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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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Human rights concerns in private military and security companies' operations
affecting third countries
(2018/2154(INI))

Amendment 1

Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of May 2016 on improving accountability and access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights abuse (A/HRC/32/19),

Amendment

– having regard to the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of May 2016 on improving accountability and access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights abuse (A/HRC/32/19), ***containing normative and practical guidance for States on how to enhance the effectiveness of domestic judicial systems in providing legal accountability and remedy in cases involving human rights abuse by business, including private military and security companies,***

Or. en

Amendment 2

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– ***having regard to the report by the independent expert Alfred-Maurice de Zayas on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, presented to the United Nations General Assembly, in which it is stated that ‘foreign direct investment and other capital flows can generate problems in areas beyond human rights’,***

Or. es

Amendment 3
Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution
Citation 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the international ISO 18788 Standard for Private Security Operations in complex land environments, and to the ISO-28007 Standard, an auditable standard for maritime security companies,*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Interim Guidance of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in May 2012 relating to armed security personnel on board ships,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Article 103 of the Charter of the United Nations, which stipulates that ‘in the event of a conflict between the obligations of the Members of*

the United Nations under the present Charter and their obligations under any other international agreement, their obligations under the present Charter shall prevail',

Or. es

Amendment 6
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Council Recommendation of 13 June 2002 regarding cooperation between the competent national authorities of Member States responsible for the private security sector,*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC,*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain work contracts, supply contracts and service contracts by contracting authorities or entities in the fields of defence and security, and amending Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC,*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the EU Concept for Logistic Support for EU-led Military Operations and the EU Concept for Contractor Support to EU-led Military Operations,*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Citation 18 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its resolution of 8 October 2013 on corruption in the public and private sectors: the impact on human rights in third countries and its resolution of 6 February 2013 on Corporate Social Responsibility: promoting society's interests and a route to sustainable and inclusive recovery,*

Or. en

Amendment 12

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Citation 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its resolution of 8 October 2013 on corruption in the public and private sectors: the impact on human rights in third countries,*

Or. es

Amendment 13
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Citation 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the report entitled ‘Border Wars – The arms dealers profiting from Europe’s refugee tragedy’ by the Transnational Institute, the Centre Delàs d’Estudis per la Pau and Stop Wapenhandel, having regard to the report by the same organisation entitled ‘Market Forces: The development of the EU Security-Industrial Complex’, and having regard to the report entitled ‘Expanding the fortress: the policies, the profiteers and the people shaped by the EU’s border externalisation programme’,*

Or. es

Amendment 14
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Recital -A (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- A. whereas a distinction needs to be made between legitimate, well-ordered PMSCs, operating according to high standards and others that are criminal organisations or proxies for rogue states. Similarly, PMSCs engaged in security support tasks should not be in the same bracket as organisations engaged in high-intensity tasks such as armed combat;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the number of private military and security companies (PMSCs) has dramatically increased over the past 20 years; whereas PMSCs **are performing many activities** both *in* and outside of situations of **armed conflict** armed conflict, for example demining, escorting convoys, protecting mines and oil refineries, interrogation, intelligence services, protecting commercial shipping from piracy, providing floating armouries, participating in drug-eradication efforts, working in prisons and detention centres and even conducting offensive military operations;

Amendment

A. whereas the number of private military and security companies (PMSCs) has dramatically increased over the past 20 years, **in the absence of the necessary democratic scrutiny and public debate**; whereas PMSCs **have provided services traditionally provided by national armies and public authorities**, both *within* and outside situations of armed conflict, for example demining, escorting convoys, protecting mines and oil refineries, interrogation, intelligence services, protecting commercial shipping from piracy, providing floating armouries, participating in drug-eradication efforts, working in prisons and detention centres, **carrying out peacekeeping missions**, and even conducting offensive military operations;

Or. es

Amendment 16
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the number of private military and security companies (PMSCs) has dramatically increased over the past 20 years; whereas PMSCs are performing many activities both in and outside of situations of armed conflict armed conflict, for example demining, escorting convoys, protecting mines and oil refineries,

Amendment

A. whereas the number of private military and security companies (PMSCs) has dramatically increased over the past 20 years; **whereas globally the private security industry was valued up to USD 200 billion in 2016 with around 100 000 PSCs and 3.5 million employees**; whereas PMSCs are performing many activities

interrogation, intelligence services, protecting commercial shipping from piracy, providing floating armouries, participating in drug-eradication efforts, working in prisons and detention centres and even conducting offensive military operations;

both in and outside of situations of armed conflict armed conflict, for example demining, escorting convoys, protecting mines and oil refineries, interrogation, intelligence services, protecting commercial shipping from piracy, providing floating armouries, participating in drug-eradication efforts, working in prisons and detention centres and even conducting offensive military operations;

Or. en

Amendment 17 **Geoffrey Van Orden**

Motion for a resolution **Recital A**

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the number of private military and security companies (PMSCs) has dramatically increased over the past 20 years; whereas PMSCs are performing many activities both in and outside of situations of ***armed conflict*** armed conflict, for example demining, escorting convoys, protecting mines and oil refineries, ***interrogation, intelligence services***, protecting commercial shipping from piracy, providing floating armouries, participating in drug-eradication efforts, working in prisons and detention centres and even ***conducting*** offensive military operations;

Amendment

A. whereas the number of private military and security companies (PMSCs) has dramatically increased over the past 20 years; whereas ***legitimate, mainly western*** PMSCs are performing many ***very useful*** activities both in and outside of situations of armed conflict, for example demining, escorting convoys, protecting mines and oil refineries, protecting commercial shipping from piracy, providing floating armouries, participating in drug-eradication efforts, working in prisons and detention centres and even ***supporting*** offensive military operations;

Or. en

Amendment 18 **Anders Primdahl Vistisen**

Motion for a resolution **Recital A**

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

A. whereas the number of private military and security companies (PMSCs) has dramatically increased over the past 20 years; whereas PMSCs are performing many activities both in and outside of situations of armed conflict, for example demining, escorting convoys, protecting mines and oil refineries, interrogation, intelligence services, protecting commercial shipping from piracy, providing floating armouries, participating in drug-eradication efforts, working in prisons and detention centres and even conducting offensive military operations;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas according to the definitions included in the draft convention prepared by the UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination, Private Military Security Company (PMSC): refers to a corporate entity which provides on a compensatory basis military and/or security services by physical persons and/or legal entities; whereas military services: refers to specialized services related to military actions including strategic planning, intelligence, investigation, land, sea or air reconnaissance, flight operations of any

type, manned or unmanned, satellite surveillance, any kind of knowledge transfer with military applications, material and technical support to armed forces and other related activities; whereas security services: refers to armed guarding or protection of buildings, installations, property and people, any kind of knowledge transfer with security and policing applications, development and implementation of informational security measures and other related activities;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas there is a lack of agreed definitions of PSCs, PMCs and of their services; whereas, as suggested by the definition included in the draft convention prepared by the UN Working Group on Mercenaries, a PMSC can be defined as a corporate entity which provides on a compensatory basis military and /or security services by physical persons and/or legal entities; whereas military services in this context can be defined as a specialised services related to military actions including strategic planning, intelligence, investigation, land, sea or air reconnaissance, flight operations of any type, manned or unmanned, satellite surveillance and intelligence, any kind of knowledge transfer with military applications, material and technical support to armed forces and other related activities; whereas security services can be defined as armed guarding or protection

of buildings, installations, property and people, any kind of knowledge transfer with security and policing applications, development and implementation of informational security measures and other related activities;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Urmaz Paet

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas under no circumstances can the use of PSCs be a substitute for national armed forces personnel; whereas the highest priority should be accorded, when implementing defence policies, to ensuring that the armed forces of the Member States have sufficient resources, instruments, training, knowledge and means with which to perform their tasks fully;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas turning security into a commodity undermines the responsibility that states have to guarantee their citizens' security; whereas, in the absence of transparency and regulation with regard to PMSCs, societies will see the

rule of law eroded and democratic institutions weakened;

Or. es

Amendment 23

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas PMSCs are sometimes used by States, including EU Member States, for reasons of political convenience to avoid public scrutiny or parliamentary oversight and accountability on the use of troops, including by secret services for covert operations;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas PMSCs have played a major role in the progress of securing the coastline of Somalia by removing hostile outposts, thwarting hijackings, freeing hostages and in drastically reducing the threat of piracy in the area.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. *whereas PMSCs have expanded largely due to their cost-effectiveness and streamlining capabilities while having demonstrated their combat expertise in hostile environments and capacity to train forces in the areas that prevents the need for continued military deployments;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. *whereas PMSCs have been accused of engaging in **a number of** human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas **such incidents amount in some cases to** serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;*

B. *whereas PMSCs have been accused of engaging in **serious** human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life **and of being implicated in threats against, attacks on and killings of human rights defenders, notably in relation to mega projects linked to extractive industries and large corporate interests;** whereas **PMSCs have also been accused of engaging in** serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes; **whereas accountability and redress for such crimes remain largely unaddressed;***

Or. en

Amendment 27

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas PMSCs have been accused of ***engaging in a number of*** human rights violations and ***incidents resulting in loss of life***; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Amendment

B. whereas PMSCs have been accused of ***committing*** human rights violations, ***including the abuse and torture of detainees, the murder of civilians, the destruction of property, harassment and sexual violence, people trafficking, forced labour, child exploitation, and so on***; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Or. es

Amendment 28

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Amendment

B. whereas, ***outside the territory of the EU***, PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas such incidents ***vary across time and country and*** amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes; ***whereas some of these cases have been prosecuted***;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Amendment

B. whereas PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life, ***as well as being implicated in killings, attacks on or threats against human rights defenders***; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Amendment

B. whereas, ***outside the territory of the EU***, PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

B. whereas *some* PMSCs have been accused of engaging in a number of human rights violations and incidents resulting in loss of life; whereas such incidents amount in some cases to serious violations of international humanitarian law, including war crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the border security market is in rapid expansion, was estimated to be worth EUR 15 billion in 2015 and is predicted to increase in value to over EUR 29 billion per annum by 2022; whereas the European border security industry is dominated by major arms companies, which have expanded or developed their security divisions, and by a group of smaller hi-tech companies specialising in security; whereas the major players on the European border security scene also include companies that manufacture arms, such as Airbus, Finmeccanica, Thales and Safran, as well as the technology giant Indra; whereas Finmeccanica and Airbus have been the main beneficiaries of European contracts aimed at strengthening the borders; and whereas Airbus is, moreover, the main beneficiary of funding contracts for research in the field of security;

Or. es

Amendment 33

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas Front Line Defenders reports[1] that, of the human rights defenders killed in 2017, 67% were engaged in the defence of land, environmental and indigenous peoples' rights, and nearly always in the context of mega projects linked to extractive industries and big business; whereas governments and security forces are often, at best, unresponsive to threats and attacks faced by HRDs and, at worst, responsible for the killings; [1] <https://www.frontlinedefenders.org/en/statement-report/stop-killings>

Or. en

Amendment 34

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the use of services provided by PMSCs in fragile countries and crisis-prone regions may lead to very negative developments which undermine the EU's objectives in the field of foreign policy, human rights and development;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. whereas Finmeccanica, Thales and Airbus, which are prominent players in the security business in the EU, are also three of the four main arms traders in Europe, selling to countries in the Middle East and North Africa; whereas it is those same arms, military and private security companies that have fuelled the conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen by selling arms, technology systems and security services; whereas their total revenue in 2015 stood at EUR 95 billion;

Or. es

Amendment 36
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bc. whereas some of the parties to have made the most out of the EU's security research budget for 2014-2020 have been major companies; whereas, in December 2016, Atos was involved in 15 projects (worth EUR 6.5 million), Thales in 9 projects (worth EUR 4.6 million), the Italian company Engineering in 6 projects (worth EUR 4 million), and Airbus in 2 projects (worth EUR 3.6 million); whereas, in the previous 6-year period between 2007 and 2013, the main business players were Thales (EUR 28.5 million, 63 projects), Selex (EUR 23.2 million, 54 projects), BAE Systems (EUR 14.2 million,

32 projects), and Indra (EUR 12.3 million, 16 projects); whereas, in total, PMSCs have received almost EUR 552 million from the European Security Research Programme budget under the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7, 2007-2013), which is equivalent to roughly 40% of the total budget of EUR 1.4 billion; whereas, via projects, PMSCs obtained on average almost 25% more from the European Security Research Programme 2007-2013 than from equivalent research programmes, for example in the areas of health, ICT, energy, the environment and transport;

Or. es

Amendment 37

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital B d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bd. whereas between 2014 and 2020 at least EUR 11 billion has been allocated to budgets aimed at security measures: EUR 3.8 billion to the Internal Security Fund, EUR 1.7 billion to the European Security Research Programme (officially known as ‘Secure Societies’), EUR 3.1 billion to the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (which has many uses in the context of security policy) and EUR 2.4 billion to organisations responsible for dealing with internal EU affairs, such as Europol and Frontex;

Or. es

Amendment 38
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Be. whereas a wide variety of companies has benefited from the increase in spending on border security, particularly arms manufacturers and biometric security firms; whereas the French arms giant Thales, which is also one of the main exporters of arms to the region, is a major player, providing military equipment for border security, as well as biometric systems and equipment; whereas the principal firms providing biometric security include Veridos, OT Morpho and Gemalto (which is soon to be taken over by Thales); whereas, furthermore, Germany and Italy fund their own arms firms – Hensolt, Airbus and Rheinmetall (Germany), and Leonardo and Intermine (Italy) – in order to underpin border security operations in the MENA region, in particular Egypt, Tunisia and Libya; whereas, in Turkey, the largest border security contracts have been awarded to Turkish defence firms, in particular Aselsan and Otokar, which use the resources to support their own defence efforts, and which also back controversial Turkish attacks on Kurdish communities;

Or. es

Amendment 39
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bf. whereas the promotion and militarisation of border security has led to an increase in the number of deaths among people who have been forcibly displaced; whereas, in general, when action is taken to close down a migration route, people are forced to take other more dangerous routes; whereas, in 2017, 1 in every 57 migrants crossing the Mediterranean died, while in 2015 the figure was 1 in 257; whereas this reflects the fact that the Central Mediterranean route, the longest and most dangerous, was the main route for (significantly fewer) forcibly displaced persons, mostly from eastern and Sub-Saharan Africa, and whereas the principal route in 2015, from Turkey to Greece, was chiefly used by Syrians; whereas, although there are no official figures, it is estimated that at least twice as many refugees die in the desert than in the Mediterranean;

Or. es

Amendment 40
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bg. whereas the arms and security industry has succeeded in securing EUR 316 million in funding for research on security topics, thereby setting the agenda for research, implementing it and then, on many occasions, being awarded the resulting contracts; whereas, since 2002, the EU has financed 56 projects in the field of border security and control;

Or. es

Amendment 41
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bh. *whereas PMSCs are particularly active in situations of armed conflict and other unstable contexts, and whereas the complexities involved in the areas concerned are often an obstacle to effective monitoring, public scrutiny, accountability and remedies for the victims of PMSCs; whereas their opaque behaviour and lack of transparency have had an impact on the international community's efforts in the countries in question, and revealed considerable gaps in accountability structures, for example the establishment of numerous layers of subsidiaries and subcontractors in different countries;*

Or. es

Amendment 42
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital B i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bi. *whereas the militarisation of the EU's migration policies has led to an increase in military and defence spending, both at EU and Member State level; whereas private stakeholders working in the defence and security sector have played a major role in the creation and design of those policies; whereas there is a growing confluence of interests between European political leaders who are seeking to militarise their borders and the*

main defence and security contractors who provide the services concerned; whereas our military-security-industrial complex is today stronger than ever, and is utilising technologies which are aimed at external and internal considerations, and which at present are being directed against some of the most vulnerable and desperate people in the world;

Or. es

Amendment 43
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas over the years there were numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe) in which civilians were wounded or killed; whereas these incidents peaked between 2003 and 2009, and, since then, most of them have been thoroughly investigated and many of those responsible have been brought to justice; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 44
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas over the years there were *deleted*

numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe) in which civilians were wounded or killed; whereas these incidents peaked between 2003 and 2009, and, since then, most of them have been thoroughly investigated and many of those responsible have been brought to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas over the years there *were* numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe) *in which* civilians *were wounded or killed*; whereas these *incidents peaked between 2003 and 2009, and, since then, most of them* have been *thoroughly investigated and many of those responsible* have been brought to justice;

Amendment

C. whereas over the years there *have been* numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe); *whereas these violations include torture, the indiscriminate killing of civilians and the failure to uphold contractors' labour rights*; whereas, *in practice, despite the fact that these cases have been well documented, neither the companies nor their managers or employees* have been held accountable or punished, and the victims have *failed to obtain due compensation*;

Or. es

Amendment 46
Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas over the years there were numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe) in which civilians were wounded or killed; ***whereas these incidents peaked between 2003 and 2009, and, since then, most of them have been thoroughly investigated and many of those responsible have been brought to justice;***

Amendment

C. whereas over the years there were numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe) in which civilians were wounded or killed;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas over the years there were numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe) in which civilians were wounded or killed; whereas these incidents peaked between 2003 and 2009, and, since then, most of them have been thoroughly investigated and many of those responsible have been brought to justice;

Amendment

C. whereas over the years there were numerous incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan involving western private security companies (in particular CACI International, L-3 Services, Blackwater, Unity Resources Group and Xe) in which civilians were wounded or killed; whereas these incidents peaked between 2003 and 2009, and, since then, most of them have been thoroughly investigated and many of those responsible have been brought to justice; ***whereas these were exceptions, and most crimes go unpunished;***

Or. en

Amendment 48
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas in the aftermath of the 2010 presidential elections in Côte d'Ivoire, there were numerous reports of Liberian contractors being involved in attacks against civilians;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 49
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. *whereas in the aftermath of the 2010 presidential elections in Côte d'Ivoire, there were numerous reports of Liberian contractors being involved in attacks against civilians;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 50
Goffredo Maria Bettini

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. *whereas in 2012 two Italians assigned to anti-piracy duties aboard an Italian commercial ship shot dead two Indian fishermen off the coast of Kerala; whereas it is controversial whether the* **deleted**

killing occurred in Indian or international waters and whether India or Italy has jurisdiction; whereas the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague is expected to issue its ruling on the case later in 2018;

Or. it

Amendment 51

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas in 2012 two Italians assigned to anti-piracy duties aboard an Italian commercial ship shot dead two Indian fishermen off the coast of Kerala; whereas it is controversial whether the killing occurred in Indian or international waters and whether India or Italy has jurisdiction; whereas the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague is expected to issue its ruling on the case later in 2018; *deleted*

Or. en

Amendment 52

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas in 2012 two Italians assigned to anti-piracy duties aboard an Italian commercial ship shot dead two Indian fishermen off the coast of Kerala; whereas it is controversial whether the *deleted*

killing occurred in Indian or international waters and whether India or Italy has jurisdiction; whereas the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague is expected to issue its ruling on the case later in 2018;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas in 2012 two Italians assigned to anti-piracy duties aboard an Italian commercial ship shot dead two Indian fishermen off the coast of Kerala; whereas it is controversial whether the killing occurred in Indian or international waters and whether India or Italy has jurisdiction; whereas the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague is expected to issue its ruling on the case later in 2018;

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Or. en

Amendment 54
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*E. whereas in 2012 two **Italians** assigned to anti-piracy duties aboard an Italian commercial ship **shot dead** two Indian fishermen off the coast of Kerala; **whereas it is controversial whether the***

*E. whereas in 2012 two **guards from an Italian PMSC** assigned to anti-piracy duties aboard an Italian commercial ship **murdered** two Indian fishermen off the coast of Kerala; whereas the Permanent*

killing occurred in Indian or international waters and whether India or Italy has jurisdiction; whereas the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague is expected to issue its ruling on the case later in 2018;

Court of Arbitration at The Hague is expected to issue its ruling on the case later in 2018;

Or. es

Amendment 55
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas ranchers reportedly paid the Brazilian security firm Gaspem more than USD 10 000 each time it evicted Guarani Indians from their lands; whereas in 2014 Brazilian police shut down Gaspem on account of the reported killing of at least two Guarani leaders, and of brutal attacks against hundreds more;

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Or. en

Amendment 56
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas ranchers reportedly paid the Brazilian security firm Gaspem more than USD 10 000 each time it evicted Guarani Indians from their lands; whereas in 2014 Brazilian police shut down Gaspem on account of the reported killing of at least two Guarani leaders, and of brutal attacks against hundreds

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more;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas ranchers reportedly paid the Brazilian security firm Gaspem more than USD 10 000 each time it evicted Guarani Indians from their lands; whereas in 2014 Brazilian police shut down Gaspem on account of the reported killing of at least two Guarani leaders, and of brutal attacks against hundreds more;

Amendment

F. whereas ranchers reportedly paid the Brazilian security firm Gaspem more than USD 10 000 each time it evicted Guarani Indians from their lands; whereas in 2014 Brazilian police shut down Gaspem on account of the reported killing of at least two Guarani leaders, and of brutal attacks against hundreds more; ***whereas on 20 January 2014, a federal court in Brazil ordered the closure of the firm Gaspem following allegations of involvement in violence against indigenous Guarani-Kaiowá people and the deaths of two community leaders;***

Or. es

Amendment 58

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas Russian PMSCs have allegedly been involved in many human rights violations over the past 25 years; whereas, despite a legal prohibition on mercenary activities (Article 359 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation), Russia has actively used

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military 'volunteers' since 1992 in Bosnia, Transnistria, Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia, Crimea, Donbass and Syria;

Or. fr

Amendment 59
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. *whereas Russian PMSCs have allegedly been involved in many human rights violations over the past 25 years; whereas, despite a legal prohibition on mercenary activities (Article 359 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation), Russia has actively used military 'volunteers' since 1992 in Bosnia, Transnistria, Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia, Crimea, Donbass and Syria;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 60
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. *whereas Russian PMSCs have allegedly been involved in many human rights violations over the past 25 years; whereas, despite a legal prohibition on mercenary activities (Article 359 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation), Russia has actively used military 'volunteers' since 1992 in Bosnia, Transnistria, Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia,* **deleted**

Crimea, Donbass and Syria;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas Russian PMSCs have allegedly been involved in many human rights violations over the past 25 years; whereas, despite a legal prohibition on mercenary activities (Article 359 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation), Russia has actively used military 'volunteers' since 1992 in Bosnia, Transnistria, Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia, Crimea, Donbass and Syria;

Amendment

G. whereas Russian PMSCs have allegedly been involved in many human rights violations over the past 25 years; whereas, despite a legal prohibition on mercenary activities (Article 359 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation), Russia has actively used military 'volunteers' since 1992 in Bosnia, **Moldova** (Transnistria), Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia, **Ukraine** (Crimea, Donbass) and Syria; **whereas there are increasing numbers of reports suggesting the use of Russian military 'volunteers' in Africa;**

Or. en

Amendment 62

Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas Russian PMSCs have allegedly been involved in many human rights violations over the past 25 years; whereas, despite a legal prohibition on mercenary activities (Article 359 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation), Russia has actively used military 'volunteers' since 1992 in Bosnia,

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G. whereas Russian PMSCs have allegedly been involved in many human rights violations over the past 25 years; whereas, despite a legal prohibition on mercenary activities (Article 359 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation), Russia has actively used military 'volunteers' **or contractors** since 1992 in

Transnistria, Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia,
Crimea, Donbass and Syria;

Bosnia, Transnistria, Nagorno-Karabakh,
Georgia, Crimea, Donbass and Syria;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas contractors with Russian-owned firm PMC Wagner (Private Military Company Wagner) were reported to be fighting alongside Russian-backed separatists in the eastern part of Ukraine and in Crimea; whereas there are reports that in 2015 Wagner began sending up to 3 000 contractors to Syria to fight alongside pro-government forces; whereas Wagner is reportedly associated with Russian company Evro Polis, which has signed a deal with the Syrian Government, including on oil and natural gas extraction business;

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Or. es

Amendment 64

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H. whereas contractors with Russian-owned firm PMC Wagner (Private Military Company Wagner) were reported to be fighting alongside Russian-backed separatists in the eastern part of Ukraine and in Crimea; whereas there are reports

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that in 2015 Wagner began sending up to 3 000 contractors to Syria to fight alongside pro-government forces; whereas Wagner is reportedly associated with Russian company Evro Polis, which has signed a deal with the Syrian Government, including on oil and natural gas extraction business;

Or. fr

Amendment 65

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 66

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 67
Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

H. whereas contractors with Russian-owned firm PMC Wagner (Private Military Company Wagner) were reported to be fighting alongside Russian-backed separatists in the eastern part of Ukraine and in Crimea; whereas ***in Donbass its contractors were referred to as "the cleaners", suggesting they allegedly killed several warlords***; whereas there are reports that in 2015 Wagner began sending up to 3 000 contractors to Syria to fight alongside pro-government forces, ***where allegedly they tortured prisoners***; whereas Wagner is reportedly associated with Russian company Evro Polis, which has signed a deal with the Syrian Government, including on oil and natural gas extraction business;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. *whereas on 7 February 2018* **deleted**
Wagner Group tanks and artillery led an attack by Syrian forces on the base of US and Kurdish forces, which was guarding an oil refinery in Deir ez-Zor province of Syria and was decimated by US firepower 'in self defence';

Or. fr

Amendment 69
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. *whereas on 7 February 2018* **deleted**
Wagner Group tanks and artillery led an attack by Syrian forces on the base of US and Kurdish forces, which was guarding an oil refinery in Deir ez-Zor province of Syria and was decimated by US firepower 'in self defence';

Or. es

Amendment 70
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. *whereas on 7 February 2018 Wagner Group tanks and artillery led an attack by Syrian forces on the base of US and Kurdish forces, which was guarding an oil refinery in Deir ez-Zor province of Syria and was decimated by US firepower 'in self defence';*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 71

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. *whereas on 7 February 2018 Wagner Group tanks and artillery led an attack by Syrian forces on the base of US and Kurdish forces, which was guarding an oil refinery in Deir ez-Zor province of Syria and was decimated by US firepower 'in self defence';*

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Or. en

Amendment 72

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. *whereas on 7 February 2018 Wagner Group tanks and artillery led an attack by Syrian forces on the base of US and Kurdish forces, which was guarding an oil refinery in Deir ez-Zor province of Syria and was decimated by US firepower*

I. *whereas **it is reported that on 7 February 2018 Wagner Group tanks and artillery led an attack by Syrian forces on the base of US and Kurdish forces, which was guarding an oil refinery in Deir ez-Zor province of Syria;***

'in self defence';

Or. en

Amendment 73
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas special consideration should be given to the role of PMSC's in advancing the hybrid warfare tactics of state and non-state actors, including but not limited to widespread disinformation campaigns, troll factories and psychological operations;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas three Russian journalists were killed in the Central African Republic while investigating the reported presence there of the Russian Wagner Group contractors;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas Malhama Tactical, the first jihadist PMSC, founded in 2016 by an Uzbeki jihadist, has been offering arm deals, elite warriors, consulting and training services to extremist groups, including Jabhat Fateh al-Sham and Ahrar al-Sham in Syria;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 76

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas Malhama Tactical, the first jihadist PMSC, founded in 2016 by an Uzbeki jihadist, has been offering arm deals, elite warriors, consulting and training services to extremist groups, including Jabhat Fateh al-Sham and Ahrar al-Sham in Syria;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 77

Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J. whereas Malhama Tactical, the first jihadist PMSC, founded in 2016 by an Uzbeki jihadist, has been offering *arm* deals, elite warriors, consulting and training services to extremist groups,

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including Jabhat Fateh al-Sham and Ahrar al-Sham in Syria;

including Jabhat Fateh al-Sham and Ahrar al-Sham in Syria. ***Following the targeted assassination of Malhama Tactical founder Abu Rofiq, Malhama Tactical is now believed to be training the “Levant Liberation Organization” a former al-Qaeda affiliate;***

Or. en

Amendment 78
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas Malhama Tactical, the first ***jihadist*** PMSC, founded in 2016 by an Uzbeki jihadist, has been offering ***arm*** deals, elite warriors, consulting and training services to extremist groups, including Jabhat Fateh al-Sham and Ahrar al-Sham in Syria;

Amendment

J. whereas Malhama Tactical, the first ***Islamist*** PMSC, founded in 2016 by an Uzbeki jihadist, has been offering ***arms*** deals, "elite warriors", consulting and training services to extremist groups, including Jabhat Fateh al-Sham and Ahrar al-Sham in Syria;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ja. whereas the advent of organisations like Malhama Tactical, which is providing second hand training from veterans of the Russian Special Forces, serves as a potential foundation for new forms of highly trained and well equipped groups of Foreign Fighters presenting the need for monitoring

Amendment

capabilities to ensure that future jihadist organizations do not seek to replicate the PMSC business model;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K. *whereas in recent years there has been an increase in Chinese PMSCs deployed abroad, mainly in Africa; whereas in 2017 around 3 200 Chinese employees of private security groups were based abroad, more than Chinese troops deployed under UN mandates; whereas most of the Chinese PMSC operatives are unarmed;* **deleted**

Or. es

Amendment 81

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K. *whereas in recent years there has been an increase in Chinese PMSCs deployed abroad, mainly in Africa; whereas in 2017 around 3 200 Chinese employees of private security groups were based abroad, more than Chinese troops deployed under UN mandates; whereas most of the Chinese PMSC operatives are unarmed;* **deleted**

Amendment 82

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

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deleted

Amendment 83

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas in recent years there has been an increase in Chinese PMSCs deployed abroad, mainly in Africa; whereas in 2017 around 3 200 Chinese employees of private security groups were based abroad, more than Chinese troops deployed under UN mandates; whereas most of the Chinese PMSC operatives are unarmed;

Amendment

K. whereas in 2017 around 3 200 Chinese employees of PMSCs were based abroad;

Amendment 84

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ka. whereas the increase of PMSCs in Latin America has contributed to more violence, killings, corruption and human rights violations;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital K b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Kb. whereas a European Security Firm (European Security Academy) has been said to train Ukrainian fighters linked to far-right and white supremacist groups;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital L

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

L. whereas PMSCs have been providing equipment and services to prisons, detention centres and military checkpoints in the Palestinian territories;

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Or. en

Amendment 87

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas PMSCs have been providing equipment and services to prisons, detention centres and military checkpoints in the Palestinian territories;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 88

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas PMSCs have been providing equipment and services to prisons, detention centres and military checkpoints in the Palestinian territories;

Amendment

L. whereas PMSCs have been providing equipment and services to prisons, detention centres and military checkpoints in the *occupied* Palestinian territories; *whereas the European firm G4S has received complaints alleging that, while providing services in the territories concerned, it had breached the general policies and human rights provisions laid down in the OECD guidelines; whereas complaints have been made against other PMSCs for breaches of human rights and abuses committed at checkpoints; whereas, in 2016, two people were murdered by private security guards at the main Qalandia checkpoint; whereas a number of PMSCs have been accused of assaulting and even killing Palestinian civilians in the territories in which the companies concerned were providing security services;*

Amendment 89
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas, in 2012, it was reported that Streit Security Vehicles – a company that is part of the Streit Group and is owned by a Canadian businessman – had exported a number of Typhoon armoured vehicles to Sudan; whereas that PMSC also provides logistical support for the transport and maintenance of the armoured vehicles concerned; whereas, over a decade ago, the Canadian Government brought in sanctions banning Canadian citizens from selling arms and related material to Sudan;

Or. es

Amendment 90
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital L b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lb. whereas a number of PMSCs that provide security for mining and industrial farming projects in Africa and Latin America have been accused of human rights violations; whereas in Zimbabwe a number of PMSCs operating at diamond mines have been accused of assaulting and murdering local people; whereas in Zimbabwe in 2018 locals in the Marange area made complaints about the Zimbabwe Consolidated Diamond

Company, a PMSC, alleging human rights abuses, including the murder of at least 15 people, and that restrictions had been placed on movement; whereas, in April 2013, residents of San Rafael las Flores in Guatemala were wounded when security staff working for Tahoe Resources (a Canadian mining company) shot at them during a peaceful protest against a mining project;

Or. es

Amendment 91

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital L c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lc. whereas a number of PMSCs have been accused of providing technology that has been used to breach people's rights to freedom and security, civil and political rights, and the right to privacy; whereas, in 2013, the Gamma Group allegedly sold FinFisher surveillance technology to the authorities in Bahrain, who used it to spy on the political opposition and human rights defenders; whereas in 2016 the UK National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises concluded that Gamma's behaviour was inconsistent with its obligations under the OECD Guidelines and that the firm had made no progress or efforts whatsoever with regard to complying with the recommendations; whereas the Italian PMSC Hacking Team has sold spyware to the governments of several Latin American countries; whereas the software concerned is inconsistent with the legal standards in place in those countries, and violates a number of fundamental rights, such as the right to freedom of speech, the

right to privacy, and the right to due legal process; whereas, in Mexico, 8 in every 10 government agencies to have bought the software did not have authorisation to carry out surveillance activities;

Or. es

Amendment 92
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital L d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ld. whereas a number of PMSCs which operate prisons have been accused of excessive use of force and of failing to provide even the most basic living conditions for prisoners; whereas in 2013 the Government of South Africa reported cruel treatment (including forced injections, electric shocks and beatings) of at least 62 detainees in Mangaung prison (managed by G4S); whereas in 2015, new documents and witness accounts spoke of prisoners being tortured prior to their deaths, while the prison recorded the deaths as being due to natural causes or suicide; whereas in 2013, 12 Palestinian women were put in Hasharon prison (Israel) operated by G4S; whereas the pregnant prisoners were not provided with special diets nor living space and were not able to go for medical check-ups in hospital during their detention; whereas prior to giving birth, they were shackled to their beds until they entered the delivery room, being shackled again after giving birth;

Or. es

Amendment 93
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital L e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Le. whereas on 17 February 2014, during a riot at the Manus Island detention centre (an Australian offshore immigration centre), G4S security guards were accused of using iron bars and rocks to attack the detainees;

Or. es

Amendment 94
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital L f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lf. whereas the level of sexual violence committed by PMSCs is still unknown; whereas, however, a number of cases of rape and other sexual offences have been reported; whereas in October 2004, security guards of the PMSC DynCorp operating on the Tolemaida Air Base (Colombia) distributed a video showing them raping underage girls; whereas, in August 2007, a US soldier and a PMSC contractor working at the same base were charged with raping a twelve-year-old girl; whereas in 2007, a group of Guatemalan women accused Hudbay Minerals and their subsidiary HMI Nickel Inc. of being complicit in the gang rape of the women by security staff employed by the companies; whereas the gang rapes occurred in January 2007 during the forced evictions of members of the Mayan Q'eqchi community;

Or. es

Amendment 95

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital L g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lg. whereas a complaint was lodged in January 2017 against the Spanish PMSC Prosegur concerning alleged failings in tackling abuse of workers' rights in Colombia, Peru and India; whereas the allegations concerned cases of harassment, retaliation, threats and attacks against unionised workers of the PMSC which were allegedly tolerated and in some cases encouraged by the PMSC;

Or. es

Amendment 96

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital L h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Lh. whereas in 2012, the United Nations Monitoring Group for Somalia and Eritrea reported on cases of torture and homicide allegedly committed by Saracen International, a subsidiary of the PMSC Sterling;

Or. es

Amendment 97

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital L i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Li. whereas complaints have also been lodged concerning repression of, and use of the force against, unarmed civilians at demonstrations; whereas in September-October 2016, PMSCs hired by several universities in South Africa were accused of violence against protesting students; whereas in 2017, the South African police and Mafoko Security Services staff used violent means of repression, including the use of arms, against students protesting at the University of the Free State for a reduction in fees;

Or. es

Amendment 98

Godielieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

M. whereas many PMSCs are operating in Yemen, reportedly conducting military operations and supervising secret prisons in which Yemeni citizens have been subjected to torture;

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Or. en

Amendment 99

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital M

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

M. *whereas many PMSCs are operating in Yemen, reportedly conducting military operations and supervising secret prisons in which Yemeni citizens have been subjected to torture;*

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Or. en

Amendment 100
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. *whereas there are numerous reports of human rights abuse in private for-profit prisons; whereas one of the most recent examples is that of illegally detained children in the United States; whereas in the European Union there have also been reports of abuse by private security guards, notably on asylum seekers;*

Or. en

Amendment 101
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

N. *whereas few countries have national legislation that covers the activities of PMSCs abroad;*

N. *whereas few countries have national legislation that covers the activities of PMSCs abroad; **whereas the rules governing PMSCs are spread over several regulatory instruments (laws, military ordinances, decrees, ministerial guidelines, calls for tender, etc.);** whereas*

some remain classified (such as the rules of engagement in the Occupied Palestinian Territory) or are subject to constant variation (such as the criteria for granting contracts in Iraq) resulting in legal uncertainty; whereas taking into account the transnational nature of PMSCs and the challenges faced in applying national laws to international PMSCs operating in foreign states, national legislation alone is insufficient to adequately cover and control the impact of the sector worldwide; whereas a comprehensive regulatory approach is needed – including national and international legislation – as regards the activities of PMSCs; whereas it is appropriate to establish an international legal framework with binding regulatory and control mechanisms;

Or. es

Amendment 102

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Recital N a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Na. whereas all states and all business enterprises are bound by the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, whether transnational or other, regardless of their size, sector, location, ownership and structure, but pointing out that these currently lack effective control and sanction mechanisms;

Or. es

Amendment 103

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital N b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Nb. whereas the UN Global Compact, comprising ten principles, asks corporations to embrace, support and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment and the fight against corruption, making a commitment to those values and integrating them into their business operations on a voluntary basis, but pointing out that this Compact is insufficient given that it continues to rely on voluntary compliance with its content;

Or. es

Amendment 104
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital N c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Nc. whereas protecting human rights must be a priority for the Member States and the Union itself, which should have an obligation to prevent European business enterprises from violating human rights regardless of the place where infringements are committed; whereas this priority requires the introduction of effective control and sanction mechanisms to deal with these violations, and measures to provide redress for rights that have been violated;

Or. es

Amendment 105
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas good examples of legislation on PMSCs exist in South Africa, where it is illegal for any South African to render foreign military assistance, and in Switzerland, which has introduced strict legislation on all PMSC activity outside its borders and does not allow PMSCs based in Switzerland to actively participate in hostilities abroad;

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Or. en

Amendment 106
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas *good* examples of legislation on PMSCs exist in South Africa, where it is illegal for any South African to render foreign military assistance, and in Switzerland, which has introduced strict legislation on all PMSC activity outside its borders and does not allow PMSCs based in Switzerland to actively participate in hostilities abroad;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 107
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Recital O a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Oa. notes, that in 2011 the UK Government announced that the ADS trade association would work with the Foreign Office to “develop, implement and enforce robust standards concerning the activity of UK-based PMSCs”;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Recital P

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P. whereas Russia’s authorities opposed attempts to regulate the activities of Russian PMSCs; whereas the lack of a fully fledged legal and regulatory framework in Russia allows the Kremlin to better control these paramilitary organisations and to quickly deal with the undesirable elements;

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Or. fr

Amendment 109

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Recital P

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P. whereas Russia’s authorities opposed attempts to regulate the activities of Russian PMSCs; whereas the lack of a fully fledged legal and regulatory framework in Russia allows the Kremlin

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to better control these paramilitary organisations and to quickly deal with the undesirable elements;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P. *whereas Russia's authorities opposed attempts to regulate the activities of Russian PMSCs; whereas the lack of a fully fledged legal and regulatory framework in Russia allows the Kremlin to better control these paramilitary organisations and to quickly deal with the undesirable elements;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 111
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P. *whereas Russia's authorities opposed attempts to regulate the activities of Russian PMSCs; whereas the lack of a fully fledged legal and regulatory framework in Russia allows the Kremlin to better control these paramilitary organisations **and to quickly deal with the undesirable elements;***

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Or. en

Amendment 112

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the Montreux Document is the first major document to define how international law applies to PMSCs; whereas 54 states support the Montreux Document; whereas the EU endorsed the Montreux Document on 27 July 2012; whereas the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC) defines industry standards;

Amendment

Q. whereas the Montreux Document is the first major document to define how international law applies to PMSCs; whereas 54 states support the Montreux Document; whereas the EU endorsed the Montreux Document on 27 July 2012; whereas the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC) defines industry standards; ***whereas the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Providers' Association (ICoCA) has the aim of promoting, managing and supervising the implementation of the ICoC and encouraging the responsible provision of security services and respect for human rights and national and international law; whereas affiliation to ICoCA is brought about by a voluntary act, accompanied by a payment, and the high membership charges do not permit all private security companies to become members;***

Or. en

Amendment 113

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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whereas 54 states support the Montreux Document; whereas the EU endorsed the Montreux Document on 27 July 2012; whereas the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC) defines industry standards; *whereas the EU contributes in the context of the Human Rights Council to the possible development of an international regulatory framework;*

Or. en

Amendment 114
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Qa. whereas the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Providers' Association (ICoCA) has the aim of promoting, managing and supervising the implementation of the ICoC and encouraging the responsible provision of security services and respect for human rights and national and international law, but whereas affiliation to ICoCA is brought about by a voluntary act, accompanied by a payment, and the high membership charges do not permit all private security companies to become members;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Louis Michel, Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the ICoC have helped to clarify and raise awareness of states' obligations with respect to PMSCs; whereas these initiatives are non-binding and voluntary, with no significant penalty for non-compliance or for the commission of human rights violations, beyond being expelled from the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association **and losing out on valuable contracts**;

Amendment

R. whereas initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the ICoC have helped to clarify and raise awareness of states' obligations with respect to PMSCs; whereas these initiatives are non-binding and voluntary, with no significant penalty for non-compliance or for the commission of human rights violations, beyond being expelled from the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association; **whereas the EU and 23 Member States have joined the Montreux Document acknowledging their positive aspects; whereas the Montreux Document applies only in times of armed conflict; whereas the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers does not feature accountability or enforceable remedies for victims**;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution

Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the ICoC have helped to clarify and raise awareness of states' obligations with respect to PMSCs; whereas these initiatives are non-binding and voluntary, with no significant penalty for non-compliance or for the commission of human rights violations, beyond being expelled from the **International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association** and losing out on valuable contracts;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 117
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the ICoC have helped to clarify and raise awareness of states' obligations with respect to PMSCs; whereas these initiatives are non-binding and voluntary, with no significant penalty for non-compliance or for the commission of human rights violations, beyond being expelled from the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association ***and losing out on valuable contracts;***

Amendment

R. whereas initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the ICoC have helped to clarify and raise awareness of states' obligations with respect to PMSCs; whereas these initiatives are non-binding and voluntary, with no significant penalty for non-compliance or for the commission of human rights violations, beyond being expelled from the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Recital R

Motion for a resolution

R. whereas initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the ICoC have helped to clarify and raise awareness of states' obligations with respect to PMSCs; whereas these initiatives are non-binding and voluntary, with no ***significant*** penalty for non-compliance or for the commission of human rights violations, beyond being expelled from the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association and losing out on valuable contracts;

Amendment

R. whereas initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the ICoC have helped to clarify and raise awareness of states' obligations with respect to PMSCs; whereas these initiatives are non-binding and voluntary, with no penalty for non-compliance or for the commission of human rights violations, beyond being expelled from the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association and losing out on valuable contracts;

Amendment 119
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital R a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ra. whereas PMSCs have been used in both civilian and military Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions, to guard EU delegations, for the construction of field camps, training, air lift and to support humanitarian aid activities;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital R b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Rb. whereas, in the context of the EU, Member State practices on the use of PMSCs, the procedures for contracting them, and the quality of regulatory systems vary widely;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital R c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Rc. whereas the European Union does not have a regulatory framework of its own, despite the large number of PMSCs of European origin and/or involved in missions and operations under the CSDP or EU delegations;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital S

Motion for a resolution

S. whereas considerable regulatory gaps remain – notably regarding the use of force and firearms in the course of duty, the acquisition of weapons and arms trafficking, maritime security services, the issue of extra-territoriality and accountability, the availability of effective remedies for victims, and civil liability of individuals and corporate actors – meaning that PMSCs are still largely able to operate outside the constraints of legal supervision; whereas the absence of a legally binding international instrument also poses considerable challenges in monitoring and supervising the activities of PMSCs;

Amendment

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Or. pt

Amendment 123

Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution

Recital S

Motion for a resolution

S. whereas considerable regulatory gaps remain – notably regarding the use of force and firearms in the course of duty, the acquisition of weapons and arms trafficking, maritime security services, the issue of extra-territoriality and accountability, the availability of effective remedies for victims, and civil liability of individuals and corporate actors – meaning that PMSCs are still largely able to operate outside the constraints of legal supervision; whereas the absence of a legally binding international instrument also poses considerable challenges in monitoring and supervising the activities of PMSCs;

Amendment

S. whereas considerable regulatory gaps remain ***at the European and international level*** – notably regarding the use of force and firearms in the course of duty, the acquisition of weapons and arms trafficking, maritime security services, the issue of extra-territoriality and accountability, the availability of effective remedies for victims, and civil liability of individuals and corporate actors – meaning that PMSCs are still largely able to operate outside the constraints of legal supervision; whereas the absence of a legally binding international instrument also poses considerable challenges in monitoring and supervising the activities of PMSCs;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Recital S a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sa. whereas PMSCs could play a more important role in the fight against piracy and in improving maritime security, in missions involving cyber defence, research and development of security tools, mixed surveillance missions and training in cooperation with, and under the supervision of, public authorities; whereas the use of armed PSCs has created specific challenges for the maritime sector and has resulted in

numerous incidents which have led to the loss of life and diplomatic conflicts;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution

Recital S a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sa. whereas the EU and its Member States should aim at avoiding these situations in the future, and refrain from outsourcing military operations that imply the use of force and weaponry, participating in hostilities and otherwise engaging in combat or combat areas, beyond legitimate self-defence;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital S a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sa. whereas globally the private security industry was valued up to USD 200 billion in 2016 with around 100 000 PSCs and 3.5 million employees;

Or. pt

Amendment 127

Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Recital S b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sb. whereas operations and activities outsourced to PSCs in conflict areas should be restricted to providing logistical support and protection of installations, without an actual presence of PSCs in the areas where combat activities exist;

Or. en

Amendment 128
Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital S b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Sb. whereas the security and defence of citizens should be primarily provided by the authorities;

Or. pt

Amendment 129
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-1. Expresses its serious concern at the wide range of violations of human rights and international humanitarian law that continue to be reported in relation to the activities of PMSCs worldwide and urges the EU and its Member States to take resolute action to address the accountability gap related to these actors;

reminds all States of their obligation to ensure respect of human rights by PMSCs under their jurisdiction or operating within their territory;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to PSCs that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Amendment

1. Notes that PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to PSCs that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations; *points out that the work of armed forces and security forces abroad is of fundamental value for peace-keeping and conflict prevention, as well as for the social reconstruction and national reconciliation that follows;*

Or. en

Amendment 131
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Notes *that PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however,* that no activities should be outsourced to *PSCs* that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

1. Notes that no activities should be outsourced to *PMSCs* that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Or. en

Amendment 132

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that PMSCs *play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however,* that *no activities should be outsourced to PSCs that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence,* and *under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;*

Amendment

1. Notes that *no activities should be outsourced to PMSCs that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations; considers that the use of services provided by local PMSCs in conflict countries and regions can have dire consequences which undermine both the Union's external policies and the development objectives, providing cover for warlords, militias and illegal armed groups, such as organised crime;*

Or. es

Amendment 133

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that ***PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's*** military and civilian ***agencies by closing*** capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to ***PSCs*** that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, ***except for self-defence***, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Amendment

1. Notes that ***in the volatile international security context, EU Member States actively deploy*** military and civilian ***personnel, sometimes in the framework of the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy, often relying on PMSCs to close*** capability gaps created by ***such*** increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to ***PMSCs*** that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Or. en

Amendment 134 Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to ***PSCs*** that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Amendment

1. Notes that ***legitimate*** PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to ***PMSCs*** that would involve the use of force and/or active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Notes that PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to PSCs that would involve *the use of force and/or* active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Amendment

1. Notes that PMSCs play an important complementary role in aiding a state's military and civilian agencies by closing capability gaps created by increasing demand for the use of forces abroad; underlines, however, that no activities should be outsourced to PSCs that would involve active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence, and under no circumstances should PMSCs be allowed to take part in or conduct interrogations;

Or. fr

Amendment 136
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

1a. Notes a growing confluence of interests between European political leaders who are seeking to militarise their borders and the main defence and security contractors who provide these services; our military-security-industrial complex is today stronger than ever, and is utilising technologies oriented towards external and internal considerations, and which at present are being directed against some of the most vulnerable and desperate people on earth;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 137
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Underscores the need for PSCs, when operating in host countries and particularly those that significantly differ in terms of culture and religion, to be mindful of local customs and habits in order not to jeopardise the effectiveness of their mission and alienate the local population;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses the need for a categorical prohibition of allowing PSC to engage in war or combat areas and of outsourcing military operations that imply use of force and weaponry or participation in hostilities, allowing thus only self-defence in case of attack;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. ***Stresses that the outsourcing of activities or services to PSCs should be limited to logistic support and protection of installations, and that the presence of PSCs should be limited to non-combat areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 140

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Expresses its concern at the proliferation of PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities of PMSCs on the enjoyment of human rights; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

2. Expresses its concern at the proliferation of PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities of PMSCs on the enjoyment of human rights, ***as well as on the activities of civil society organizations and human rights defenders***; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Expresses its concern at the proliferation of PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities of PMSCs on the

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enjoyment of human rights, *as well as the activities of civil society actors and human rights defenders*; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Expresses its concern at the proliferation of PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities of PMSCs on the enjoyment of human rights; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

Amendment

2. Expresses its concern at the proliferation of *PSCs in the EU and* PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities of PMSCs on the enjoyment of human rights; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Expresses its concern at the proliferation of PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities of PMSCs on *the enjoyment of* human rights; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to

Amendment

2. Expresses its concern at the proliferation of PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities of PMSCs on human rights; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to

the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

the activities of *some* PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Expresses its concern *at the proliferation of PMSCs worldwide and the impact of the activities* of PMSCs on the enjoyment of human rights; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law linked to the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

Amendment

2. Expresses its concern *on the possible* impact of PMSCs on the enjoyment of human rights *in conflict and war zones*; is alarmed by serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law *possibly* linked to the activities of PMSCs and the lack of accountability for many abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. *Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights, especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 146
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. *Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights, especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 147
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. *Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights, especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 148
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights, especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities;

Amendment

3. Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for ***non-respect of*** human rights, especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities; ***is concerned by the lack of accountability these schemes create, not only for PMSCs but also for the States who contract them; recalls the European Parliament's resolution of 5 October 2017 on prison systems and conditions;***

Or. en

Amendment 149

Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to*** private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights, especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities;

Amendment

3. Stresses that ***Member States should not transfer their responsibility for the security and defence of their citizens*** exclusively to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights, especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities; ***recommends that Member States reverse as far as possible the outsourcing of functions regarding the security and defence of citizens;***

Or. pt

Amendment 150

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights, *especially when PMSCs are operating in armed conflicts or in privatised prisons or immigration-related detention facilities*;

Amendment

3. Is alarmed in particular by the outsourcing of inherent state functions to private entities; holds the view that such outsourcing creates great risks for human rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 151
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. *Stresses that the existing regulatory gaps create potential risks to various fundamental human rights, such as the right to security, the right to life, the prohibition of the arbitrary deprivation of liberty, the prohibition of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and the right of victims to effective remedies*;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 152
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Stresses that the existing regulatory gaps create potential risks to various fundamental human rights, such as the right to security, the right to life, the prohibition of the arbitrary deprivation of liberty, the prohibition of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and the right of victims to effective remedies;

4. Stresses that the existing regulatory gaps create potential risks to various fundamental human rights, such as the right to security, the right to life, the prohibition of the arbitrary deprivation of liberty, the prohibition of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and the right of victims to effective remedies; ***recalls that accountability and oversight mechanisms are crucial in order to ensure that the potential benefits of PMSCs are fully obtained;***

Or. en

Amendment 153
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes that the EU makes use of PSCs abroad to guard its delegations and staff and to support its civilian and military CSDP missions; notes that their use thus directly contributes to the EU's reputation and perception by third parties, which makes them important facets of the EU's local presence and impacts on the level of trust in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Acknowledges that there are many

situations where PMSCs provide a valuable capability resource, such as guarding maritime commerce and shipping, or where the deployment of a national military force would be inappropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 155
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. *Is particularly concerned by the human rights violations perpetrated against women, whether they are civilians in host countries, combatants in conflicts or PMSCs employees, as well as against children;*

Or. en

Amendment 156
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. *Notes that all States have an obligation to ensure that all actors respect international human rights law. This includes States in which PMSCs are incorporated or otherwise operating;*

Or. en

Amendment 157
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. *Notes that employees from PMSCs can also be subject to human rights abuse, including labour trafficking through false employment promises, retention of their passports and denial of visas and other paperwork;*

Or. en

Amendment 158
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Prevention ***against*** human rights abuses

Prevention ***of*** human rights abuses

Or. en

Amendment 159
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of preventing and protecting against human rights abuses perpetrated by PMSCs; ***reiterates the need for PMSCs, when operating in host countries, and in particular in those that differ significantly in terms of culture and religion, to be mindful of local customs and habits so as***

5. Stresses the importance of preventing and protecting against human rights abuses perpetrated by PMSCs;

not to jeopardise the effectiveness of their mission and alienate the local population;

Or. fr

Amendment 160

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of preventing and protecting against human rights abuses perpetrated by PMSCs; reiterates the need for PMSCs, when operating in host countries, and in particular in those that differ significantly in terms of culture and religion, to be mindful of local customs and habits so as not to jeopardise the effectiveness of their mission and alienate the local population;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of preventing and protecting against human rights abuses perpetrated by PMSCs; reiterates the need for PMSCs, when operating in host countries, and in particular in those that differ significantly in terms of culture and religion, to be mindful of local customs and habits so as not to jeopardise the effectiveness of their mission and alienate the local population; ***requires PMSCs personnel to be trained in human rights and humanitarian law standards to safeguard against human rights violations;***

Or. en

Amendment 161

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of preventing and protecting against human rights abuses perpetrated by PMSCs; reiterates the need for PMSCs, when operating in host countries, and in

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of preventing and protecting against human rights abuses perpetrated by PMSCs; reiterates the need for PMSCs ***to respect human rights and international law***, when

particular in those that differ significantly in terms of culture and religion, to be mindful of local customs and habits so as not to jeopardise the effectiveness of their mission and alienate the local population;

operating in host countries, and in particular in those that differ significantly in terms of culture and religion, to be mindful of local customs and habits so as not to jeopardise the effectiveness of their mission and alienate the local population;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Reaffirms the urgent need to act in a continuous, effective and coherent manner at all levels, national, European and international, in order to effectively address the legal problems resulting from the extra-territorial dimension of companies and of their conduct, and the related uncertainty as to where the civil and/or criminal liability for human rights violations lies; notes that the use of PMSCs must be heavily regulated and controlled, and wholly rejects the use of private companies for military ends and in the area of security and defence;

Or. es

Amendment 163

Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls for the EU to encourage legislation that would require all PMSCs

6. **Regrets that the European Union does not have a regulatory framework of**

registered in, operating in or contracted by an EU Member State to maintain membership in good standing with the ***International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association***;

its own, despite the large number of PSCs of European origin and/or involved in missions and operations under the CSDP or EU delegations; calls for the EU to encourage legislation that would require all PMSCs registered in, operating in or contracted by an EU Member State to maintain membership in good standing with the ***ICoCA***;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the EU to ***encourage*** legislation that would require all PMSCs registered in, operating in or contracted by an EU Member State to maintain membership in good standing with the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association;

Amendment

6. Calls for the EU to ***develop*** legislation ***without further delay*** that would require all PMSCs registered in, operating in or contracted by an EU Member State to maintain membership in good standing with the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Recalls the different but complementary roles of states and companies with regard to human rights protection; recalls that states have a duty to protect everyone within their

jurisdiction, including against human rights abuses committed by companies, even if they operate in third countries; strongly recalls that, where human rights abuses occur, the state in which the abuse occurs must guarantee that those affected have access to an effective remedy, and points out that the EU shares that duty with regard to areas of exclusive or shared competence; recognises that this means that the EU has an obligation to make its external relations conditional on third countries guaranteeing human rights and, in particular, effective remedy for people under their jurisdiction;

Or. es

Amendment 166

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on the EU and its Member States to ensure that a clear and binding regulatory framework for PMSCs is in place in relation to megaprojects in third countries, notably where these are funded by EU-based investors or financial institutions, and that such projects are transparently monitored including in collaboration with civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. *Calls on the EU to ensure that third country companies that benefit from projects funded by the EU directly or through public/private partnerships or investment programmes, have adopted and regularly report on internal guidance on the use of PMSCs, and to refrain from funding those which have been responsible for violations;*

Or. en

Amendment 168

Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. *Calls on Russia to stop using the PMSCs, including the Wagner group, as a tool to wage hybrid warfare against states around the world and to stop the abuse of human rights by them; calls on Russia to regulate the Russian PMSCs;*

Or. en

Amendment 169

Mr Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. *Calls on the EU to encourage the adoption of laws which require PMSCs and their personnel to respect human rights and calls for PMSC personnel to comply with international humanitarian*

law (IHL);

Or. it

Amendment 170
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Oversight and monitoring

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 171
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Is concerned by the lack of investigations, prosecutions and convictions in relation to human rights abuses perpetrated by PMSCs; is alarmed by the lack of transparency in which these companies operate; notes the lack of data regarding EU Member States' use of PMSCs; underlines that the lack of impunity might incentivise States to outsource to private companies, directly or indirectly encouraging illegal behaviour;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 173

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; ***calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;***

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse;

Or. fr

Amendment 174

Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions; *stresses also the importance of active participation by European institutions and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in EMSP supervision by the Member States;*

Or. pt

Amendment 175

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. *Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse;* calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Amendment

8. Calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Or. en

Amendment 176

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on the ***European External Action Service (EEAS)*** delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Amendment

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on the ***EU*** delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities, ***in particular regarding civil society actors and human rights defenders, to engage with local authorities on this topic when relevant,*** and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on ***the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating*** to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Amendment

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, including through randomised field visits, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on ***Member States to ensure efforts are made*** to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring, ***including through randomised field visits***, to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Amendment

8. Highlights the importance of regular independent monitoring to ensure oversight and put an immediate end to abuse; calls on the European External Action Service (EEAS) delegations in countries where PMSCs are operating to monitor their activities and provide regular feedback on their actions;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Urges the Commission and EEAS to use the same guidelines for the hire, use and management of military and security contractors in all external actions, missions, operations and for EU Delegations across all countries and regions and for all services of a revised Common Military List of European Union; urges the Commission and EEAS to include a list of best practises into such EU guidelines which can be derived from the Montreux Document in particular with regard to procedures for the selection and contracting of PMSCs, the criteria for the selection of PMSCs, the terms of contract with PMSCs and the monitoring of compliance and ensuring of accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Encourages Member States and the EU institutions to provide information about the performance of PSCs more consistently and in a transparent manner to allow for a proper assessment of the use of PSCs by their respective budgetary authorities and independent auditors; recommends that parliaments and NGOs should be actively engaged in the necessary evaluation processes that are crucial for the regulation and oversight of this industry;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Demands that the Commission establish a black list of PMSCs who have failed to comply with the EU's standards, human rights or the ICoC guidelines; considers that this list should be updated at intervals not exceeding two years;

Or. es

Amendment 182
Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Notes the importance of the Commission and the Council maintaining an updated list of EU-registered EMSPs, including those operating in third countries or subcontracted, specifying the area and duration of their operations;*

Or. pt

Amendment 183
Mr Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Calls on the EU and the Member States to adopt specific legislation concerning the activities of PMSCs abroad;*

Or. it

Amendment 184
Mr Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8b. *Calls on the EU to set up a designated PMSC Authority, specifically responsible and designed for the regulation, supervision and monitoring of the PMSC sector;*

Or. it

Amendment 185

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. ***Holds the view that*** states have the obligation to investigate and prosecute in cases where PMSCs have committed human rights abuses;

Amendment

9. ***Urges that, in line with UN human rights commitments,*** states have the obligation to investigate and prosecute in cases where PMSCs have committed human rights abuses;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Holds the view that states have the obligation to investigate and prosecute in cases where PMSCs have committed ***human rights abuses;***

Amendment

9. Holds the view that states have the obligation to investigate and prosecute in cases where PMSCs have committed ***criminal offences;***

Or. en

Amendment 187

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Member States to take any appropriate steps to ensure, through judicial, administrative, legislative or other appropriate means, that when such

human rights violations occur, those affected in third countries have access to an effective remedy in the territory where the infringing enterprise has its main seat within the EU, piercing the veil of the legal personality, when a corporation based in the EU holds, directs or controls companies that are responsible for human rights violations in third countries; takes the view that at all events joint and several liability should be established between contracting and subcontracting enterprises so that, regardless of the nationality of the subcontractor committing the illegal act, those affected can take action against the main company, whether in the country where the illegal act has been committed or in the main company's country of origin (the country in which it has its seat); calls on the Member States to take appropriate steps to eliminate legal, practical and other relevant barriers that could lead to a denial of access to remedy and establish appropriate procedural means to enable those affected in third countries to have access to justice in both the civil and criminal courts;

Or. es

Amendment 188
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Calls for binding due diligence requirements by those who contract PMSCs, who are thereby implicated in their actions; underlines the need for due diligence for social impacts and human rights violations, as well as social impacts by PMSCs to apply to investors connected*

to the PMSCs' activities;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Mr Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Considers that the accountability of all PMSCs and their subcontractors to the contracting state needs to be clarified to all parties;*

Or. it

Amendment 190
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Calls for mandatory due diligence requirements by entities who contract PMSCs, as well as for investors connected to the activities of PMSCs;*

Or. en

Amendment 191
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. *Believes that EU Member States, the EEAS and the Commission should agree on following the example of NATO by only contracting PMSCs based in EU Member States to ensure the highest level of accountability; urges the HR/VP, the Member States, the EEAS and the Commission to agree on common rules which oblige European based PMSCs executing contracts on their behalf to not subcontract local PMSCs in third countries as this practice runs counter to EU stabilisation and development policies, as often local militias, warlords and other actors are being strengthened as a result of such contracts;*

Or. en

Amendment 192

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Considers that certain human rights abuses can be so serious that only judicial remedies, including criminal sanctions, are appropriate;*

10. *Underlines the need to ensure judicial remedies for human rights violations, including criminal sanctions, resulting from activities of PMSCs; stresses that in case the EU relies on PMSCs located in third countries, such agreements must always clarify that the companies will be held accountable under EU law;*

Or. en

Amendment 193

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that ***certain*** human rights abuses ***can be*** so serious that only judicial remedies, including criminal sanctions, are appropriate;

Amendment

10. Considers that ***all*** human rights abuses ***are*** so serious that only judicial remedies, including criminal sanctions, are appropriate;

Or. es

Amendment 194
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Considers that certain human rights abuses can ***be so serious that*** only judicial remedies, including criminal sanctions, ***are*** appropriate;

Amendment

10. Considers that certain human rights abuses can only ***be tackled via*** judicial remedies, including criminal sanctions, ***where*** appropriate;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Human Rights Council to form a special committee to investigate the most serious crimes committed by PMSCs' employees;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 196
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls on the Human Rights Council to form a special committee to investigate the most serious crimes committed by PMSCs' employees;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 197
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls on the Human Rights Council to form a special committee to investigate the most serious crimes committed by PMSCs' employees;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 198
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Calls on the Human Rights Council to form a special committee to investigate the most serious crimes committed by PMSCs' employees;

11. Calls on the Human Rights Council to investigate the most serious crimes committed by PMSCs *under its established committees;*

Or. en

Amendment 199

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Human Rights Council to form a special committee to investigate the most serious crimes committed by *PMSCs' employees*;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Human Rights Council to form a special committee to investigate the most serious crimes committed by *PMSCs*;

Or. es

Amendment 200

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Calls on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate grave human rights abuses committed by PMSCs' employees when the relevant State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC is unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 201

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Calls on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate grave*

Amendment

deleted

human rights abuses committed by PMSCs' employees when the relevant State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC is unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate grave human rights abuses committed by PMSCs' *employees* when the relevant State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC is unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute;

Amendment

12. Calls on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate grave human rights abuses committed by PMSCs when the relevant State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC is unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute;

Or. en

Amendment 203

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate grave human rights abuses committed by *PMSCs' employees* when the relevant State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC is unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute;

Amendment

12. Calls on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate grave human rights abuses committed by *PMSCs* when the relevant State Party to the Rome Statute of the ICC is unable or unwilling to investigate or prosecute;

Or. es

Amendment 204
Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Proposes the creation of a public agency to supervise the activity of European corporations, with the task of analysing, investigating and inspecting the practices of transnational corporations in third countries; its core task would be to investigate the activities of corporations in third countries, and complaints lodged by groups and organisations affected by the practices of European corporations in third countries; proposes that the Agency would make its conclusions public and present them to the European Parliament; proposes that this body would be responsible for awarding the product brand referred to in the previous paragraph;

Or. es

Amendment 205
Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Urges the Commission to ensure effective notification of irregularities and infringements by EMSPs, enabling them to be made accountable for such actions, including those relating to human rights, during their operations both inside and outside European territory;

Or. pt

Amendment 206
Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Recommends that the Commission and Member States give preference to EU-based EMPS requiring them to provide services directly without recourse to local subcontractors in third countries, which are in many cases destabilised, thereby facilitating the supervision and verification of responsibilities;

Or. pt

Amendment 207
Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Urges that all contracts concluded with EMSPs include a compulsory clause requiring each individual and the EMSP in question to comply with international humanitarian law and all international human rights legislation;

Or. pt

Amendment 208
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Remedies for victims

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 209

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. *Emphasises the need to ensure effective remedies, including reparation, commensurate with the scale of violations committed for all victims of human rights abuses;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 210

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Emphasises the need to ensure effective remedies, including reparation, commensurate with the scale of violations committed for all victims of human rights abuses;

13. Emphasises the need to ensure effective remedies, including reparation, commensurate with the scale of violations committed for all victims of human rights abuses ***committed by PMSCs;***

Or. en

Amendment 211

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Affirms that victims require easy and safe access to the judicial system, especially in cases of gross violations, and to non-judicial remedy procedures;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 212

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Affirms that victims require easy and safe access to the judicial system, especially in cases of gross violations, and to non-judicial remedy procedures;

14. Affirms that victims require easy and safe access to the judicial system, especially in cases of gross violations, and to non-judicial remedy procedures, **and rejects any obstacle to victims that could be put in place when fighting for their right to access to justice and to remedy; highlights the importance to prioritize the protection of civilians and bring perpetrators to justice, including mercenaries and foreign fighters who had committed human rights violation on all sides of past conflicts;**

Or. en

Amendment 213

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Affirms that victims require easy

14. Affirms that victims **and their**

and safe access to the judicial system, especially in cases of gross violations, and to non-judicial remedy procedures;

defendants require easy and safe access to the judicial system, especially in cases of gross violations, and to non-judicial remedy procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Underlines the importance of ensuring that no gaps exist in protection from human rights abuses; sees a need to improve regulation of PMSCs so as to close any existing gaps;

Amendment

15. ***Believes that, as a first step, the EU should define relevant military and security services in a precise way, and furthermore create an EU regulatory framework binding for all EU Member States, that would include a blacklist of companies not complying with EU human right standards; urges the Council, in this respect, to add military and security services to PSCs to the Common Military List of the European Union without delay;*** underlines the importance of ensuring that no gaps exist in protection from human rights abuses; sees a need to improve regulation of PMSCs so as to close any existing gaps;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Underlines the importance of ensuring that no gaps exist in protection

Amendment

15. Underlines the importance of ensuring that no gaps exist in protection

from human rights abuses; sees a need to improve regulation of PMSCs so as to close any existing gaps;

from human rights abuses; sees a need to improve regulation of PMSCs so as to close any existing gaps; ***recommends that the definition of PMSC be clarified before effective regulation of their activities is introduced, as the lack of such a definition can create legislative loopholes; believes that as a first step, the EU should define relevant military and security services in a precise way;***

Or. en

Amendment 216
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Underlines the importance of ensuring that no gaps exist in protection from human rights abuses; sees a need to improve regulation of PMSCs so as to close any existing gaps;

Amendment

15. Underlines the importance of ensuring that no gaps exist in protection from human rights abuses; sees a need to improve regulation of PMSCs so as to close any existing gaps; ***urges note to be taken of best practice, for example, by the UK;***

Or. en

Amendment 217
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

15a. Accentuates the importance of contextualizing the Montreux Document to address challenges to specific national regulators, and promote a dedicated exchange on existing good practices in

Amendment

PMSCs regulation faced by national petitioners; at the EU level, stresses the importance to subject the use of PSCs to effective parliamentary control as a foreign policy tool;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; takes the view that the development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of all stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby creates a level playing field at global level;

Amendment

16. *Urges the EU and its Member States to push for an international legally binding instrument that goes further than the Montreux document, by regulating the activities of PSCs, establishing a level playing field to ensure that host states have the authority to regulate PSCs and contracting states are able to use their power to protect human rights and prevent corruption;* considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; takes the view that the development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of all stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby creates a level playing field at global level;

Or. en

Amendment 219

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; takes the view that the development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of all stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby creates a level playing field at global level;

Amendment

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; ***believes that such an international binding instrument shall build on the work of the UN Working Group on mercenaries and their 2011 draft International Convention on the Regulation, Oversight and Monitoring of Private Military and Security Companies***; takes the view that the development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of all stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby creates a level playing field at global level;

Or. en

Amendment 220
Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; ***takes the view that*** the development of an international regulatory framework ***is in the interest of all stakeholders, as it provides*** for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby ***creates*** a level playing field at global level;

Amendment

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; ***supports, as it is in the interest of all stakeholders,*** the development of an international regulatory framework ***to provide*** for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby ***to create*** a level playing field at global level; ***in this sense supports the EU contribution, in the context of the UN***

Human Rights Council, in view of setting up an international regulatory framework;

Or. en

Amendment 221
Liliana Rodrigues

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; takes the view that the development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of all stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby creates a level playing field at global level;

Amendment

16. Considers an international binding instrument ***defining and delimiting EMSP activities, together with penalties for any infringements***, to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; takes the view that the development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of all stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards and thereby creates a level playing field at global level;

Or. pt

Amendment 222
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate; ***takes the view that the*** development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of

Amendment

16. Considers an international binding instrument to be an appropriate option to ensure that human rights are fully protected wherever PMSCs operate ***and that*** development of an international regulatory framework is in the interest of all

all stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards *and thereby creates a level playing field at global level;*

stakeholders, as it provides for legal certainty, remedies, uniformity and objectivity with respect to international standards, *recognising that the main culprits are likely to refuse to participate in such a system;*

Or. en

Amendment 223

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Urges the Council to regulate the export of military and security services as defined in an updated Common Military List of European Union via a dedicated Council Decision which should require national legislation controlling the export of military and security services; believes that contracts for the provision of these services outside the EU should be licensed by export authorizations and require annual reporting of service export licences granted by Member States in order to increase public transparency and accountability; points out that the legal bases for such a Council Decision is provided by Articles 25 and 28 TEU and can draw on the example of Council Common Position 2008/944;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Calls on the Commission and Member States to respect the principle of development policy coherence in their foreign policies and explicitly to include it in all treaties signed by them, in keeping with international commitments undertaken in relation to human rights, decent working conditions, gender equality and environmental sustainability;*

Or. es

Amendment 225
Mr Ignazio Corrao

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. *Calls for the activities permitted and prohibited for PMSCs to be defined, paying particular attention to potential services that could involve PMSC personnel in hostilities in situations of armed conflict;*

Or. it

Amendment 226
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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civil society actors and human rights defenders, make a distinction between private military activity and private security activity, limit the use of force and firearms in the course of duty, establish civil liability of individuals and corporate actors, as well as laying down a requirement for civil liability insurance for risks related to the activities of PMSCs, call for penal accountability of personnel responsible for violations, provide effective access to remedies for victims, set out dissuasive penalties for violations by PMSCs, provide for independent monitoring of PMSCs' activities and for oversight by the authorities, and require a vetting mechanism to ensure that personnel are properly trained and comply with international human rights and humanitarian law standards;

Or. en

Amendment 227

Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

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17. Emphasises that such a framework should, as a minimum, impose clearly defined human rights obligations on PMSCs, including mandatory human rights training, make a distinction between private military activity and private security activity, limit the use of force and firearms in the course of duty, establish civil liability of individuals and corporate actors, as well as laying down a requirement for civil liability insurance for risks related to the activities of PMSCs, call for penal accountability of personnel responsible for violations, provide effective access to remedies for victims, set out

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dissuasive penalties for violations by PMSCs, provide for independent monitoring of PMSCs' activities and for oversight by the authorities, and require a vetting mechanism to ensure that personnel are properly trained and comply with international human rights and humanitarian law standards;

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Or. pt

Amendment 228
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 229

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

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Or. es

Amendment 230

Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

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should, as a minimum, impose clearly defined human rights obligations on PMSCs, including mandatory human rights training, make a distinction between private military activity and private security activity, limit the use of force and firearms in the course of duty, establish civil liability of individuals and corporate actors, as well as laying down a requirement for civil liability insurance for risks related to the activities of PMSCs, call for penal accountability of personnel responsible for violations, provide effective access to remedies for victims, set out dissuasive penalties for violations by PMSCs, provide for independent monitoring of PMSCs' activities and for oversight by the authorities, and **assurance** that personnel are properly trained and comply with international human rights and humanitarian law standards;

Or. en

Amendment 231

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Calls for the European Parliament not to approve any EU agreement on economic matters with a third country unless it includes the following clause: 'Undertakings that invest in a third country shall have civil and criminal liability for crimes and infringements committed by them and by their directors, management and members of decision-making bodies – whether single-member or collegiate. This liability shall derive not only from the direct commission of an illegal act but also from complicity,

collaboration, instigation, inducement and/or concealment of that act. It must be guaranteed that both the legal entity and the individuals committing the human rights violation can be prosecuted in the EU Member State of which they are nationals. Joint and several liability must at all events be established between contracting and subcontracting companies so that, regardless of the nationality of the main company or where appropriate the subcontractor that commits the illegal act, those affected can take action against the main company, whether in the country where the illegal act has been committed or in the main company's country of origin (the country in which it has its seat)';

Or. es

Amendment 232
Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Recommends that specific additional training be required for certain EMSP operations, especially in complex situations, situations involving individuals from different cultural backgrounds or where gender-related issues are at stake;

Or. pt

Amendment 233
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Stresses that certain functions must not be outsourced to PMSCs, including interrogations, the overall operation of detention facilities, the punishment of detainees and active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 234

Liliana Rodrigues, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Stresses that certain functions must not be outsourced to PMSCs, including interrogations, the overall operation of detention facilities, the punishment of detainees and active participation in hostilities, except for self-defence;

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Or. pt

Amendment 235

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Marie-Christine Vergiat

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

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Amendment

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detention facilities, the punishment of detainees and active participation in hostilities, *except for self-defence*;

detention facilities, the punishment of detainees and active participation in hostilities; *notes that the use of PMSCs must be heavily regulated and controlled, and wholly rejects the use of private companies for military ends and in the area of security and defence*;

Or. es

Amendment 236

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Stresses that certain functions must not be outsourced to PMSCs, including interrogations, the overall operation of detention facilities, *the punishment* of detainees and active participation in hostilities, *except for self-defence*;

Amendment

18. Stresses that certain functions must not be outsourced to PMSCs, including interrogations, the overall operation of detention facilities, *including the handling* of detainees, and active participation in hostilities;

Or. en

Amendment 237

Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls for an EU security supervisor of an EU security company to be present at EU-funded sites and EU delegations with the tasks of ensuring the quality of the security services provided, vetting and training the locally hired security personnel, establishing and keeping up good relations with local security forces, providing risk assessments and being the first point of contact in

security-related matters for the delegation;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. (new heading) EU Regulation of PMSCs and building capacity for effective oversight of the security sector

Or. en

Amendment 239

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Notes that the EU makes use of PMSCs abroad to guard its delegations and staff and to support its civilian and military CSDP missions; notes that their use thus directly contributes to the EU's reputation and perception by third parties, which makes them important facets of the EU's local presence and impacts on the level of trust in the EU; demands that the Commission and the Council produce an overview of where, when and for what reason PMSCs have been employed in support of EU missions;

Or. en

Amendment 240
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Notes that successive calls from the European Parliament to strengthen the regulatory framework around the role and use of PMSCs has resulted in some progress and a patchwork of related initiatives by the Commission and Council; Believes it is now time to call on the Commission to initiate without delay a stake-holder consultation leading to a proposal for an EU regulatory framework to address all facets of the role and use of PMSCs by the EU, its Member States and third country partners; Considers that this EU regulatory framework should take into account international best practices in relation to PMSC conduct and management, in particular the Montreux document and the ICoC; Underlines that the development of such a regulatory framework should be applicable to the EU's growing security and defence policies and legislation including updating of the Council's Common Military List to include PMSCs;

Or. en

Amendment 241
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18d. Notes that the EU's Foreign Policy as elaborated most recently in the European Global Strategy places a

premium upon Conflict Prevention and pursuing a “Comprehensive Approach in Responding to Conflicts and Crisis”; Notes that such an approach requires that any use of PMSCs should in no way undermine the EU’s priorities of development, democracy and promoting good governance; Calls therefore on the EU to strengthen domestic oversight capacities, including parliamentary, rule of law and civil society, of the security sectors in third countries and in particular domestic and foreign PMSCs;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18e. Notes that the EU’s new approach to “Capacity Building in support of Security and Development” emphasizes the complementary role of strengthening third countries security sectors as a means of contributing to stability and development of the country; Calls for such capacities to also focus upon strengthening oversight institutions in third countries to ensure effective control over security forces;

Or. en

Amendment 243
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 f (new)

18f. *Notes that during the current 8th legislature, the European Parliament has been developing democracy support and conflict prevention capacities for third country parliaments including strengthening parliamentary capacities for the oversight of the security and defence sectors; Calls on the European Parliament to step up such activities, in complementarity with overall EU efforts to reform security sectors and “Capacity Building in support of Security and Development”, to ensure that parliaments and civil society play their full role in the oversight and scrutiny of security forces including domestic and international PMSCs;*

Or. en

Amendment 244

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

19. Calls on the ***Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Member States, the EEAS and the Commission*** to promote and strongly support the Human Rights Council working groups (special procedures and intergovernmental) and to aim for the creation of a universal UN convention aimed at establishing an international legal regime to regulate relevant services provided by PMSCs which could complement national legislation and voluntary initiatives in providing effective and robust regulation of PMSCs and close existing gaps;

19. Calls on the Member States to promote and strongly support the Human Rights Council working groups (special procedures and intergovernmental) and to aim for the creation of a universal UN convention aimed at establishing an international legal regime to regulate relevant services provided by PMSCs which could complement national legislation and voluntary initiatives in providing effective and robust regulation of PMSCs and close existing gaps;

Amendment 245**Ana Gomes****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 19***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

19. Calls on the Vice-President of the **Commission** / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, **the EU Special Representative for human rights**, the Member States, the EEAS and the Commission to promote and strongly support the Human Rights Council working groups (special procedures and intergovernmental) and to aim for the creation of a universal UN convention aimed at establishing an international legal regime to regulate relevant services provided by PMSCs which could complement national legislation and voluntary initiatives in providing effective and robust regulation of PMSCs and close existing gaps;

Or. en

Amendment 246**Renate Weber, Mirja Vehkaperä, Javier Nart, Louis Michel****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 19***Motion for a resolution*

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creation of a universal UN convention ***aimed at*** establishing an international legal regime to regulate relevant services provided by PMSCs ***which could*** complement national legislation and ***voluntary initiatives in providing effective and robust regulation of PMSCs and close existing gaps;***

creation of a universal UN convention; ***stresses that*** establishing an international legal regime to regulate relevant services provided by PMSCs ***will*** complement national legislation and ***will establish important and uniform obligations for States and PMSCs.***

Or. en

Amendment 247

Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Notes the considerable influence the EU and its Member States enjoy over the global security industry as a result of many major players having their headquarters in the EU; places particular emphasis, therefore, on the upcoming revision of the Common Military List as an opportunity to include certain services provided by PMSCs, which would make them subject to export regulations and apply basic standards to their activities abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 248

Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Recommends that the Commission and the Council establish a legal

framework requiring national legislation to control the export of military and security services, and report in the EU Annual Report on armaments exports on military and security service export licences granted by the Member States, so as to increase public transparency and accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 249

Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19c. Commends the efforts of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in providing guidelines for the use of private armed security teams; encourages the Commission and the Member States to continue to work with the IMO towards the global application of this guidance;

Or. en

Amendment 250

Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19d. Urges the VP/HR and the EEAS to produce in three months from adoption of this document a report on actions taken to implement recommendations of the resolution of the European Parliament on Private Security Companies (Vautmans

Report) of 4 July 2017; Urges the VP/HR and the EEAS to produce in three months from adoption of this document a report on actions taken to implement recommendations of this report;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Karol Karski

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19e. Urges the VP/HR, the Member States, the EEAS and the Commission to strongly support the creation of an international convention aimed at establishing an international legal regime to regulate relevant services provided by PMSCs;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Council, the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the **Commission** / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the national parliaments of the Member States and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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Amendment 253
Geoffrey Van Orden

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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