomes the border agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo and urges Montenegro to build on this and speed up work ***to deal with unresolved border issues*** with Croatia and Serbia;

encourages Montenegro to address, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit, outstanding bilateral issues with its neighbours as early as possible in the accession process;

renews its call on the authorities to help resolve the succession issues related to the legacy of the former SFRY, including the military and naval legacy; encourages Montenegro to address, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit, outstanding bilateral issues with its neighbours as early as possible in the accession process; *also calls on the Montenegrin authorities to broaden cooperation with neighbouring countries by sharing information about the experience of pre-accession negotiations;*

Or. hr

Amendment 153
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Draft motion for a resolution

26. Welcomes the border agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo and urges Montenegro to build on this and speed up work on the delimitation of borders with Croatia and Serbia; encourages Montenegro to **address**, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit, outstanding bilateral issues with its neighbours as early as possible in the accession process;

Amendment

26. Welcomes the border agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo and urges Montenegro to build on this and speed up work on the delimitation of borders with Croatia and Serbia; encourages Montenegro to **continue addressing**, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit, outstanding bilateral issues with its neighbours as early as possible in the accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Dubravka Šuica

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Draft motion for a resolution

26. Welcomes the border agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo and urges Montenegro to build on this and speed up work on the delimitation of borders with Croatia and Serbia; encourages Montenegro to address, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit, outstanding bilateral issues with its neighbours as early as possible in the accession process;

Amendment

26. Welcomes the border agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo and urges Montenegro to build on this and speed up work on the delimitation of borders with Croatia and Serbia, ***and, should it prove impossible to reach a solution by mutual agreement, calls for disputes to be settled in the Hague International Court of Justice, in accordance with the rules and principles of international law***; encourages Montenegro to address, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit, outstanding bilateral issues with its neighbours as early as possible in the accession process; ***calls on the Montenegrin authorities fully to comply with the provisions on succession of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY), especially as regards military assets***;

Or. hr

Amendment 155

Davor Ivo Stier

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

26a. Welcomes Montenegro's policies aimed at creating a climate of tolerance and inclusion for all national minorities; strongly encourages Montenegro's authorities to further protect the multinational identity of the Boka Kotorska region and enhance its cultural and economic cooperation with neighbouring EU member states;

Or. en