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Implementation of the EU association agreement with Moldova
(2017/2281(INI))

Amendment 1
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the signature, in November 2017, of a Memorandum of Understanding, a Loan Facility Agreement and a Grant Agreement on micro-financial assistance worth €100 million for the 2017-2018,*

Or. en

Amendment 2
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Joint Staff Working Document, “Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020”,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Citation 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the report on “The State of Corruption: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine” of the Transparency International from 2015,*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Andi Cristea, Victor Boștinaru

Motion for a resolution
Citation 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— having regard to the outcome of the mission of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to Moldova on 3 and 4 **May** 2018,

— having regard to the outcome of the mission of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to Moldova on 3 and 4 **April** 2018,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas political and economic relations between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova have deepened in the framework of the Eastern Partnership and in particular with signature, on 27 June 2014, and entry into force, on 1 July 2016, of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement (AA) including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA);

Or. en

Amendment 6
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas the AA is based on common values which include "respect for the democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and as defined in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the Helsinki Final Act of 1975 of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe of 1990";

Or. en

Amendment 7
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ac. whereas, through this agreement, Moldova committed to major domestic reforms, on the basis of EU laws and practice, in a wide range of areas conducive to good governance, economic development and strengthened cooperation with the EU; whereas, in support of these efforts, the EU committed to provide substantial financial and budgetary assistance to Moldova, amounting to €1.14 billion of allocated funds since 2007, plus regional programme funding;

Amendment 8
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ad. whereas the DCFTA allows for privileged access for goods and services to the EU market; whereas, as a consequence of the DCFTA, EU-Moldova trade increased by 18% in 2017, to €4 billion; whereas the EU is currently Moldova's first trading partner, accounting for over 55% of total trade; whereas the EU is also the first investor in Moldova; whereas initial data for 2018 confirms the positive trend;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ae. whereas, in addition, in exchange for reforms in Moldova in the areas of justice and security including in the fight against corruption, the EU also agreed in 2014 to visa-free travel to the Schengen area for Moldovan citizens holding a biometrical passport; whereas more than 1.4 million Moldovan citizens have benefited from this visa-free regime over the first 2 years of its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Af. whereas the EU has repeatedly expressed concern as regards the deterioration of democratic standards through recent decisions by the Moldovan authorities, including the June 2018 invalidation of the local elections in Chisinau on dubious grounds and in a non-transparent way, the July 2017 electoral reform adopted despite the negative recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission, the lack of progress in the prosecution of those responsible for the \$1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014 and the increase in breaches of human rights, notably targeting independent judges, journalists and political opponents;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ag. whereas, as a result of these developments, in 2017, the EU did not pay the last two instalments under the budget support programme for justice sector reforms because the Moldovan authorities showed insufficient commitment to reforming this sector and, in 2018, the EU suspended the disbursement of the first

instalment of the macro-financial assistance due to the non-fulfilment of the political conditions annexed to the July 2017 decision of the European Parliament and of the Council which specified that "a pre-condition for granting macro-financial assistance is that the beneficiary country respects effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system and the rule of law and guarantees respect for human rights";

Or. en

Amendment 12
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ah. whereas, since these decisions, most recent developments have further raised concerns, notably as regards the so-called "fiscal reform package", adopted in July 2018, as the tax amnesty scheme of which increases risks of money laundering, as well as further pressure exerted on the opposition and its peaceful demonstrations and on small independent media outlets struggling to maintain their activities despite the adoption, in July 2018, of the new Audio-Visual Code;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital A i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ai. whereas Transparency International ranked Moldova 122nd out of 180 in its 2017 Corruption Perceptions Index, together with Azerbaijan and Mali; whereas Reporters Without Borders ranked Moldova 81st out of 180 in its World Press Freedom Index, down from 56th place in 2014;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Underlines the importance of the Association Agreement / Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA), and welcomes the progress achieved by Moldova to date; insists, however, that full implementation of the AA/DCFTA must be a top priority, enabling a further deepening of the country's relations with the EU, for the benefit of all Moldovan citizens, as well as unlocking additional perspectives in line with the Eastern Partnership Plus (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament;***

Amendment

1. ***Notes that the Association Agreement / Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA) was negotiated by Vlad Filat's government, which has been declared corrupt, and has been endorsed by the oligarch Vlad Plahotniuc, who in effect is the real person running the country; insists that full implementation of the AA/DCFTA has not improved the Moldovan economy, in fact the Russian trade restrictions have drastically reduced the number of Moldovan agricultural exports;***

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Underlines the importance of the Association Agreement / Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA), and **welcomes the** progress achieved by Moldova to date; insists, however, that full implementation of the AA/DCFTA must be a top priority, enabling a further deepening of the country's relations with the EU, for the benefit of all Moldovan citizens, as well as unlocking additional perspectives in line with the Eastern Partnership Plus (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament;

Amendment

1. Underlines the importance of the Association Agreement / Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA), and **takes note of the limited** progress achieved by Moldova to date; insists, however, that full implementation of the AA/DCFTA must be a top priority, enabling a further deepening of the country's relations with the EU, for the benefit of all Moldovan citizens, as well as unlocking additional perspectives in line with the Eastern Partnership Plus (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Underlines the importance of the Association Agreement / Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA), and welcomes the progress achieved by Moldova to date; insists, however, that full implementation of the AA/DCFTA, **with regard, in particular, to political reforms**, must be a top priority, enabling a further deepening of the country's relations with the EU, for the benefit of all Moldovan citizens, as well as unlocking additional perspectives in line with the Eastern Partnership Plus (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Victor Boștinăru, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Underlines the importance of the Association Agreement / Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA) ***in a highly polarised political landscape***, and welcomes the progress achieved by Moldova to date ***despite the continuous challenges posed by the anti-European orientation of the President of Moldova***; insists, however, that full implementation of the AA/DCFTA must be a top priority, enabling a further deepening of the country's relations with the EU, for the benefit of all Moldovan citizens, as well as unlocking additional perspectives in line with the Eastern Partnership Plus (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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with the Eastern Partnership Plus (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament;

with the Eastern Partnership Plus (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament; ***points out that pursuant to Article 49 of the TEU and in line with the Rome Declaration of 25 March 2017, any European state may apply to become a member of the EU, provided that it respects the Copenhagen criteria;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Praises the courageous agents for positive change in Moldova, notably those leading the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption ***in line with the AA commitments;***

Amendment

2. Praises the courageous agents for positive change in Moldova, notably those leading the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption ***in the best interests of the State; calls for the establishment of a Moldovan parliamentary commission that comprises representatives from various political parties so that those who were possibly involved in the bank fraud can be brought before the court and sentenced within the State itself;***

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Victor Boștinăru, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Praises the ***courageous agents for positive change*** in Moldova, notably ***those leading*** the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments;

Amendment

2. Praises the positive ***changes*** in Moldova, notably ***the stabilisation of the economy and*** the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud; ***welcomes the July 2018 IMF successful evaluation of the implementation of the IMF-supported programme***; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments; ***in particular, calls on all political forces to engage in constructive dialogue in the interest of the country***;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Praises the ***courageous agents for positive change in Moldova, notably those leading the efforts*** to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments;

Amendment

2. Praises the ***actions taken in line with the calls of the IMF and the EU*** to reform the banking sector following the ***criminal*** 2014 bank fraud; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments;

Or. de

Amendment 22
Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Praises the courageous agents for positive change in Moldova, notably those leading the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments;

Amendment

2. Praises the courageous agents for positive change in Moldova, notably those leading the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud, ***which should be pursued***; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments, ***as the lack of political will and commitment are some of the main bottlenecks for credible reforms***;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Praises the courageous agents for positive change in Moldova, notably those leading the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments;

Amendment

2. Praises the courageous agents for positive change in Moldova, notably those leading the efforts to reform the banking sector following the 2014 bank fraud ***of USD 1 billion (equal to 12% of GDP)***; calls on Moldovan politicians and the judiciary as a whole to join in with such efforts to reform the country and fight corruption in line with the AA commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses **grave concern about backsliding** in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – **being undermined by the ruling political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary**; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values **rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments**;

Amendment

3. Expresses concern in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Victor Boștinaru, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses grave concern about backsliding in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – being undermined **by the ruling political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary**; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values **rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments**;

Amendment

3. Expresses grave concern about backsliding in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – being undermined; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values, **with all the necessary EU support**;

Amendment 26

Andi Cristea, Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses grave concern about ***backsliding in relation to*** democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – being undermined by the ***ruling*** political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than ***unconvincing so-called*** ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

Amendment

3. Expresses grave concern about democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – being undermined by the political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than ***artificial*** ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses grave concern about backsliding in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary

Amendment

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– being undermined by the ruling political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

– being undermined by the ruling political leaders, *who were supported by the EU following a coup that was staged under the guise of an alleged popular uprising on 6 and 7 April 2009*, colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary *since they benefit from the goodwill shown by the EU, NATO and the USA*; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses grave concern about backsliding in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – being undermined by the ruling political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

Amendment

3. Expresses grave concern about backsliding in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens, *as well as multi-party democratic system* – and the rule of law – including the independence *and impartiality* of the judiciary – being undermined by the ruling political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Expresses grave concern about backsliding in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – being undermined by the ruling political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

Amendment

3. Expresses grave concern about backsliding in relation to democratic standards in Moldova, with core values, to which Moldova had subscribed **notably** as part of the AA, such as democracy – including fair and transparent elections respecting the will of the citizens – and the rule of law – including the independence of the judiciary – being undermined by the ruling political leaders colluding with business interests and unopposed by much of the political class and the judiciary, **resulting in the Republic of Moldova being a state captured by oligarchic interests**; reiterates its determination to focus on the fulfilment of commitments to uphold common values rather than unconvincing so-called ‘geopolitical’ arguments;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3a. Reiterates its concern over the concentration of economic and political power in the hands of a small group of people and the influence which those people wield over the parliament, government, political parties, state administration, police, judiciary and media; notes that this contradicts the letter and spirit of the Association

Amendment

Agreement;

Or. de

Amendment 31
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. *Expresses its profound concern that, despite legislative advances on institutional reform, the results of that legislation's implementation, particularly in the rule of law, good governance, the independence of the judiciary, democratic, social and civil rights and the fight against corruption, are deeply unsatisfactory;*

Or. de

Amendment 32
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular ***the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office*** and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) ***and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;***

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA); ***welcomes the creation of a cross-party parliamentary commission to analyse the Chisinau election crisis and with the objective of proposing legislation to ensure the situation cannot be repeated;***

Amendment 33

Andi Cristea, Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, ***in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and*** the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, ***has led*** to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Amendment

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, ***with*** the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase ***leading*** to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Knut Fleckenstein, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets ***that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as*** the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, ***has led*** to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Amendment

4. Regrets the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, ***and that it*** has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support; ***recalls that the type of electoral system Moldova chooses for itself is a sovereign choice and that the Council of Europe's Venice Commission's remit should extend to recommendations on***

proper implementation of the electoral law in full respect of democratic standards rather than the electoral system itself; reiterates the great importance it attaches to those recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the *non-fulfilment* of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as *the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office* and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Amendment

4. Regrets that the *deliberate violation* of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as Dorin *Chirtoacă's dismissal as mayor of Chişinău* and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Or. de

Amendment 36
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the *removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău*

Amendment

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mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the **removal** of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Amendment

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the **suspension** of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

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of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, *that* has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Amendment

4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation - *which did not address some of the key recommendations of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR joint opinion* - as well as the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

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4. Regrets that the non-fulfilment of

the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support;

the political conditions related to democratic standards in Moldova, in particular the recent changes in national electoral legislation as well as the removal of Dorin Chirtoacă from the Chişinău mayor's office and the invalidation of the election of Andrei Năstase, has led to the suspension of the disbursement of Macro Financial Assistance (MFA) and of outstanding payments of EU budget support; ***condemns the interference of the Constitutional Court in the rights of the legislative and executive authorities, including when it temporarily relieves the Moldovan President Igor Dodon of his duties, as part of the powers granted by the constitutional system, so that the Prime Minister can sign legislation that the democratically elected President has vetoed;***

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to ***continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as***

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater

the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Or. pl

Amendment 42
Knut Fleckenstein, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to *continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to* coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, *and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;*

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support *structural development projects, the* civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold

until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to *continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;*

until meaningful progress in democratic standards *and the rule of law* takes place, *transparency is created with regard to political and administrative decision-making processes, effective steps are taken in the fight against corruption and the judiciary's politically motivated actions against political opponents and their lawyers cease;* calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) *not to reallocate any funds and to freeze the money in question;*

Or. de

Amendment 45 **Petras Auštrevičius**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the *planned* parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society *in Moldova, in particular to the free* and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the parliamentary elections *scheduled for February 2019* and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society and independent media *in Moldova* as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality; *awaits with caution, the outcome of the review of*

Amendment 46
Andi Cristea, Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should **remain on hold until** meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue **reallocating** funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should **be conditional to** meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue **allocating** funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Amendment 47
Andi Cristea, Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support **concrete development projects and** civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the

meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality; ***calls on the European Commission to develop a mechanism to monitor reforms in key sectors, as well as qualitative results coming from the macro-financial assistance;***

Or. en

Amendment 49

Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place; calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, and to coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance

Amendment

5. Reiterates its position that any decision on future MFA disbursement should only take place after the planned parliamentary elections and on condition that they are conducted in line with internationally recognised standards and assessed by specialised international bodies, and that the payment of all budget support programmes should remain on hold until meaningful progress in democratic standards takes place, ***as well as in identifying and punishing the responsible persons for the bank fraud;*** calls, in the meantime, on the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to continue reallocating funds to support civil society in Moldova, in particular to the free and independent media, as well as the private sector and local authorities, ***preferably coordinated with assistance from other EU countries,*** and to

conditionality;

coordinate efforts with other organisations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to ensure greater coherence in terms of financial assistance conditionality;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Knut Fleckenstein, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the EEAS and the Commission to fully operationalise the political conditionality attached to Union assistance by way of clear, verifiable and transparent reform benchmarks and to communicate them publically;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls, moreover, for any future MFA disbursement, as well as any budget support programme to be equally conditional upon the validation of the 2018 mayoral elections that took place in Chişinău and on the return to a rule of law instead of a rule of an oligarch, return which should include credible reforms in the judiciary sector;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recalls the contents of Articles 2 and 455 of the AA, according to which respect for democratic principles constitutes an essential element of the AA, which, if violated, may also lead to the suspension of rights related to this agreement; ***also recalls the anti-corruption and anti-money laundering benchmarks related to the visa liberalisation policy;***

Amendment

6. Recalls the contents of Articles 2 and 455 of the AA, according to which respect for democratic principles constitutes an essential element of the AA, which, if violated, may also lead to the suspension of rights related to this agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Andi Cristea, Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recalls the contents of Articles 2 and 455 of the AA, according to which respect for democratic principles constitutes an essential element of the AA, which, if violated, may also lead to the suspension of rights related to this agreement; ***also recalls the anti-corruption and anti-money laundering benchmarks related to the visa liberalisation policy;***

Amendment

6. Recalls the contents of Articles 2 and 455 of the AA, according to which respect for democratic principles constitutes an essential element of the AA, which, if violated, may also lead to the suspension of rights related to this agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Welcomes the effective implementation of the short term visa-free regime, underlining that a significant number of Moldovan citizens have benefited of the enhanced possibilities for people-to-people contacts since its entry into force; recalls that further special attention needs to be paid to the continuous fulfilment of the anti-corruption and anti-money laundering benchmarks;*

Or. en

Amendment 55
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. *Calls on the Commission, in line with the European Parliament resolution of 13 September 2017 on corruption and human rights in third countries, to actively consider the option of negotiating a supplementary clause to the Association Agreement about fighting corruption in view of the grave and systemic corruption in Moldova;*

Or. de

Amendment 56
Javier Nart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Demands that any future agreement must be based on the achievement of an efficient and independent justice system and swift, thorough and resolute investigation and prosecution of those responsible of the 1 million dollar "laundromat" fraud;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Institutional framework in place to implement the Agreement

Or. en

Amendment 58
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-7a. Welcomes the adoption of many laws in line with Moldova's commitments as part of the AA; underlines nevertheless the importance of a swift and full implementation of such laws in order to reach the ultimate objective of the AA to deliver tangible and sustainable improvements to the living conditions of ordinary citizens in Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-7b. Calls for a stronger involvement of the Parliament, the Prime Minister and of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration in providing high-level political oversight and scrutiny of the implementation of the AA, notably through a continued streamlining of relevant parliamentary and governmental structures and their enhanced administrative capacities, the coordination and synchronisation of line ministries' plans and their full and effective implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-7c. Welcomes the establishment of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine and its first meeting held on 8-9 June 2018 in Kyiv; encourages this assembly to also scrutinise the implementation of the association agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-7d. Urges the Moldovan authorities to put more effort into AA implementation and organise - notably the NAPIAA itself - according to specific sectors and specific results to be generated rather than according to articles of the AA, to develop detailed prioritisation and sequencing of measures, driven by impact assessment and drawn up by dedicated expert units;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-7e. Calls on the EEAS / European Commission to set up, subject to progress on democratic standards, a dedicated EU Support Group for Moldova, to increase the delivery of expertise, notably on the approximation of Moldovan legislation with that of the EU, and coordinate, when the conditions are fulfilled, the delivery of financial assistance to Moldova in support of the implementation of the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-7f. Urges the EEAS / European Commission to boost internal capabilities to step up monitoring of the implementation of the AA, notably through a significant increase in dedicated human resources, as well as to move towards a qualitative assessment of progress, notably through introduction of screening processes, allowing to assess the level of alignment with the EU acquis actually achieved as required by the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-7g. Welcomes the enhanced ministerial-level dialogue with Moldova as well as other associated partners on association-related reforms in the area of trade and supports, subject to progress on democratic standards, the launch of such dialogues in other areas covered by the AA, including the political dialogue, justice freedom and security and sectoral cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -7 i (new)

-7i. Recalls and supports the opinion of the Venice Commission on the electoral reform, according to which the change towards a mixed electoral system for parliamentary elections lacked consensus (other than from the Democratic and Socialist parties) and may lead to candidates being unduly influenced by business interests; reiterates therefore its call on the Moldovan authorities to improve the electoral system to ensure that future elections reflect the will of the Moldovan citizens rather than that of a select few; also calls on the Moldovan authorities to fully implement the recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR, notably on party financing and media freedom and pluralism; reaffirms the European Parliament's readiness to observe the next parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Andi Cristea, Victor Boștinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism;

Amendment

7. Welcomes the adoption of the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission and calls for its swift and full implementation;

Amendment 67

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement*** the new audiovisual ***code*** in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; ***emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism;***

Amendment

7. ***Notes that will follow with attention the implementation of*** the new Audiovisual ***Media Service Code (adopted on the 26 of July 2018)*** in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission;

Amendment 68

Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to ***swiftly adopt and*** fully implement the ***new audiovisual*** code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media ***before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and*** the need to ***discard all aspects that may*** undermine media pluralism;

Amendment

7. ***Welcomes the adoption in July 2018 of a new audio-visual code and*** urges the Moldovan authorities to fully implement the code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media ***in this process and that of adopting a new law on advertising;*** ***stresses*** the need to ***avoid all attempts to***

undermine media pluralism, *notably those that would further encourage the cartelisation of the media market and related advertising market; calls for dedicated assistance to the independent media, especially local outlets, to comply with the code's requirements regarding obligatory local content; stresses the importance of ensuring a genuine independence of the media regulatory agency;*

Or. en

Amendment 69
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the *importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption* of the *new audiovisual code*, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism;

Amendment

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code; *expresses concern that important changes were introduced into the text of the Code shortly before its adoption on 26 July, which were not part of consultations with the media community and civil society; stresses the high importance of the Code being* in line with *the* European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the *need of assisting* independent media, *especially local outlets, to comply with the Code's requirements regarding obligatory local content; stresses the importance of ensuring the genuine independence* of the *media regulatory agency* and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism; *notes with concern the increased cartelisation of the media market;*

Or. en

Amendment 70

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism;

Amendment

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism ***with regard, in particular, to the transparency of media ownership***;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Monica Macovei, Siegfried Mureşan, Cristian Dan Preda, Laima Liucija Andrikiienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement ***the*** new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may

Amendment

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement ***a*** new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may

undermine media pluralism;

undermine media pluralism; *notes with concern that currently, the media is highly monopolised and subordinate to the country's political and business groups, as according to an Amnesty International report, ownership remains concentrated in the hands of a few individuals;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. *Urges* the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism;

Amendment

7. *expresses concern about the monopolisation of the media landscape by the country's major political and economic actors, who have also divided up the advertising market between themselves; urges* the Moldovan authorities *to apply themselves to solving this problem, and in particular* to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects *recently adopted without such consultations or* that may undermine media pluralism;

Or. de

Amendment 73
Victor Boştinaru, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism;

Amendment

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism; ***underlines the need to fight Russian hybrid threats, as well as propaganda and disinformation campaigns, including through technical assistance from the EU and through the activity of the East StratCom Task Force, which should be adequately strengthened;***

Or. en

Amendment 74
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism;

Amendment

7. Urges the Moldovan authorities to swiftly adopt and fully implement the new audiovisual code in line with European standards of media freedom and pluralism as recommended by the European Commission and the Venice Commission; emphasises the importance of genuine consultations with civil society and the independent media before the final adoption of the new audiovisual code, and the need to discard all aspects that may undermine media pluralism; ***condemns the discriminatory provisions in the code***

regarding quotas for the maximum number of hours of Russian language programming; emphasises that there must be strict compliance with the rights of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia regarding culture, language and audiovisual media, otherwise it risks increasing tensions between communities and provoking a new domestic conflict;

Or. fr

Amendment 75
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Notes the need for the adoption of the new law on advertising, following a genuine consultation with civil society and independent media in order to promote the opening up of the advertising market, which is currently concentrated in the hands of few major actors;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Urges the Moldovan authorities to adopt the new Law on advertising, following a genuine consultation with civil society and independent media in order to dismantle the current concentration of the advertising market in

the hands of two companies only;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the reform efforts in the areas of public administration reform and public financial management and encourages further steps to be taken to increase transparency;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. **Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and the symbolic participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; *takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;***

8. **Takes note of the cooperation on CFSP matters and the symbolic participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations *up to this point; emphasises its concern that a strong orientation towards increased cooperation with NATO and the characterisation of Russia as a central security threat for Moldova, as established in the new Defence Strategy adopted by majority by parliament in July and in the Action Plan 2017-2021, undermines the country's declared neutral status and, together with the over 100 per cent increase in arms spending, could block progress in regulating the conflict over Transnistria; reiterates that this would be***

counter to the EU's involvement in the regulation of Transnistria;

Or. de

Amendment 79
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and *the symbolic* participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and *notably the high rate of alignment to the CFSP Declarations and the* participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and the *symbolic* participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters, *the high rate of alignment to CFSP declarations* and the participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Amendment 81

Andi Cristea, Victor Boștinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and the *symbolic* participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the good *and systematic* cooperation on CFSP matters and the participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and the symbolic participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and the symbolic participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; *welcomes Moldova's enduring cooperation with NATO via its Individual Partnership Action Plan (IPAP) and the recent opening of the NATO Liaison office in Chisinau*; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Amendment 83
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and the symbolic participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova;

Amendment

8. Welcomes the good cooperation on CFSP matters and the symbolic participation in common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations; takes note of the progress in adopting a new Defence Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021 following the withdrawal of the National Security Strategy by the President of Moldova; ***emphasises that the EU and its Member States must fully respect the neutrality stipulated in Article 11 of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova;***

Or. fr

Amendment 84
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8a. Welcomes and further encourages the good cooperation on mitigating and countering hybrid threats; welcomes the entry into force of the EU-Moldova Agreement on the exchange of classified information and looks forward to swift completion of the remaining procedures in order to make this Agreement operational;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; ***encourages the authorities to further build on this level of engagement***; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift and final adoption of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Amendment

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; ***emphasises the harmful role that the USA and the EU played in the Transnistrian crisis not being resolved due to lobbying President Voronin not to sign the Memorandum negotiated in November 2003 by the Russian Special Envoy, Dmitry Kozak; welcomes the positive role that President Dodon has played in soothing tensions between Chişinău and Tiraspol; hopes that other former Soviet states will follow the Moldovan model by adopting the same practical and humane approach toward their breakaway territories, thereby continuing dialogue and practical engagement without inviting controversy with their own citizens in these territories***; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift and final adoption of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia, ***cooperating fully with the autonomous region's authorities; respecting the referendum results from 2 February 2014 in which the citizens of Gagauzia soundly rejected European integration and instead voted for Eurasian integration***;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the *incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols*, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift and final adoption of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Amendment

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the *material implementation of the confidence-building measures agreed to in the Berlin Protocol by the participants in the 5+2 format*, thus *incrementally* improving *both relations with Transnistria and* the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; *supports the corresponding efforts of the OSCE, the EU and the other participants in the 5+2 format unreservedly and* encourages the authorities *in Moldova* to further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift and final adoption of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Or. de

Amendment 87
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts *to ensure a*

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9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts *for the*

swift and final adoption of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

implementation of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Andi Cristea, Victor Boștinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts *to ensure a swift and final adoption* of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Amendment

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts *for the implementation* of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to

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9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to

further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift **and final** adoption of **the** Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift adoption of **an amended** Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan, Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to further build on this level of engagement; calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift and final adoption of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Amendment

9. Commends the Moldovan authorities for the incremental improvement of relations with Tiraspol notably with the opening of the Gura Bîcului-Bîcioc bridge and the signature of an additional six protocols, thus improving the lives of citizens on both sides of the Nistru river; encourages the authorities to **cooperate in particular with SMEs from Transnistria, to** further build on this level of engagement **and to make additional efforts in ensuring that human rights, including the right to use the mother tongue, are respected on both sides of the Nistru river; urges the authorities in Chisinau to abide by all ECHR decisions;** calls on the Moldovan authorities to undertake additional efforts to ensure a swift and final adoption of the Law of the Special Legal Status of Gagauzia;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Victor Boştinaru, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Reiterates its support to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova and the efforts to reach a peaceful solution to the Transnistrian issue;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Urmaz Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Stresses the need for a peaceful solution to the Transnistrian conflict; emphasises the EU's firm commitment to the territorial integrity of Moldova; calls on the Russian Federation to immediately stop its support for the self-proclaimed authorities in Transnistria and fulfil the commitments made in 1996 in the Council of Europe and reflected in OSCE decisions (Istanbul, 1999 and Oporto, 2002) concerning the withdrawal of Russian troops and arms from the territory of Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. emphasises its belief that a solution to the conflicts with Transnistria

following the wording of a ‘special legal status, observing the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova’ is highly dependent on the reform agenda for overcoming, in particular, the endemic corruption and the occupation of the state by a small clique of oligarchs in Moldova being implemented;

Or. de

Amendment 94
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. *Welcomes Moldova gaining observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in May 2018; emphasises that Moldova’s new relationship to the large economic union on the Eurasian continent will turn the country into a link between the EU, Russia and other EEU members, soothing tensions within a Europe that is too often divided by disputes that can otherwise be avoided;*

Or. fr

Amendment 95
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. *Urges the* authorities *to ensure* the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council

10. *Supports the Moldovan* authorities *in ensuring* the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions,

of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures *with the participation of independent expert recruiters*;

including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent *and inclusive* selection procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Andi Cristea, Victor Boștinaru

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures *with the participation of independent expert recruiters*;

Amendment

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity

Amendment

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, *the National*

Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

Anticorruption Centre, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

Or. de

Amendment 98
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority *and* the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

Amendment

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence, *impartiality* and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority, the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, *the National Anticorruption Centre (CNA) and the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor Office*, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

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judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters; ***notes the importance of establishing a solid track record of investigations in corruption cases, including high-level profiles;***

Or. en

Amendment 100
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

Amendment

10. ***Notes with concern the slow rate of reforms which could jeopardize the process as a whole; urges the Parliament to adopt the Constitutional amendments in line with the Venice Commission recommendations aimed at strengthening judicial independence;*** urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources and guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources *and* guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters;

Amendment

10. Urges the authorities to ensure the independence and effectiveness of the judiciary and specialised anti-corruption institutions, including the Superior Council of Prosecutors, the ***Anticorruption Prosecution Office***, the National Integrity Authority and the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, notably through maintaining the allocation of adequate resources, guaranteeing transparent selection procedures with the participation of independent expert recruiters *and adopting Constitutional amendments in line with Venice Commission recommendations, aimed notably at removing the initial 5-year appointment term for judges, changing the composition and strengthening the role of the Superior Council of Magistracy and removing the Parliament's powers to appoint judges of the Supreme Court*;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

10a. Points out that according to the Transparency International report from 2015 entitled “The State of Corruption: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine”, the judiciary in Moldova suffers from limited independence from the executive, which has had a significant

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impact on its ability to play an active role in the fight against corruption; underlines with concern that in Moldova judicial reforms are lagging behind and are perceived to be highly politicised;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Reiterates its concerns about the concentration of economic and political power in the hands of a narrow group of people, which is contributing to a deterioration in the rule of law, of democratic standards, and of respect for human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan, Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Is deeply concerned with the selective justice practices of the Moldovan judiciary, which remains highly corrupt, demonstrating a servile attitude towards the ruling political and business groups, and being often used as an instrument against political and business opponents; regrets that the Constitutional Court remains highly politicised; urges the Moldovan Government to amend the Constitution, as to guarantee the

independence of all judges; reiterates that ensuring the independence of the judiciary is essential to fully implementing the provisions of the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Urges the Moldovan Parliament to ensure that the Constitutional amendments which are to be adopted are in line with Venice Commission recommendations aimed at strengthening judicial independence;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Welcomes legislative amendments adopted in July 2018 meant to strengthen merit based selection and promotion of judges, as well as their accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. *Expresses concern about the lack of independence of the judiciary, particularly cases of selective justice being used as a tool to exert pressure on political opponents and calls on the Moldovan authorities to reform the judicial system, including the nomination of new judges;*

Or. en

Amendment 108
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for ***a swift prosecution*** of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for ***the bringing to justice*** of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

Or. el

Amendment 109
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, ***including those given positions of power by the EU***, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

Or. fr

Amendment 110
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

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11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets; ***takes note of the Strategy on asset recovery adopted by the Moldovan authorities and calls on the relevant EU Member States to provide necessary international judicial assistance for its successful implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 111
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

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11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets; ***takes note of the Strategy on asset***

recovery adopted by the Moldovan authorities as one of the many required steps in this regard; stresses the need for the courts to promptly examine the cases that are pending or undergoing investigations, notably that of Ilhan Shor, in open hearings;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

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11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets; *stresses the need for the courts to promptly examine the pending case of Ilan Shor in open hearings and for the prosecution to swiftly bring to court any other pending investigations on the bank fraud;*

Or. en

Amendment 113
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the

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USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets; *encourages the authorities to publish the full version of the second Kroll report on the fraudulent schemes; calls on the Moldovan authorities for an international investigation regarding the USD 1 billion bank fraud;*

Or. en

Amendment 114

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

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11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets; *calls on the EU Member States to step up the cooperation with the Moldovan judicial authorities in order to find out the financial flows of the stolen assets in EU banks;*

Or. en

Amendment 115

Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift

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11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift

prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets; *notes with concern that the investigation into this case has been conducted rather ineffectively and that the Moldovan authorities have only managed to recover a relatively small part of the funds caught in the fraud; deplores the numerous delays in the trial, which for over one year, have less to a person convicted by the first instance court to over 7 years in prison, to avoid serving the sentence in prison, in the absence of a final conviction, as the appeal is being postponed; urges the Moldovan authorities to publish the Kroll report on the bank fraud, so that taxpayers can get information on how their money disappeared;*

Or. en

Amendment 116
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and second Kroll reports, for a swift prosecution of all those responsible for the USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of stolen assets;

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11. Reiterates its calls, based on the findings and recommendations of the first and *as yet partially unpublished* second Kroll reports, for a swift *and fully transparent* prosecution of all those responsible for the *criminal* USD 1 billion bank fraud unveiled in 2014, as well as the recovery of *the* stolen assets; *calls for measures to be taken to ensure that situations such as the very recent one in which fifteen judges involved in a major money-laundering scandal were initially arrested, but then covertly re-released shortly thereafter, and now some of them are working in the very same positions,*

can never happen again;

Or. de

Amendment 117

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Expresses grave concern about the sustained efforts to delay the successful investigation of the criminal bank fraud both through political and legal avenues, as well as to use the oligarchy-controlled media to expel the issue from public discourse; finds it unacceptable that the Moldovan authorities have obviously yet to make any requests for assistance to the Member States of the EU affected by the bank fraud, and that so far none of the accounts believed to have been used for stashing or laundering stolen money have been disclosed;

Or. de

Amendment 118

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. finds it deeply disturbing in light of information received from its Moldovan partners that the law enforcement agencies of the Republic of Moldova are blatantly failing to follow up solid evidence to get uncover the truth about the bank fraud and money-laundering, falsifying evidence, and are

even believed to be exerting pressure on lawyers to abandon their efforts to uncover the truth; calls on Moldovan politicians, in light of this, to create regulations to ensure that data required to prosecute the criminal financial transactions do not, legally speaking, 'expire' and/or are not deleted because of some 'expiry date'; expects a swift end to the ongoing prosecution of Ilan Shor;

Or. de

Amendment 119
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Considers it to be similarly politically unacceptable for the same political circles to have decided to convert privately stolen funds into public debts and as a consequence, the burden of repaying these losses will be passed to the same people as have already had their pension savings stolen in the bank fraud by way of an increased tax burden until 2041; emphasises that this has further increased the apathy towards and severe loss of trust in politics and that, as a consequence, one in five Moldovans is currently planning to permanently leave the country and seek their own prospects in a foreign country;

Or. de

Amendment 120
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11d. *calls on the European Commission, with reference to Article 18 of the Association Agreement and the Anti-Money Laundering Directive, to fulfil its obligations regardless of the activities required of Moldova and to independently take action to solve the criminal bank fraud and, in doing so, to personally sanction both the guilty parties and those people who acted against its successful investigation and the punishment of the guilty parties; calls on the Commission to provide Parliament with information about relevant measures and activities in a suitable format;*

Or. de

Amendment 121
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11e. *emphasises that the efforts to reform and stabilise the banking system cannot substitute for investigating the criminal bank fraud and money laundering of over USD 20 billion of funds stolen from the Russian national budget; calls for an immediate end to the political efforts to legalise illegally acquired financial means and provide impunity for criminal financial transactions, which have been ongoing in Moldova since 2016, and for the relevant bills to be withdrawn;*

Or. de

Amendment 122
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11f. Expresses concern about the increased risk of money laundering following the adoption of the so-called "fiscal reform package" in July 2018 which includes a tax amnesty scheme; calls for it to be amended to close such loopholes and, in the meantime, commits to remain very attentive to its implementation, in coordination with the Commission, EEAS and other international organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan, Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11f. Acknowledges with deep regret that the recent fiscal reforms have been adopted hastily and without any public consultation or a debate in parliament; is concerned that some provisions may seriously undermine the country's efforts to effectively fight corruption, money laundering or fraud; warns that these provisions may lead to a breach of the commitments made within the framework of the AA;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11f. *Deplores the adoption of the fiscal reform package by Moldavian authorities, which introduces a tax amnesty legalising assets acquired illicitly in exchange for a 3 per cent fee on the declared asset; highlights that this decision has already been criticised by the EU, the United States, the IMF and the World Bank as an act which legalizes theft and corruption, damages the business environment and undermines the Moldovan government's commitment to fighting corruption;*

Or. en

Amendment 125
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11g. *Urges the Moldovan authorities to urgently abolish the fiscal amnesty law;*

Or. en

Amendment 126
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11g. *Calls on the Moldovan authorities*

to repeal the so-called tax amnesty legislation, which risks to encourage money laundering and corrupt behaviour, compromising the efforts to fight corruption in Moldova, and could also have a detrimental effect on the business climate in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11g. Urges the Moldovan Parliament to reform the tax legislation in line with EU standards and to adopt all the necessary measures aimed at preventing money-laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*11h. Encourages continuing the efforts of Moldovan security services **to thwart** and deter organized crime, arms smuggling and human trafficking;*

Or. en

Amendment 129
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. *Calls for direct online consultations of the electronic declarations of senior political and administrative individuals' assets to be enabled, following Ukraine's example;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 130
Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an *enabling* environment *for* civil society; expects, *in particular*, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an environment *that does not hamper the activities of* civil society; expects that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs, *provided that the funds are used in a fully transparent manner;*

Or. el

Amendment 131
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and

Amendment

13. *Welcomes the adoption of the 2018-2020 National Strategy for*

uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Development of the Civil Society and the Action Plan regarding its implementation;
Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb ***fair and transparent*** funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society, ***including Russian speaking civil society;*** expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Or. fr

Amendment 133
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan

Amendment

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; ***underlines the essential role of civil society in drawing up, scrutinising and***

NGOs;

monitoring the implementation of reforms related to the Eastern Partnership as well as in promoting the transparency and accountability of public institutions; opposes all measures seeking to limit legitimate activities of civil society and expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb **both national and foreign** funding for Moldovan NGOs **or will unduly increase the administrative and reporting burden on Moldovan NGOs;**

Or. en

Amendment 135
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society;

expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb *foreign* funding for Moldovan NGOs *or will unduly increase the administrative and reporting burden on them*;

Or. en

Amendment 136

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb funding for Moldovan NGOs;

Amendment

13. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to respect international principles and uphold best practices that guarantee an enabling environment for civil society; expects, in particular, that no future legislation will curb *foreign* funding for Moldovan NGOs *or will unduly increase the administrative and reporting burden on Moldovan NGOs*;

Or. en

Amendment 137

Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for an increased attention when drafting and implementing legislation in areas affecting civil society space, to ensure that the legislation does not place disproportionate burdens on civil society organisations, does not have a discriminatory impact or diminish civil society space; underlines the need for

public funding available for CSOs working on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, including watchdog and advocacy organizations; including for small grassroots organisations and those working with minority or marginalized groups; CSOs should be free to receive funding from other donors, such as private donors, international organisations, bodies or agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Urges authorities to strengthen public participation in the decision-making process as well as dialogue with civil society and local authorities; regrets that in a number of cases citizens participation has been restricted as it was in March 2018 when the Central Electoral Commission rejected the application to organise a referendum over the recent and questionable changes of the electoral system;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for the efficient implementation of the European

Parliament Resolution of 5 July 2018 on the political crisis in Moldova following the invalidation of the mayoral elections in Chisinau (2018/2783(RSP)) where it was demanded to the European Commission to suspend budgetary support for Moldova and provided a list of conditions that have to be implemented by the Moldovan authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Considers that the EU financial support to Moldova should give priority to new partnership projects, based on the experiences of past such projects, where local authorities are involved in order to receive direct financial assistance; encourages the Moldovan authorities to fully take into account the good practices already developed by some EU Member States in this respect; calls on the Committee of Regions to support this initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 141

Andi Cristea, Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's

civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges *such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan*, journalists and *critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova*;

civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges, journalists and *critical voices*;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;

Amendment

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings *and selective justice* against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova, *Vladimir Plahotniuc*;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;***

Amendment

14. ***Reaffirms support for the development of the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately reassess criminal proceedings against political figures, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges and journalists;***

Or. en

Amendment 144

Victor Boștinăru, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Expresses concern about signs of ***a further*** shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls ***on the authorities to immediately halt*** undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;

Amendment

14. Expresses concern about signs of ***the*** shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls ***for*** undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families ***to be stopped;*** expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 145

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Expresses concern about *signs of* a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, *and* calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;

Amendment

14. Expresses concern about a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society *to influence the form which Moldova's development takes*; calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders *such as Ana Ursachi*, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of *the oligarch Vladimir Plahotniuc who, alongside his dominant position in Moldova's economy and media, is also* the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;

Or. de

Amendment 146
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of

Amendment

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of

Moldova;

Moldova; *also calls on the authorities to guarantee freedom of assembly and in particular the holding of peaceful demonstrations;*

Or. en

Amendment 147
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;

Amendment

14. Expresses concern about signs of a further shrinking of space for the country's civil society, and calls on the authorities to immediately halt undue or disproportionate criminal proceedings against political opponents, their lawyers and/or their families, *such as Grigore Petrenco's lawyers, Ana Ursachi and Eduard Rudenco*; expresses specific concerns about proceedings that target human rights defenders, independent judges such as Domnica Manole and Gheorghe Balan, journalists and critics of the government or of the President of the Democratic Party of Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Urges the authorities to guarantee the right to a fair trial and the respect of human rights in detention premises; expresses concern about the wide-spread

use of pre-trial detention and condemns any form of torture and ill-treatment against detainees;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. expresses concern that the opponents of Moldova's government bodies and their lawyers continue to be persecuted using false allegations and prosecutions; criticises the fact that embassies from EU Member States and the delegation from the EEAS are increasingly being prevented from observing trials by the Moldovan side barring the public from court proceedings; considers the fact that political opponents and their lawyers are increasingly forced to seek political asylum in EU Member States due to the actions of Moldova's government bodies to be incompatible with the Association Agreement;

Or. de

Amendment 150
Cristian Dan Preda, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Underlines the importance of freedom of assembly for the functioning of any democracy; deplores in this context

the negative trends that can be observed in this area, notably the limitation of access to demonstrations, intimidation, threats and abuse of violence by the authorities and calls for a strict respect of this fundamental right;

Or. en

Amendment 151

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. calls on the government to follow national and international obligations and standards by comprehensively guaranteeing the rights to active participation in the political opinion and decision-making process and the public and peaceful expression of opinion, as established by the right to free assembly;

Or. de

Amendment 152

Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. *Welcomes* the adoption of a new National Gender Equality Strategy in 2017, and calls on the authorities to *ensure its full implementation*;

15. *Notes with concern* the adoption of a new National Gender Equality Strategy in 2017, and calls on the authorities to *abandon it*;

Or. pl

Amendment 153

Monica Macovei, Cristian Dan Preda, Siegfried Mureşan, Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting ***hate speech and discrimination against LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;***

Amendment

16. ***Reminds that hate speech, harassment and discrimination against LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population remain of great concern;*** calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by ***effectively*** fighting ***these practices;***

Or. en

Amendment 154

Dobromir Sośnierz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, ***by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTQI people,*** persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, persons with disabilities, ***unborn children*** and minorities such as the Roma population;

Or. pl

Amendment 155

Georgios Epitideios

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate *speech* and discrimination against *LGBTQI* people, *persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population*;

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, *such as persons with disabilities and minorities*, by fighting hate *crimes* and discrimination against *those* people;

Or. el

Amendment 156
Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population; *calls for Moldova to guarantee freedom of speech and the right to peaceful assembly and protests*;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms,

notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTIQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;

notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTIQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population, *as well as hate speech and discrimination based on gender or political affiliation*;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTIQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTIQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population, *as well as gender based or political affiliation-based hate speech and discrimination based*;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against

LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;

LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population, *as well as hate speech and discrimination based on gender; stresses the need for effective investigations into allegations of torture in detention and psychiatric institutions;*

Or. en

Amendment 160
Soraya Post

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech, *violence* and discrimination against LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population *from an intersectional perspective; Condemns the deeply-rooted stigmatisation and social exclusion of Roma arising from anti-Gypsyism;*

Or. en

Amendment 161
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against

Amendment

16. Calls on the authorities to significantly step up efforts to uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms, notably for vulnerable groups, by fighting hate speech and discrimination against

LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population;

LGBTQI people, persons with disabilities and minorities such as the Roma population *and Russian speakers in Moldova*;

Or. fr

Amendment 162
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Urges the authorities to further protect freedom of assembly as cases of intimidation of people willing to participate in public protests still occur; expresses serious concern for the restrictions on LGBT demonstrations as well as for the homophobic statements also made by high-level political figures;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to ensure the right to peaceful protest for all, in strict compliance with the national legislation and international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 164

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Strongly condemns recent extradition/abduction of Turkish citizens to Turkey due to their alleged links to the Gülen movement in violation of rule of law and basic human rights; urges Moldovan authorities to ensure that any extradition requests coming from third countries are processed in a transparent manner while following judicial procedures fully in line with European principles and standards and that all actions taken by local authorities must be in full respect of the rule of law, of human rights and fundamental freedoms; stresses that arbitrary procedures concerning arrest, detention or extradition are in violation of these principles; calls on the Moldovan authorities to protect all asylum seekers and examine their requests in compliance with international conventions; urges the EU to support and help the Eastern Partnership countries withstand the pressure exerted by Turkey to return Turkish citizens forcefully and illegally to Turkey;

Or. en

Amendment 165

Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Condemns the Constitutional

Court's reconsideration of the status of the Russian language as an interethnic language of communication; warns the Moldovan authorities against a rise in interethnic tensions between Russian and Moldovan-speaking populations;

Or. fr

Amendment 166
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Trade and economic cooperation

Or. en

Amendment 167
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Welcomes the significant increase in Moldovan imports into the EU as a result of the entry into force of the DCFTA;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16e. *Welcomes the fact that Moldova's trade with the EU has increased since the free trade agreement entered into force, and that the EU is the largest investor in Moldova; deplores on the other hand the fact that this has not lead to an improvement in their social situation for the country's citizens, that a third of Moldova's population continues to live below the poverty line, that access to public services, particularly primary health care, and particularly in rural areas, is not guaranteed and that the low employment rate and high emigration rate, underground economy and weak middle class continue to inhibit the country's economic development; warns that the lack of progress in improving living standards for the population threatens people's approval of the country's pro-European orientation; calls for these problems with the association process to stop being denied, and that instead, cooperation with the EU must make a visible contribution towards solving these problems;*

Or. de

Amendment 169
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16f. *Recalls the importance of an independent judiciary and of the fight against corruption as well as a decrease in administrative and bureaucratic burden to improve the investment and business climate;*

Or. en

Amendment 170
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16g. *Encourages further progress in the areas of sanitary and phytosanitary standards and the protection of geographical indications;*

Or. en

Amendment 171
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Welcomes the promulgation of the Energy Law in 2017 as a further step towards the transposition of the Third Energy Package;

17. Welcomes the promulgation of the Energy Law in 2017 as a further step towards the transposition of the Third Energy Package ***and encourages concrete steps to ensuring the independence of the energy regulatory agency ANRE;***

Or. en

Amendment 172
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Welcomes the promulgation of the Energy Law in 2017 as a further step

17. Welcomes the promulgation of the Energy Law in 2017 as a further step

towards the transposition of the Third Energy Package;

towards the transposition of the Third Energy Package ***and calls for further steps to ensure the independence of ANRE – the energy regulatory agency;***

Or. en

Amendment 173
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes the promulgation of the Energy Law in 2017 as a further step towards the transposition of the Third Energy Package;

Amendment

17. Welcomes the promulgation of the Energy Law in 2017 as a further step towards the transposition of the Third Energy Package; ***acknowledge the efforts towards promoting renewable energy sources and energy efficiency;***

Or. en

Amendment 174
Rebecca Harms
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Stresses that agriculture constitutes 1/3 of Moldovan GDP employing 40% of the active population of the country; considers it crucial to reform this sector in line with the EU's farm and food policies and to strengthen agro-ecological farming methods in the framework of sustainable rural development;

Or. en

Amendment 175

Rebecca Harms

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls for more determined action in the areas of environmental protection, notably as regards the management of water from the Nistru river, and climate change, notably in terms of implementing and coordinating legislation;

Amendment

18. Calls for more determined action in the areas of environmental protection, notably as regards the management of water from the Nistru river, **waste management** and climate change, notably in terms of implementing and coordinating legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 176

Victor Boştinaru, Andi Cristea

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Highlights the need for a more effective strategic communication of the reforms achieved so far and to be carried out in the framework of the AA/DCFTA, in order to raise awareness among the citizens of the benefits of a closer integration with the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 177

Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the EU, its Member States and Moldova to further increase communication efforts on the implementation of the AA and the expected benefits of related reforms to the society at large;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Emphasizes the importance of proactive communication to Moldovan citizens about the concrete benefits and goals of the Eastern Partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Julia Pitera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Highlights the need to fight Russian disinformation through fact-based and accessible quality information in all languages of the partner country;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. *Reiterates its resolve to increase its monitoring of the implementation of international agreements with the EU's Eastern partners; calls once more on the Commission and the EEAS to transmit to the Parliament and the Council more frequent and regular written reports on the implementation of these agreements;*

Or. en

Amendment 181
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. *Calls on the EEAS / European Commission to publish all the annual association implementation reports at the same time and to simultaneously publish a comparative evaluation of the level of progress towards AA/DCFTA implementation by each associated partner, against specific benchmarks;*

Or. en

Amendment 182
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18d. Resolves to draw up annual reports on the implementation of the association agreements;

Or. en