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AMENDMENTS

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Accompanying resolution to the consent on the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part
(2017/2269(INI))

Amendment 1
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to its *resolution of 18 April 2012 containing the European Parliament's recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service on the negotiations of the EU-Armenia Association Agreement¹, – an Association Agreement which was not signed, but is replaced by this Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement,*

¹ OJ C 258 E, 7.9.2013, p. 44.

Amendment

— having regard to its *relevant resolutions on EU - Armenia relations,*

¹ OJ C 258 E, 7.9.2013, p. 44.

Or. en

Amendment 2
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the Joint Declarations of the Eastern Partnership Summits, notably of 2017 in Brussels,

Amendment

— having regard to the Joint Declarations of the Eastern Partnership Summits, notably of *2015 in Riga and of 2017 in Brussels,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Iveta Grigule-Pēterse

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit (Brussels, 24 November 2017),***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to its resolution of 23 October 2013 on European Neighbourhood Policy as well as resolution of 9 July 2015 on the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy,***

Or. en

Amendment 5

Iveta Grigule-Pēterse

Motion for a resolution

Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to its resolution of 23 October 2013 on European Neighbourhood Policy as well as resolution of 9 July 2015 on the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy,***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament Annual report on the implementation of CFSP of 13 December 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its Annual report on the implementation of CFSP of 13 December 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
László Tókéš, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution
Recital A (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- A. *whereas the current framework for relations between Armenia and the European Union is the 1996 Partnership and Cooperation Agreement which entered into force in 1999 and which is to be replaced by this Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement;***

Amendment 9

László Tóké, Cristian Dan Preda, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Recital B (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas, through the Eastern Partnership, the EU and Armenia have based their relations on a shared commitment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 10

László Tóké, Janusz Zemke

Motion for a resolution

Recital C (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas there remain concerns about Armenia's full respect for some of the above-mentioned core values, notably as regards democracy and the rule of law which are undermined by corruption, vote-buying, organised crime and abusive oligarchic control;

Or. en

Amendment 11

László Tóké, Cristian Dan Preda, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Recital D (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas the geographic location of Armenia between Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East and neighbouring regional powers, notably Russia, Iran and Turkey, is both strategic and challenging; whereas the non-recognition by some of past tragedies - notably the Armenian genocide, the presence of foreign troops in Armenia as well as the protracted conflicts in the South Caucasus, affecting also Azerbaijan and Georgia, pose a major threat to all partners' security and regional stability; whereas the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict can only be solved peacefully in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles, notably through the efforts and proposals of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 12

László Tóké, Cristian Dan Preda, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Recital E (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas the EU is Armenia's main trading partner and first donor, whereas Armenia is also a member of the Eurasian Economic Union thus demonstrating that the European Union does not hold as a prerequisite for partners to choose a deepening of relations with the EU at the expense of their relations with third parties, even if some opportunities - such as a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) with the EU - were not attainable in this context;

Amendment 13

László Tóké, Cristian Dan Preda, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Recital F (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the new agreement sets a new legal basis to reinvigorate the political dialogue and broaden the scope of economic cooperation as well as cooperation in sectors such as energy, transport, infrastructure and the environment; whereas these provisions are expected to have a positive impact on Armenia in terms of promoting democratic standards, economic growth and sustainable development; whereby such prospects are particularly important for Armenia's youth including through improved education and more job opportunities; whereas both EU and Armenian citizens stand to benefit from increased cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 14

James Carver

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. *Warmly welcomes* the signature of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement, *which constitutes a significant step forward in EU-Armenian relations and embodies a commitment to a further deepening of political and economic relations;*

1. *Notes* the signature of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement;

Amendment 15
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Warmly welcomes* the signature of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement, which constitutes a significant step forward in EU-Armenian relations and embodies a commitment to a further deepening of political and economic relations;

Amendment

1. *Takes note of* the signature of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement, which constitutes a significant step forward in EU-Armenian relations and embodies a commitment to a further deepening of political and economic relations;

Amendment 16
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Notes that the signing of the Agreement is not the end point in terms of EU-Armenian cooperation, but instead emphasises the importance of swift and effective implementation before moving on to consider the potential for further enhancing cooperation and integration between the two parties, at a pace and on a scale mutually agreeable to both;*

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 17
Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the signing of the Agreement is not the end point in terms of EU-Armenian cooperation, but instead emphasises the importance of swift and effective implementation before moving on to consider the potential for further enhancing cooperation and integration between the two parties, at a pace and on a scale mutually agreeable to both;

Amendment

2. Notes that the signing of the Agreement is not the end point in terms of EU-Armenian cooperation, but instead emphasises the importance of swift and effective implementation ***and of the respect for international law*** before moving on to consider the potential for further enhancing cooperation and integration between the two parties, at a pace and on a scale mutually agreeable to both;

Or. en

Amendment 18

James Carver

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls ***that*** significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, ***is key to unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;***

Amendment

3. Recalls significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Demetris Papadakis, Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that **significant** progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

Amendment

3. Recalls that **additional** progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of **upholding** core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

Amendment

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of **implementing** core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects **for cooperation**, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

Or. de

Amendment 21
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to

Amendment

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence **and impartiality** of the judiciary and delivering **concrete** results in the fight

unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

Amendment

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, ***a functioning democratic system, good-neighbourly relations***, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects, notably that of a possible visa liberalisation dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 23

László Tóké, Cristian Dan Preda, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects, ***notably that of a possible*** visa liberalisation dialogue;

Amendment

3. Recalls that significant progress in terms of upholding core values such as the rule of law, defending the independence of the judiciary and delivering results in the fight against corruption, is key to unlocking further prospects; ***in this respect, looks forward to the EU considering in due course the opening of visa liberalisation dialogue with Armenia, provided that conditions for well-managed***

*and secure mobility are in place,
including the effective implementation of
visa facilitation and readmission
agreements between the Parties;*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Lars Adaktusson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the EU to launch a visa liberalization dialogue with Armenia taking into account that conditions for well-managed and secure mobility, including the effective implementation of visa facilitation and readmission agreements by Armenia, are in place;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Lars Adaktusson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Notes that the territorial application of the Agreement covers the internationally recognised territory of Armenia and that of the European Union;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 26
László Tóké, Janusz Zemke

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that the territorial application of the Agreement covers *the internationally recognised territory of Armenia and that* of the European Union;

Amendment

4. Notes that the territorial application of the Agreement covers *on the one hand, the territories in which the Treaty of the European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community are applied and under the condition laid down in those Treaties and, on the other hand, to the territory of Republic of Armenia;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Notes that *the territorial application of the Agreement covers the internationally recognised territory of Armenia and that of the* European Union;

Amendment

4. Notes that *this Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty of European Union, and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community are applied and under the conditions laid down in those treaties and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Republic of Armenia;*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Notes** that the territorial application of the Agreement covers the internationally recognised territory of Armenia and that of the European Union;

Amendment

4. **Stresses** that the territorial application of the Agreement covers the internationally recognised territory of Armenia and that of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to ensure coherence of EU policy on situations of occupation or annexation of territory and ensure, therefore, that no products from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan are exported illegally to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Marek Jurek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Notes that the Agreement is in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017, which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect **EU values; urges the authorities in Armenia nevertheless to ensure, with the support** of

5. Notes that the Agreement is in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017, which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect **common values of the democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental**

the *EU*, *there is no* backsliding on these values, *which* could trigger suspension of the application of the Agreement through its Article 379;

freedoms; and notes that backsliding on these values, could *otherwise* trigger suspension of the application of the Agreement through its Article 379;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the Agreement is in keeping with the *spirit and* principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017, which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values; urges the authorities in Armenia nevertheless to ensure, with the support of the EU, there is no backsliding on these values, which could trigger suspension of the application of the Agreement through its Article 379;

Amendment

5. Notes that the Agreement is in keeping with *most of* the principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017, which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values; urges the authorities in Armenia nevertheless to ensure, with the support of the EU, there is no backsliding on these values, which could trigger suspension of the application of the Agreement through its Article 379;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Notes that the Agreement is in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017,

Amendment

5. Notes that the Agreement is in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017,

which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values; urges the authorities in Armenia nevertheless to ensure, with the support of the EU, there is no backsliding on these values, which could trigger suspension of the application of the Agreement through its Article 379;

which unambiguously states that no comprehensive agreement will be ratified with a country that does not respect EU values; urges the authorities in Armenia nevertheless to ensure, with the support of the EU, there is no backsliding on these values, which could trigger suspension of the application of the Agreement through its Article 379; ***reiterates that EU financial assistance to Armenia remains conditional to implementation and quality of reforms;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
James Carver

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Encourages Armenia to swiftly adopt and implement mutually agreed reforms, notably in the context of the EU-Armenia partnership priorities, which should act as a guiding framework for the implementation of the Agreement;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 34
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Encourages Armenia to swiftly *adopt and* implement mutually agreed reforms, notably in the context of the EU-Armenia partnership priorities, which should act as a guiding framework for the

6. Encourages Armenia to swiftly implement mutually agreed reforms *in areas including the stability of the electoral system, the independence of the legal system and transparency in the*

implementation of the Agreement;

governance of State institutions, notably in the context of the EU-Armenia partnership priorities, which should act as a guiding framework for the implementation of the Agreement;

Or. de

Amendment 35
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Encourages Armenia to swiftly adopt and implement mutually agreed reforms, notably in the context of the EU-Armenia partnership priorities, which should act as a guiding framework for the implementation of the Agreement;

Amendment

6. Encourages Armenia to swiftly adopt and implement mutually agreed reforms, notably in the context of the EU-Armenia partnership priorities, which should act as a guiding framework for the implementation of the Agreement, ***by delivering tangible, concrete and positive results for both European and Armenian citizens***;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Emphasises the utmost importance of a meaningful involvement of relevant civil society organisations during this implementation phase, including through the new Civil Society Platform established by the Agreement, going beyond the limited obligations to keep civil society representatives informed and to exchange views with them, as currently foreseen in***

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 37
Demetris Papadakis, Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Emphasises the utmost importance of a meaningful involvement of relevant civil society organisations during this implementation phase, including through the new Civil Society Platform established by the Agreement, *going beyond the limited obligations to keep civil society representatives informed and to exchange views with them*, as currently foreseen in Article 366;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the utmost importance of a meaningful involvement of relevant civil society organisations during this implementation phase, including through the new Civil Society Platform established by the Agreement, as currently foreseen in Article 366;

Amendment 38
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Emphasises the utmost importance of a meaningful involvement of relevant civil society *organisations* during this implementation phase, including through the new Civil Society Platform established by the Agreement, going beyond the limited obligations to keep civil society representatives informed and to exchange views with them, as currently foreseen in Article 366;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the utmost importance of a meaningful involvement *and inclusion* of relevant civil society *actors* during this implementation phase, including through the new Civil Society Platform established by the Agreement, going beyond the limited obligations to keep civil society representatives informed and to exchange views with them, as currently foreseen in Article 366;

Amendment 39

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Emphasises the utmost importance of **a meaningful** involvement of **relevant** civil society organisations during this implementation phase, including through the new Civil Society Platform established by the Agreement, going beyond the limited obligations to keep civil society representatives informed and to exchange views with them, as currently foreseen in Article 366;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the utmost importance of **the** involvement of civil society organisations during this implementation phase, including through the new Civil Society Platform established by the Agreement, going beyond the limited obligations to keep civil society representatives informed and to exchange views with them, as currently foreseen in Article 366; **points out that the civil society organisations to be involved should cover the broadest possible spectrum of political, societal and social interests; calls on the Commission, in the course of implementing the Agreement, to continue developing its own monitoring instruments;**

Or. de

Amendment 40

James Carver

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Calls on the Commission to follow through on the conditionality of the EU's financial assistance by systematically linking EU support – including through the European Neighbourhood instrument, macro-financial assistance and other instruments – to the effective implementation of reforms, progress in which should be the subject of thorough***

Amendment

deleted

monitoring;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Calls on the Commission to follow through on the conditionality of the EU's financial assistance by systematically linking EU support – ***including through the European Neighbourhood instrument, macro-financial assistance and other instruments*** – to the effective implementation of reforms, progress in which should be the subject of thorough monitoring;

Amendment

8. Calls on the Commission to follow through on the conditionality of the EU's financial assistance by systematically linking EU support to the effective implementation of reforms, progress in which should be the subject of thorough monitoring ***and a prerequisite for financial assistance;***

Or. el

Amendment 42
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Notes*** that the Agreement is ***also in keeping*** with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018

Amendment

9. ***Regrets*** that the Agreement is ***not in line*** with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018

elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the *ratification* of a new agreement with Armenia *or Azerbaijan* conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Amendment

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the *provisional and full application* of a new agreement with Armenia conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict *in line with United Nations Security Council resolutions 882, 853, 874 and 884*; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the **ratification** of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Amendment

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the **provisional and full application** of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement **with Armenia or Azerbaijan** conditional upon **meaningful** commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; **urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018**

Amendment

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement **between the EU and each of the parties to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict** conditional upon **binding** commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict;

elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. de

Amendment 46
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Amendment

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has ***not only*** prevented the establishment of ***any*** peace and ***stability, but also*** hampered ***any*** socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Amendment

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict ***in order to enable hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons to execute their basic rights such as return to their home***; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Iveta Grigule-Pēterse

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make

Amendment

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 as regards making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict ***in line with United Nations Security council resolutions 882,853,874,884; reiterates deep concerns on illegal activities***

history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

exercised by Armenian troops on the occupied territories; urges both sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Lars Adaktusson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017 *as regards* making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; urges *both* sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries in order to make history by ending a conflict which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic development in the region for almost three decades;

Amendment

9. Notes that the Agreement is also in keeping with the spirit and principles expressed in the European Parliament recommendation of 15 November 2017, *including* making the ratification of a new agreement with Armenia or Azerbaijan conditional upon meaningful commitments to and substantial progress towards solving the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict *such as maintaining the ceasefire and supporting the implementation of the Basic Principles proposed by the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs which include territorial integrity, self-determination and the non-use of force*; urges *all* sides to increase the pace and output of their negotiations following the 2018 elections in both countries, *in good faith with the view of implementing these principles*, in order to make history by ending a conflict *which cannot be solved using military force and* which has claimed too many lives, especially those of civilians, and which has prevented the establishment of peace and hampered socio-economic

development in the region for almost three decades;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Expresses, in this regard, deep concern at the military build-up and the disproportionate defence-spending in the region and highlights the importance of defusing tension and prevent the risk of new fights with regard, in particular to a negotiated disengagement and disarmament around the ceasefire line; supports the enhancement of the OSCE mission and the substantial increase of the number of international observers;*

Or. en

Amendment 51
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. *Calls on the EEAS and the Commission find ways to set up programmes aimed at facilitating meetings on specific issues and common problems between the representatives of Azeri and Armenians NGOs and youth organisations with regard, in particular, to the environment and peaceful conflict-*

resolution;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9c. Calls on both parties to make a contribution to a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict on the basis of the central principles of the Helsinki Final Act and, in so doing, to focus in particular on measures conducive to reducing the potential for conflict in the region, such as direct high-level talks, confidence-building measures with a long-term impact as a precondition for overcoming the prevailing deeply entrenched attitudes on both sides, the conclusion of a binding agreement by means of which both sides completely renounce violence, the introduction of an effective system for monitoring the ceasefire, measures to help the parties to the conflict disengage and disarm, mutual renunciation of any activity in the conflict region which would have a bearing on a final resolution of the conflict, prosecution of those manifestly responsible for war crimes, and exchanges between Armenian and Azeri civil society;

Or. de

Amendment 53

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9d. Urges the Commission to strictly oversee the abidance of EU Member States by Council Regulation 833/2014 which is instrumental in avoiding indirect sale, supply, transfer or export of dual use goods and technology to Armenia through intermediaries which are partly intended for military uses or a military end-user;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9e. to underline the EU's full support for the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs in their efforts to peacefully solve the Nagorno Karabakh conflict in line with the OSCE 2009 Basic Principles in accordance with the principles of the non-use of force or threat of force, territorial integrity, and the equal rights and self-determination of peoples; to urge all sides of the conflict to adhere to the 1994 - 1995 ceasefire regime agreements, to implement confidence building measures and to reduce the tension on the Line of Contact, including the OSCE investigative mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9f. *Takes note of the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights according to which Armenia exercises effective control over Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding territories, including the district of Lachin and calls on the Armenian authorities to fully implement the ruling of the case of Chiragov and Others versus Armenia;*

Or. en

Amendment 56
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9g. *Notes that Russia is Armenia's main guarantee of security through its active participation in the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO), the establishment on its territory of the 102nd Russian military base (granted by Armenia until 2044) and, finally, by the surveillance of the borders between Armenia and Turkey and between Armenia and Iran by FSB border guards of the Russian Federation;*

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9h. *Believes that an expansion of NATO's presence in Georgia and Azerbaijan, even though Turkey, a country hostile to Armenia, is a member of the Alliance, would be likely to exacerbate military tension in the region by destroying the balance of forces;*

Or. fr

Amendment 58

Mario Borghezio, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Harald Vilimsky, Marcel de Graaff

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9i. *Supports the statement by President Serzh Sargsyan who stated that Turkey has not taken any steps to ratify and implement the Zurich protocols in which the Republic of Armenia expressly requires Turkey to recognize the Armenian genocide in Ottoman Turkey in 1915 and in Western Armenia and that caused about 1.5 million deaths;*

Or. en

Amendment 59

Mario Borghezio, Marcel de Graaff, Harald Vilimsky, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9j. *Calls on the European Commission and the Council to support Armenia in its legitimate commitment to ensure that Turkey recognizes the*

Amendment 60

Demetris Papadakis, Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls on both Armenia and the EU to attach a high priority to domestic reforms, as outlined in Article 4, to ensure in particular the smooth transition from a presidential to a parliamentary system and the non-politicisation of state institutions; encourages the *ruling party* to ensure that major reforms – such as those related to the structure and activities of the government or to the criminal code – are subject to greater transparency and to an inclusive dialogue with the opposition and civil society, in the interests of Armenian society at large;

Amendment

10. Calls on both Armenia and the EU to attach a high priority to domestic reforms, as outlined in Article 4, to ensure in particular the smooth transition from a presidential to a parliamentary system and the non-politicisation of state institutions; encourages the *government* to ensure that major reforms – such as those related to the structure and activities of the government or to the criminal code – are subject to greater transparency and to an inclusive dialogue with the opposition and civil society, in the interests of Armenian society at large;

Amendment 61

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the need to *protect the rights of* the opposition and *of* civil society, *including* media representatives and human rights defenders; calls on Armenia, in this context, to ensure a swift and fair trial for all prisoners, including Andreas Ghukasyan, free from any

Amendment

11. Emphasises the need to *create a level playing field for* the opposition and *the environment where* civil society, media representatives and human rights defenders *work and exercise their rights without the fear of reprisal*; calls on Armenia, in this context, to ensure a swift

political considerations;

and fair trial for all prisoners, including
Andreas Ghukasyan, free from any
political considerations;

Or. en

Amendment 62

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras
Auštrevičius**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***11a. Calls on the Armenian authorities
to refrain from excessive use of force
against peaceful protesters and pressures
such as unjustified criminal charges
against protest leaders;***

Or. en

Amendment 63

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras
Auštrevičius**

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***11b. Regrets that investigations into the
actions of police on the cases of excessive
use of force against peaceful protesters
and other law enforcement—even when
opened—were ineffective and no charges
were pursued against any officials, despite
the gravity of some of the force used;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Calls on the Armenian government to ensure the right to freedom of assembly as guaranteed by the constitution; urges, in particular, to ensure impartial investigation into the disproportionate and excessive use of force by the police during June 2015 and July 2016 peaceful rallies;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11d. Calls on the Armenian authorities to ensure a fair trial in all cases including the ongoing “Sasna Tsrer” case, during which defence lawyers faced unprecedented obstacles to access to court rooms, and to provide legal aid to the defendants;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Eleni Theocharous

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the Armenian authorities, in view of future elections, to swiftly and fully implement all the recommendations of the international observation missions led by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), *in particular in relation to allegations of vote buying, voter intimidation, the pressuring of civil servants and private sector employees and undue interference in the voting process by party representatives or law enforcement officers;*

Amendment

12. Urges the Armenian authorities, in view of future elections, to swiftly and fully implement all the recommendations of the international observation missions led by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights(OSCE/ODIHR), *as identified in the election observation mission final report;*

Or. en

Amendment 67

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the Armenian authorities, in view of future elections, to swiftly and fully implement all the recommendations of the international observation missions led by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), in particular in relation to allegations of vote buying, voter intimidation, the pressuring of civil servants and private sector employees and undue interference in the voting process by party representatives or law enforcement officers;

Amendment

12. Urges the Armenian authorities, in view of future elections, to swiftly and fully implement all the recommendations of the international observation missions led by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), in particular in relation to allegations of vote buying, voter intimidation, the pressuring of civil servants and private sector employees and undue interference in the voting process by party representatives or law enforcement officers *which failed to improve public confidence in the country's electoral systems;*

Or. en

Amendment 68

Boris Zala, Monika Smolková, Heidi Hautala, Janusz Zemke

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Urges the Armenian authorities, in view of future elections, to swiftly and fully implement all the recommendations of the international observation missions led by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), in particular in relation to allegations of vote buying, voter intimidation, the pressuring of civil servants and private sector employees and undue interference in the voting process by party representatives or law enforcement officers;

Amendment

12. Urges the Armenian authorities, in view of future elections, to swiftly and fully implement all the recommendations of the international observation missions led by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), in particular in relation to allegations of vote buying, voter intimidation, the pressuring of civil servants and private sector employees and undue interference in the voting process by party representatives or law enforcement officers ***which failed to improve public confidence in the country's electoral systems***

Or. en

Amendment 69

Demetris Papadakis, Nikos Androulakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make ***significant*** progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, organised crime and abusive oligarchic control;

Amendment

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make ***further*** progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, organised crime and abusive oligarchic control;

Amendment 70
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make significant progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, organised crime and abusive oligarchic control;

Amendment

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make significant progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, organised crime, **money laundering** and abusive oligarchic control;

Amendment 71
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make **significant** progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, organised crime and abusive oligarchic control;

Amendment

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make **clear** progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary, **the modernisation of the prison system** and the fight against corruption, **nepotism, money laundering and tax evasion**, organised crime and abusive oligarchic control;

Amendment 72

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make significant progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, organised crime **and** abusive oligarchic control;

Amendment

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; ***regrets that serious gaps in human rights protection persist*** and encourages Armenia to make significant progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, organised crime, abusive oligarchic control ***and to ensure that journalists face no pressure, fear of retaliation and violence over their work;***

Amendment 73

Boris Zala, Monika Smolková, Heidi Hautala, Janusz Zemke

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Armenia to make significant progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, ***organised***

Amendment

14. Reiterates its strong attachment to international law and fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law and good governance, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, ***regrets that serious gaps in human rights protection persist*** and encourages Armenia to make significant progress in these areas, in particular as regards media freedom, the

crime and abusive oligarchic control;

independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, ***organized*** crime and abusive oligarchic control; ***ensure that journalists face no pressure, fear of retaliation and violence over their work***

Or. en

Amendment 74

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Encourages the Armenian authorities to start a deep and genuine process of economic reforms with a view to overcoming the current oligarchic structure and eliminating the relevant monopolies;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Urges Armenia's State institutions to continue resolutely honouring the country's commitments as a signatory to the UN Convention Against Torture to prevent, prosecute and punish the kinds of treatment and punishment covered by that convention and to be guided by the Council of Europe's recommendations;

Or. de

Amendment 76

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. **Welcomes** the adoption of anti-domestic violence legislation in the Armenian Parliament in December 2017; commends Armenia on the signature, on 18 January 2018, of the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and encourages Armenia to swiftly ratify and thoroughly implement this Convention to effectively meet its commitments to international standards in this field;

Amendment

15. **Notes** the adoption of anti-domestic violence legislation in the Armenian Parliament in December 2017 **but despite alarming statistics on domestic violence, the Armenian government hasn't done enough to protect and support survivors**; commends Armenia on the signature, on 18 January 2018, of the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and encourages Armenia to swiftly ratify and thoroughly implement this Convention to effectively meet its commitments to international standards in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 77

László Tókéš, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiėnė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes the adoption **of anti-domestic violence legislation in the Armenian Parliament in** December 2017; commends Armenia on the signature, on 18 January 2018, of the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and encourages Armenia to swiftly ratify and thoroughly implement this Convention to effectively meet its

Amendment

15. Welcomes the adoption, **on 8 December 2017, of the Law on the Prevention of Violence within the Family, Protection of Victims of Violence within the Family and Restoration of Peace (Cohesion) in the Family by the National Assembly**; commends Armenia on the signature, on 18 January 2018, of the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence

commitments to international standards in this field;

against women and domestic violence and encourages Armenia to swiftly ratify and thoroughly implement this Convention to effectively meet its commitments to international standards in this field;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Regrets that violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity continue to remain as serious concerns in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Regrets that violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity continue to remain as serious concerns in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15b. *Welcomes the draft Law of the Republic of Armenia “On Ensuring Equality”; calls, in this regard, on the Armenian government to improve the draft law in a comprehensive manner, and to ensure its effectiveness; urges, in particular to complete the list of prohibited acts of discrimination by specifying all relevant areas, including but not limiting to, maternity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity etc., and maintain the definition of discrimination in line with international standards;*

Or. en

Amendment 81
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Calls on Armenia to address the issue of gender equality through taking swift, yet effective, steps aimed at achieving equal opportunities, notably in terms of employment, equal pay and public office;

16. Calls on Armenia to address the issue of ***non-discrimination***, gender equality through taking swift, yet effective, steps aimed at achieving equal opportunities ***for all***, notably in terms of employment, equal pay and public office ***and ensure effective, adequately resourced and supported protection mechanisms;***

Or. en

Amendment 82

László Tókéš, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on Armenia to adopt a comprehensive standalone law on anti-discrimination, prepared with the support of civil society organisations, that would include, as a minimum, a definition of the concept of discrimination, a list of grounds on which discrimination is prohibited in the spirit of Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, a provision for the defence of rights against all types of discrimination, a provision regarding the burden of proof;

Or. en

Amendment 83

László Tókéš, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Urges the Armenian authorities to put a high priority on ending gender based sex-selection taking place through selective abortions which, together with that in Azerbaijan, remains one of the most widespread in the world after China;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. *Urges Armenia to be resolute in implementing the priorities set in its National Strategy on the protection of the rights of the child and the corresponding action plan with a view to honouring its commitments under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, in particular as regards the establishment of a social environment conducive to the implementation of laws banning gender-specific abortions and on the reduction of child poverty, which is widespread in the country, as a vital first step towards enforcing the ban on child labour, which is still common in rural areas;*

Or. de

Amendment 85
Tamás Meszerics
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. *Welcomes Armenia's commitment to reducing the number of children, including children with disabilities, in residential institutions, and steps underway to guarantee inclusive education for all children by 2025; calls on Armenia to take further actions to end institutionalization of all children equally and ensure reasonable accommodations for children with disabilities to receive quality inclusive education;*

Or. en

Amendment 86

Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16e. Calls on the Armenian authorities to supervise the situation of orphan minors in public, private and religious institutions providing care and treatment services especially with regards to minors with psychosocial disabilities, in close cooperation with civil society organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16f. Notes that physical barriers and lack of reasonable accommodations at community schools often leave children with disabilities with little or no education; calls on Armenian authorities to take effective steps in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 88

László Tóké, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16g. *Calls on Armenia to eradicate child labour and to ensure labour rights in accordance with ILO standards, including contracts, vacation, compensation for extra hours and establishing a fully-fledged labour inspection system;*

Or. en

Amendment 89
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. *Calls on Armenia to align itself more with the EU Foreign and Security Policy;*

Or. en

Amendment 90
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Calls on Armenia to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which *it signed in 1999*;

18. Calls on Armenia to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), which *it has as yet only signed, and, in that connection, also to sign in the near future and transpose into national law the Kampala Compromise agreed at the 2010 review conference in Uganda*;

Or. de

Amendment 91
Tanja Fajon, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Welcomes the steps taken towards adoption of comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, but expresses concern about incompatibility of pending legislation with international standards, including lack of protection for vulnerable groups, such as LGBTI people, weak provisions for the equality body, and highly concerning references to the role of the Apostolic church and definitions of family in interpretation of the law; reminds that the law has to be in line with international standards in order to meet conditions set in EU-Armenia human rights budget support programme, and by virtue of Armenia's various human rights commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Welcomes the steps taken towards adoption of comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, but expresses concern about incompatibility of pending legislation with international standards, including lack of protection for vulnerable groups, such as LGBTI people, weak provisions for the equality body, and highly concerning references to the role

of the Apostolic church and definitions of family in interpretation of the law; reminds that the law has to be in line with international standards in order to meet conditions set in EU-Armenia human rights budget support programme, and by virtue of Armenia's various human rights commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jozo Radoš, Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Patricia Lalonde, Petras Auštrevičius

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Calls upon Armenia to engage in a trustful trade relations with the EU in line with its commitments taken in the WTO accession; recalls that the terms and conditions of the WTO membership as well as the obligations under the WTO Agreements and the provisions of these Agreements shall only apply to the territories of the Republic of Armenia as recognised by the United Nations;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Georgios Epitideios

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Regrets, however, that the Agreement cannot include the removal of tariff barriers as a result of Armenia's membership of the Eurasian Economic

21. Notes the high utilisation rate of the EU Generalised System of Preferences (GSP+) by Armenia, but notes with some concern that these GSP+ exports are

Union; welcomes, nevertheless, the high utilisation rate of the EU Generalised System of Preferences (GSP+) by Armenia, but notes with some concern that these GSP+ exports are heavily concentrated in only a few types of goods;

heavily concentrated in only a few types of goods;

Or. el

Amendment 95
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Regrets, however, that the Agreement cannot include the removal of tariff barriers as a result of Armenia's membership of the Eurasian Economic Union; welcomes, nevertheless, the high utilisation rate of the EU Generalised System of Preferences (GSP+) by Armenia, but notes with some concern that these GSP+ exports are heavily concentrated in only a few types of goods;*

Amendment

21. *Notes that Armenia is interested in closer, but more balanced economic integration with both the EU market and the Russian market, whilst being keen to avoid disputes stemming from the commitments it has already entered into vis-à-vis both parties; notes, further, that the Agreement therefore cannot include the removal of tariff barriers as a result of Armenia's membership of the Eurasian Economic Union and the transfer of the relevant competence to the Eurasian Economic Commission; welcomes, nevertheless, the high utilisation rate of the EU Generalised System of Preferences (GSP+) by Armenia, but notes with some concern that these GSP+ exports are heavily concentrated in only a few types of goods;*

Or. de

Amendment 96
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Takes note of Armenia's sovereign choice on 3 September 2013 to join the customs union, then the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU);*

Or. fr

Amendment 97

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. *Calls on the Commission to ensure that the EU assistance is not directed to those sectors of the Armenian economy exporting to the Russian Federation that could potentially damage the European firms affected by Russian sanctions with regard, in particular, to the agricultural sector;*

Or. en

Amendment 98

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. *Emphasises that the Agreement does not only reflect the practical circumstances affecting both parties, but above all takes account of the multi-vector foreign policy conducted by Armenia by enhancing cooperation with the EU and, at the same time, clearing the way for continued cooperation, which is beneficial*

to Armenia, in the context of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU);

Or. de

Amendment 99
Anna Elżbieta Fotyga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. Urges the Commission to strictly oversee the abidance of EU Member States by Council Regulation 833/2014 which is instrumental in avoiding Russia's attainment via indirect sale, supply, transfer or export of dual use goods and technology partly intended for military uses or a military end-user, with special reference to the potential intermediary role of Armenia in view of recently established joint military forces between Armenia and Russia under a joint command, Armenia's enhanced role in the Eurasian Economic Union and growing military ties between Russia and Armenia. Moreover, due to previous blacklisting of companies such as Lizin resulting from the sale of dual-use biochemical equipment to Iran, special consideration and scrutiny should be applied to the recent Free Economic Zone on the border with Iran due to its significant Russian investment and 'one window stop system' permitting inspection of cargo shipments on only one side of the border;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Eleni Theocharous

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the emphasis placed, notably in Article 42, on nuclear safety on the basis of the standards *and practices* of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *and* of the European Union; *reiterates its grave concerns about the safety of the Medzamor nuclear plant, not least due to its location in a seismic area, and* praises the negotiators for the inclusion of specific cooperation on ‘the closure and safe decommissioning of Medzamor nuclear power plant and the early adoption of a road map or action plan to that effect, taking into consideration the need for its replacement with new capacity to ensure the energy security of the Republic of Armenia and conditions for sustainable development’;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the emphasis placed, notably in Article 42, on nuclear safety, *taking into account the specificities of the Republic of Armenia and focusing in particular on high levels of nuclear safety* on the basis of the standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) *and the standards and practices* of the European Union; *welcomes the mutual commitment to continue the cooperation in this regard*, praises the negotiators for the inclusion of specific cooperation on ‘the closure and safe decommissioning of Medzamor nuclear power plant and the early adoption of a road map or action plan to that effect, taking into consideration the need for its replacement with new capacity to ensure the energy security of the Republic of Armenia and conditions for sustainable development’;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the emphasis placed, notably in Article 42, on nuclear safety on the basis of the standards and practices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the European Union; reiterates its grave concerns about the safety of *the Medzamor nuclear* plant, not least due to its location in a seismic area, *and* praises the negotiators for the inclusion of specific cooperation on ‘the

Amendment

23. Welcomes the emphasis placed, notably in Article 42, on nuclear safety on the basis of the standards and practices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the European Union; *regrets the decision of the Armenian authorities to extend the life of the Medzamor nuclear plan contrary to the previous agreement reached with the EU and* reiterates its grave concerns about the

closure and safe decommissioning of Medzamor nuclear power plant and the early adoption of a road map or action plan to that effect, taking into consideration the need for its replacement with new capacity to ensure the energy security of the Republic of Armenia and conditions for sustainable development’;

safety of *this* plant, not least due to its location in a seismic area; praises the negotiators for the inclusion of specific cooperation on ‘the closure and safe decommissioning of Medzamor nuclear power plant and the early adoption of a road map or action plan to that effect, taking into consideration the need for its replacement with new capacity to ensure the energy security of the Republic of Armenia and conditions for sustainable development’;

Or. en

Amendment 102 **Helmut Scholz**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 23**

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the emphasis placed, notably in Article 42, on nuclear safety on the basis of the standards and practices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the European Union; reiterates its ***grave concerns about the safety of*** the Medzamor nuclear plant, ***not least due to*** its location in a seismic area, ***and praises the negotiators for*** the inclusion of specific cooperation on ‘the closure and safe decommissioning of Medzamor nuclear power plant and the early adoption of a road map or action plan to that effect, taking into consideration the need for its ***replacement with*** new ***capacity*** to ensure the energy security of the Republic of Armenia and conditions for sustainable development’;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the emphasis placed, notably in Article 42, on nuclear safety on the basis of the standards and practices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the European Union; reiterates its ***reservations regarding the ongoing discrepancy between the updated safety standards applicable to*** the Medzamor nuclear plant ***and the risks inherent in*** its location in a seismic area; ***welcomes*** the inclusion of specific cooperation on ‘the closure and safe decommissioning of Medzamor nuclear power plant and the early adoption of a road map or action plan to that effect, taking into consideration the need for its ***energy output to be replaced in an environmentally friendly manner by new, renewable energy sources*** to ensure the energy security of the Republic of Armenia and conditions for sustainable development’;

Or. de

Amendment 103

Tamás Meszerics

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls on the Commission to assist and support the Armenian government in its ambitious plan to develop renewable energy both technically and financially;

Or. en

Amendment 104

László Tókécs, Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Emphasises the importance of the provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy, labour rights such as health and safety at work, gender equality and anti-discrimination in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 105

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Emphasises the importance of the

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provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy, labour rights such as health and safety at work, gender equality and anti-discrimination in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians;

provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy, labour rights such as health and safety at work, gender equality and anti-discrimination in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians, ***and in this way contribute to the efforts to combat the high level of unemployment, in particular among young people, and the severe poverty which affects more than a third of Armenia's population;***

Or. de

Amendment 106
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Emphasises the importance of the provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy, labour rights such as health and safety at work, gender equality and anti-discrimination in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians;

Amendment

26. Emphasises the importance of the provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy, labour rights such as health and safety at work, gender equality and anti-discrimination, ***including for vulnerable and marginalised groups such as LGBTI people***, in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Tanja Fajon, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Brando Benifei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Emphasises the importance of the provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy, labour rights such as health and safety at work, gender equality

Amendment

26. Emphasises the importance of the provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy, labour rights such as health and safety at work, gender equality

and anti-discrimination in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians;

and anti-discrimination, *including for vulnerable and marginalised groups such as LGBTI people*, in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians;

Or. en

Amendment 108

László Tókéš, Janusz Zemke, Laima Liucija Andrikiénė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Emphasizes the importance of the provisions on dialogue and cooperation on employment policy in order to provide better jobs with improved working conditions, notably for young Armenians;

Or. en