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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Emine Bozkurt
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on women's rights in the Balkan accession countries
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Amendment 1
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Stresses the need to make the question of women's rights central to the negotiations with potential candidate and candidate countries of the Western Balkans, thus ensuring that progress on women's rights is reflected in all the relevant negotiating chapters;

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Eduard Kukan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the European Commission to monitor and report on women's rights ***thoroughly and as a priority*** in progress reports;

Amendment

2. Calls on the European Commission to monitor and report on women's rights ***and its implementation thoroughly*** in progress reports;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Kristian Vigenin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Reaffirms the need to mainstream women's rights and gender equality throughout the enlargement process;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 4
Tanja Fajon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Reaffirms the need to mainstream women's rights and gender equality throughout the enlargement process;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
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underlines that governmental commitment, structures and methods for implementing gender mainstreaming are crucial for successful progress towards gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that genuine gender equality also rests on equality and non discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity; encourages the governments of accession countries to address lingering homophobia and transphobia in law, in policy and in practice, including legislating on hate crimes, police training and anti-discrimination legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Is concerned about the increasing marginalization of women from decision-making on peace and security, stresses in

this context the importance of women's participation and representation in the peace process and politics as well as strengthening laws and mechanism ensuring the security of women and girls in terms of gender-base violence protection and prevention;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Zbigniew Ziobro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers the empowerment of women, through promoting, protecting and strengthening their rights, improving their social and economic situation, increasing their presence on the labour market, ensuring fair representation of women in political and economic decision-making processes and encouraging women's entrepreneurship, as key to strengthening and consolidating democracy in the Balkan countries;

Amendment

5. Considers the empowerment of women, through promoting, protecting and strengthening their rights, improving their social and economic situation, increasing their presence on the labour market, ensuring ***equal access to education, ensuring*** fair representation of women in political and economic decision-making processes and encouraging women's entrepreneurship, as key to strengthening and consolidating democracy in the Balkan countries;

Or. pl

Amendment 9
Tanja Fajon

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social and economic situation, increasing their presence on the labour market, ensuring fair representation of women in political and economic decision-making processes and encouraging women's entrepreneurship, as key to strengthening and consolidating democracy in the Balkan countries; ***calls on the governments to introduce measures in order to reduce the gender pay gap and, consequently, the gender pension gap;***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Call on the countries of Western Balkans to develop active labour market measure schemes designed to curb unemployment among women; urges them to develop loan schemes and make funding available for starting businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Eduard Kukan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Strongly supports activities aiming at empowerment of women and strengthening their position in the societies, however, does not consider the mandatory quotas for women as the best

solution to this end;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Calls on the governments of Western Balkan countries to encourage the active participation of women in the labour market by promoting, inter alia, measures to ensure better working conditions, equal pay for equal work, lifelong learning, flexible work schedules and a fair balance between family life and work;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Stresses the importance of combating all forms of discrimination in the workplace, including gender discrimination in recruitment, promotion and benefits; calls for the governments to collect relevant and accurate statistical data;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Zbigniew Ziobro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the need for women in the Western Balkans to take a prominent role in society through their active participation and representation in political, economic and social life at all levels;

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Or. pl

Amendment 15
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
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international Conference ‘Partnership for Change’ held in October 2012 in Pristina under the auspice of the only female head of state, Atifete Jahjaga, in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Tanja Fajon

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Encourages women to start their own businesses, using funding where made available; stresses the importance of providing special training courses, funding and technical assistance for unemployed white-collar women and women entrepreneurs, in order to ensure equal opportunities in terms of access to the labour market;

Amendment 18
Eduard Kukan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes with concern that employment rate of women in countries of Western Balkans remains very low;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on governments of Western Balkan countries to encourage and ensure more participation of women in political and economic decision-making processes;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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Amendment

7. Stresses that financing from European Funds, including the Instrument for Pre-

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Accession Assistance (IPA), should increasingly target projects related to the promotion of women's rights, including monitoring mechanisms;

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Michał Tomasz Kamiński

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Condemns the human trafficking targeted at girls and women in the Balkans, which is a form of modern-day slavery and, regrettably, is one of fastest growing transnational crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Zbigniew Ziobro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the need to actively combat the organised crime behind the pimping and trafficking of women; notes that this is a major problem in Albania and Kosovo;

Or. pl

Amendment 23
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Regrets the lack of data on gender based violence and underlines the need for consistent and systematic collection of gender-specific statistics in order to monitor progress in the sphere of the implementation of legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Underlines the importance of access to justice to women victims' of wartime crimes and rape in particular, emphasis the responsibility of all States to put an end to impunity and to prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, including those relating to sexual violence against women girls, such as rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, enforced pregnancy, enforced sterilisation and any other form of sexual violence of comparable seriousness and to recognize and condemn these crimes as a crime against humanity and a war crime and in this regard, stresses the need to exclude these crimes from amnesty provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Emine Bozkurt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Encourages the continuous support of the EU in the area of combating human trafficking as Western Balkan countries are countries of origin, transit and destination for trafficking in human beings, especially women and girls and calls for close cooperation on the matter between relevant EU institutions and governments; calls for more awareness raising campaigns in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

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Amendment

10. Considers that women play an essential role in stabilisation and conflict resolution which is crucial to reconciliation in the region as a whole.

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Or. en

Amendment 27
Tanja Fajon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Notes with concern that Roma women suffer from double discrimination on the grounds of gender and ethnicity; calls on governments to adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination frameworks that would enable Roma women to secure their rights;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Eduard Kukan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Stresses the importance of improving situation of women in rural areas especially vis-à-vis discriminatory customs and stereotypes;

Or. en