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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Towards an EU external strategy against early and forced marriages - next steps
(2017/2275(INI))

Amendment 1
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, *and* justice;

Amendment

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions *such as the Beijing Declaration and Platform of action and International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action, OHCHR Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages* , and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, justice *and human rights, including women's and girls' rights*;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice;

Amendment

A. whereas forced marriage *and early marriage, that is to say 'marriage entered into without the free and valid consent of one or both spouses, or before the age of 18'^{1a}*, is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice;

^{1a} *United Nations Convention of 7*

November 1962 on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages. Resolution 1468 (2005) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on forced marriages and child marriages.

Or. fr

Amendment 3

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice;

Amendment

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice; ***whereas child, early and forced marriage perpetuates other violations of human rights that disproportionately affect women and girls;***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice;

Amendment

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice; ***whereas early***

marriage is also an obstacle to the social and economic development of countries and regions;

Or. pt

Amendment 5
Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice;

Amendment

A. whereas ***child, early and*** forced marriage is a violation of the human rights enshrined in international conventions, and which form part of the core principles embodied in the European Union as an area of security, freedom, and justice;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Aa. whereas it is in practice hard to distinguish forced marriage from the so-called arranged marriage; whereas forced marriage is a form of violence against women that, as such, affects women because of their sex and cannot be justified on any cultural or religious grounds and should in no case be tolerated;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 7

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas, given that a minor aged under 18 cannot validly consent to marriage, child marriages must be regarded as forced marriages; whereas it is regrettable, therefore, that 144 out of 193 countries have no law banning child marriages;

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas all little girls have the right to be able to live out their childhood in full, playing, benefiting from the right to education, being protected from violence, physical and psychological damage and abuse and exploitation of all kinds;

Or. it

Amendment 9

Livia Járóka

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas despite commitments at international, national and regional levels, child, early and forced marriage remain widespread across the world;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas according to UN estimates almost 700 million women and 150 million men are in forced marriages which were contracted before they reached majority;

Or. fr

Amendment 11

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas child, early and forced marriages very often results in school drop-out, depriving women and girls of their basic rights;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas 95% of the world's births to adolescents occur in developing countries, and nine in 10 of these births occur within marriage or a union; whereas about 19% of young women in developing countries become pregnant before age 18. Girls under 15 account for 2 million of the 7.3 million births that occur to adolescent girls under 18 every year in developing countries; whereas a pregnancy can have immediate and lasting consequences for a girl's health, education and income-earning potential; whereas about 70,000 adolescents in developing countries die annually of causes related to pregnancy and childbirth^{1a};

^{1a} 'Motherhood in Childhood. Facing the challenge of adolescent pregnancy', report by UNFPA, 2013.

Or. en

Amendment 13
Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas early marriages and forced marriages in themselves constitute an obstacle to development, and whereas the fact that such marriages continue to be arranged has held back efforts to

achieve goals 1 to 6 of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular in the areas of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, poverty reduction, education, maternal and child mortality and health, including sexual and reproductive health^{3a};

^{3a} Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of 21 November 2014 on the abolition of forced marriage.

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas, despite all the recommendations and declarations made by institutions of all kinds, early marriage continues to be a problem which disproportionately affects underage and young girls, with significant consequences for their education, employment opportunities, health and social life; whereas eradicating child marriage would be a strategic way of promoting women's rights and empowering women;

Or. pt

Amendment 15
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas many cases of forced marriage are not reported or they are reported to private organisations and NGOs rather than to public authorities; whereas when cases are reported to national authorities, no consistent data collection system exists at Member State level, even though this is urgently needed;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the problem of forced marriage and the legal treatment of it has in the last few years increasingly become a major problem, as a result inter alia of the increased number of asylum seekers in many Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 17
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas girls, both younger and older ones, have the right to develop their full potential as citizens, as laid down in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;

Amendment 18
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas preventing and responding to all forms of violence against girls and women, including early and forced marriages, is one of the targets in EU Gender Action Plan 2016-2020;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas girls and women are disproportionately vulnerable to child, early and forced marriage;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas it has repeatedly been proven, by means of countless evidence, that early or child marriage has negative

consequences for and is harmful to girls, their children and their communities; these consequences include health hazards for young mothers and their children, the increased risk of HIV infection and a greater likelihood of having lower levels of education and suffering gender-based violence and persistent poverty;

Or. pt

Amendment 21

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas early marriages and forced marriages pose a serious threat to the physical and mental health of women and girls, and in particular their sexual and reproductive health, by significantly increasing the risk of early, frequent and unwanted pregnancies, maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity, obstetric fistula and sexually transmitted infections;

Or. fr

Amendment 22

Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion

Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas education reduces the likelihood of child marriage and delays childbearing, leading to healthier

eventual birth outcomes; whereas education prepares girls for jobs and livelihoods, raises their self-esteem and their status in their households and communities, and gives them more say in decisions that affect their lives^{1a};

^{1a} *‘Motherhood in Childhood. Facing the challenge of adolescent pregnancy’, report by UNFPA, 2013.*

Or. en

Amendment 23
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. *whereas deep-rooted gender inequalities and stereotypes, harmful practices, perceptions, customs, and discriminatory norms are root causes of child, early and forced marriage; whereas this increases the risk of women and girls being exposed to discrimination and gender-based violence during their lives;*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. *whereas there is an increasing concern about early and forced marriages in conflict-affected areas; whereas this*

practice tends to be justified by certain belligerent and extremist groups and has a deep impact on the health and well-being of women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas child brides are often victims of violence, suffer multiple health problems, are deprived of education and the future paid employment, therefore more likely will be poor and remain poor^{1a};

^{1a} www.girlsnotbrides.org

Or. en

Amendment 26
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas every year, around the world, 16 million girls between the ages of 15 and 19 give birth to a child, and as many as one million girls, at least, become mothers before reaching the age of 15;

Or. it

Amendment 27

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas education is one of the most effective ways of preventing early and forced marriages, of putting an end to these practices and of helping married women and girls make choices in full knowledge of the implications for their lives; whereas it is important to promote and safeguard the right of women and girls to education;

Or. fr

Amendment 28

Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion

Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas studies show a strong correlation between child marriage and premature childbirth; whereas fistulas are a common problem affecting teenage mothers and whereas, according to the Freedom from Fistula Foundation, some two million women in Africa suffer from obstetric fistulas;

Or. pt

Amendment 29

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas child, early and forced marriages have grave consequences on women and girls' sexual and reproductive health and rights, including high rates of maternal mortality, unwanted pregnancies, low levels of family planning and sexual education and a higher risk of viral infections;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas complications in pregnancy and childbirth are the second cause of death for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 years; whereas children who are born to teenage mothers are 50 % more likely to die in the first few days after the birth;

Or. it

Amendment 31
Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas child marriage will cost developing countries trillions of dollars by 2030 ^{1b}

Amendment 32
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. whereas in the majority of communities that practice early and child marriage women are often the victims of the decision-making process, and whereas involving and educating community leaders and women from these communities is fundamental in changing attitudes and behaviour concerning child marriage; whereas, moreover, legislation outlawing early and forced marriage is needed;

Or. pt

Amendment 33
Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. whereas although forced marriages is contrary to the law throughout the EU, its exact definition varies, whereas the lack of a generally accepted definition has hindered efforts to establish data on the numbers of forced marriages in the EU;

Amendment 34

Livia Járóka

Draft opinion

Recital B e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Be. whereas forced marriage remains a concern within the EU, whereas it is not a specific crime in most of the Member States, instead protection is provided through a combination of more general criminal provisions, such as on rape or abduction;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion

Recital B e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Be. whereas large age differences aggravate the imbalance of power between young women and their husbands; whereas marriage before 18 years of age increases the likelihood of domestic violence;

Or. pt

Amendment 36

Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion

Recital B f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bf. *whereas child marriage is ingrained in some traditions and cultures, but no culture or religion can justify such a practice, particularly when human rights and the rights of children are at stake; whereas in many communities where early marriage is prevalent, men have greater privileges and girls are often regarded as a financial burden and, as a result, generally suffer low self-esteem;*

Or. pt

Amendment 37
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bg. *whereas inter-generational poverty is one of the most frequently cited reasons for forcing girls into child marriage; whereas parents are generally unaware of the risks of early pregnancy owing to a lack of knowledge about sexual and reproductive health;*

Or. pt

Amendment 38
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bh. *whereas governments need to recognise the importance of combating early and child marriage in efforts to*

achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; whereas helping girls avoid child marriage and delay pregnancy and enabling them to attend school would give them the opportunity to improve their future skills and income, thereby helping to eradicate poverty for future generations; whereas promoting gender equality and women's empowerment would ensure that girls have decision-making power over their family lives, and sexual and reproductive lives; whereas eradicating child and early marriage would reduce infant mortality and alleviate the wide range of health problems associated with pregnancy or early childbirth;

Or. pt

Amendment 39
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bi. whereas in respect of child marriage, as in all areas of the fight against violence against women, it is fundamental to mobilise men and boys to challenge gender discrimination and change harmful traditional practices that are deeply ingrained in the culture of a given community;

Or. pt

Amendment 40
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bj. whereas early and child marriage remains a taboo subject which needs to be addressed publicly so as to put an end to the daily suffering of the girls and adolescents involved and the continuous violation of their human rights; whereas one way of doing so would be to support and disseminate the work of journalists, artists, photographers and activists addressing the issue of early marriages;

Or. pt

Amendment 41
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Recital B k (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bk. whereas campaigns to end early marriage of girls and young women will not succeed without acceptance of the sexuality of adolescents and their right to make their own decisions about their bodies, relationships and sexual activity; whereas, for such decisions to be taken with full knowledge of the facts, information on sexuality and contraceptive methods must be made available to both adolescents and their parents;

Or. pt

Amendment 42
Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Condemns forced marriage and the constraints – in whatever form – imposed on teenage girls and girl children in Europe and the rest of the world, since practices of this kind constitute a serious violation of human rights;

Amendment

1. Condemns forced marriage, ***early marriage*** and the constraints – in whatever form – imposed on teenage girls and girl children in Europe and the rest of the world, since practices of this kind constitute a serious violation of human rights ***and, if the victim is under 18, abuse of a minor;***

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Condemns forced marriage and the constraints – in whatever form – imposed on teenage girls and girl children in Europe and the rest of the world, since practices of this kind constitute a serious violation of human rights;

Amendment

1. Condemns forced marriage and the constraints –in whatever form – imposed on ***women and girls, including*** teenage girls and girl children in Europe and the rest of the world, since practices of this kind constitute a serious violation of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that Article 37 of the Council of Europe's 2011 Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

(Istanbul Convention) stipulates that the State Parties must criminalise ‘the intentional conduct of forcing an adult or a child to enter into a marriage’; deplors the fact, therefore, that only 12 EU Member States have criminalised forced marriage;^{2 a}

^{2 a} Psaila et al. Forced marriage from a gender perspective. Directorate General for Internal Policies. European Parliament. 2016. http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2016/556926/IPOL_STU%282016%29556926_EN.pdf

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recognises that child marriages and forced marriage have also become a real problem within the EU, requiring common, decisive and coordinated action by all Member States;

Or. de

Amendment 46
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. *Maintains* that child, early, and

2. *Stresses* that child, early, and

forced marriages *have to be considered* a gross affront to the right to free consent;

forced marriages *are* a gross affront to the right to free consent;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Strongly condemns the reinstatement and expansion of the Mexico City Policy (so-called Global Gag Rule) by the United States in January 2017 and its impact on women's and girls' global health care and rights, especially in the case of child marriages; reiterates its call on the EU and its Member States to proactively support women's and girls' rights worldwide and to significantly increase both national and EU development funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights, in particular for access to birth control and safe and legal abortion, with a view to reducing the financing gap left by the United States in this area;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that many parents living in distress and extreme poverty in refugee camps feel the need to protect their daughters from the threat of sexual

violence by marrying them to older men; stresses however that the EU and its Member States should be united and consistent in their dismissal of the requests of refugees for legal recognition of marriages where one of the alleged spouses is a child or teenager; underlines that refugee status cannot be used as a legal backdoor to recognition of child marriages in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Emphasises the need to promote and safeguard the fundamental rights of all women and girls, in particular the right to express their sexuality and to take decisions relating to their sexuality freely and responsibly, in particular as regards their sexual and reproductive health, without facing constraints, discrimination or violence;

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines the importance of awareness-raising and education as

powerful tools to prevent the occurrence of child, early and forced marriages; stresses the need to address the root causes of child marriage, including gender inequality, poverty and lack of social and economic opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Livia Járóka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls that ending child, early and forced marriage is included as one of the priorities for the EU's external action in the field of promoting women's rights and human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on Member States to actively refuse to recognise forced marriages and provide full family-independent support to victims;

Or. de

Amendment 53

Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) contributes to the achievement of all the health-related sustainable development goals such as prenatal care and measures to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that access to family planning, maternal health services and safe and legal abortion services are important elements to save women's and girls' lives; is concerned that no EU delegations in the Middle East and North Africa and the Europe and Central Asia regions chose any SRHR-related indicator despite the important needs regarding SRHR in these regions; calls on EU delegations in these regions to re-evaluate these worrying figures to determine whether they may be linked to misreporting or if there is a need to complement current programmes with targeted actions on SRHR;*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Lívía Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Stresses that ending child, early and forced marriages would have a large positive impact on the educational attainment of girls and their children, contribute to women having fewer children and could increase their expected earnings and household welfare;*

Amendment 55

Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Encourages the consideration of mandatory birth registration as the lack of registration can lead to the increase of risk of child and early marriage;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. **Recognises that** the EU **should** play a major role and calls on the European External Action Service to put forward a specific strategy with a view to determining what steps need to be taken to combat early and child marriage and other practices harmful to girls, and what objectives should be set and funding earmarked expressly for that purpose in order to achieve the overall aim of eradicating the above forms of marriage by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (target 5.3);

3. **Calls on** the EU **to** play a major role **on this human rights violation** and calls on the European External Action Service **and the Commission** to put forward a specific strategy with a view to determining what steps need to be taken to combat early and child marriage and other practices harmful to girls, and what objectives should be set and funding earmarked expressly for that purpose in order to achieve the overall aim of eradicating the above forms of marriage by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (target 5.3); **calls on the Commission and EEAS to include in the strategy the need to address gender stereotypes, discriminatory social norms and harmful practices that contribute to the acceptance and continuation of the**

practice of child, early and forced marriage;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises that the EU should play a major role and calls on the European External Action Service to put forward a specific strategy with a view to determining what steps need to be taken to combat early and child marriage and other practices harmful to girls, and what objectives should be set and funding earmarked expressly for that purpose in order to achieve the overall aim of eradicating the above forms of marriage by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (target 5.3);

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3. Recognises that the EU should play a major role ***in fighting these harmful practices*** and calls on the European External Action Service to put forward a specific strategy with a view to determining what steps need to be taken to combat early, ***forced*** and child marriage and other practices harmful to girls ***and women, such as female genital mutilation, so called honour crimes sex slavery and trafficking***, and what objectives should be set and funding earmarked expressly for that purpose in order to achieve the overall aim of eradicating the above forms of ***exploitative*** marriage by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (target 5.3);

Or. en

Amendment 58
Lívía Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises that the EU should play a major role and calls on the European External Action Service to put forward a specific strategy with a view to

Amendment

3. Recognises that the EU should play a major role ***at national, European and international level to address the phenomenon*** and calls on the European

determining what steps need to be taken to combat early and child marriage and other practices harmful to girls, and what objectives should be set and funding earmarked expressly for that purpose in order to achieve the overall aim of eradicating the above forms of marriage by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (target 5.3);

External Action Service *to make use of all the existing instruments available as well as* to put forward a specific strategy with a view to determining what steps need to be taken to combat early and child marriage and other practices harmful to girls, and what objectives should be set and funding earmarked expressly for that purpose in order to achieve the overall aim of eradicating the above forms of marriage by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (target 5.3);

Or. en

Amendment 59
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Stresses the need of a budgetary allocations for child marriage prevention programmes that aim to create an environment where girls can achieve their full potential, including by means of education, social and economic programmes for out-of-school girls, child protection schemes, girls' and women's shelters, legal counselling, and psychological support;*

Or. en

Amendment 60
Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Recommends to apply a holistic*

and comprehensive approach when dealing with child, early and forced marriages, i.e. addressing the root causes and extending gender mainstreaming beyond traditional sectors such as education and health and reaching out to all other policy areas;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on all Member States to ensure access to justice and accountability mechanisms and remedies to ensure the implementation of laws prohibiting child, early and forced marriage;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on those Member States which have not yet done so to criminalise forced and early marriages;

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Welcomes the launching of the joint EU-UN global gender initiative so-called Spotlight Initiative to address sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices such as early forced marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM) or human trafficking; notes, however, that the Spotlight Initiative addresses mainly elements of the agenda which is already a shared concern globally; underlines therefore the need to advance gender equality in a more comprehensive way, through an adequate mix of programmes and modalities; calls on the Commission to use the midterm review of its international cooperation programmes for increasing funding of the Gender Resource Package in order to streamline gender into bilateral cooperation and through thematic programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Acknowledges that most of the countries around the world have laws that set a minimum age of marriage, however stresses that many countries provide exceptions to the minimum age of marriage, mostly upon parental consent or authorisation of the court, which

should be addressed by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to draw up an action plan to help combat child, early, and forced marriage in the context of the EU's relations with non-member countries, not least by making use of the 'human rights clause';

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to draw up an action plan to help combat child, early and forced marriage in the context of the EU's relations with *partner and* non-member countries, not least by making use of the 'human rights clause'; *calls on the Commission and the EEAS to prioritise these issues in the political dialogue with partner countries and establish concrete measures in collaboration with all key actors including the government, CSOs and other donors to eliminate harmful practices;*

Or. en

Amendment 66
Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Angelika Mlinar

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Paragraph 4

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‘human rights clause’;

‘human rights clause’; *calls, further, on the Member States to encourage efforts to combat early and forced marriages in their relations with third countries;*

Or. fr

Amendment 67

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to draw up an action plan to help combat child, early, and forced marriage in the context of the EU’s relations with non-member countries, not least by making use of the ‘human rights clause’;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission *and the EEAS* to draw up an action plan to help combat child, early, and forced marriage in the context of the EU’s relations with non-member countries, *particularly in the fields of foreign policy, development policy and trade policy*, not least by making use of the ‘human rights clause’;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that sufficient resources are being allocated to the programmes and activities against early and forced marriages in their external actions; encourages the EU Delegations to fulfil the EU’s commitment on Gender Action Plan 2016-2020, to closely monitor the situation and to develop relevant programmes in support of local legislative

actions;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Emphasises the central role of mothers in the emancipation of their daughters and the prevention of forced marriage - even within Europe; calls for the expansion and promotion by the EU of so-called 'MotherSchools' - correspondingly successful pilot projects in Lower Franconia / Bavaria - to sensitise mothers to the dangers of radical ideologies and to prevent them at an early stage;

Or. de

Amendment 70

Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points out that community contacts at local level are essential in helping to overcome traditional and discriminatory attitudes regarding education for girls, thereby improving women's employment prospects for the purposes of ensuring their own livelihoods and those of their families;

Or. pt

Amendment 71
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Encourages the Commission and the Member States to integrate a gender perspective into peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction programs, to develop economic livelihood and education programmes for girls and women who are the victims of early and forced marriages, and to facilitate their access to health and reproductive services in conflict-affected areas;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Encourages the development of information programmes involving all community leaders, educating them with regard to the harmful effects of traditions such as early marriage, so that they can subsequently play an active role in raising awareness within their communities;

Or. pt

Amendment 73
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. *Stresses the urgent need to inform and educate men and boys, winning their support for measures to uphold human rights, including the rights of children and women;*

Or. pt

Amendment 74

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Angelika Mlinar

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls, including child, early, and forced marriage;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission and the Member States *to take integrated, comprehensive and coordinated measures* to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls, including child, early, and forced marriage, *and, in particular by enhancing child protection mechanisms and facilitating access to justice and exchanging good practices, to offer girls, adolescent girls and women who are already married forms of protection such as safe reception centres;*

Or. fr

Amendment 75

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 76

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Calls on Member States to guarantee migrant women and girls an autonomous residence permit which is not dependent of the status of their spouse or partner, in particular for victims of physical and psychological violence including forced or arranged marriages, and to guarantee that all administrative measures are taken to protect them, including effective access to assistance and protection mechanisms;*

Or. en

Amendment 77

Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt measures which*

discourage parents – be they EU citizens or not – from offering their under-age daughters as brides, both through trips to their respective countries of origin and – worse still – within the borders of the EU itself, and where necessary to punish those parents;

Or. it

Amendment 78
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses the need to develop empowerment programmes for girls and young women as a key strategy for the prevention and discouragement of early marriage, improving both their self-esteem and their awareness of their rights, including the legal right to refuse marriage:

Or. pt

Amendment 79
Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Encourages the Commission and Member States to launch awareness raising campaigns on the phenomenon, its consequences and available legal remedies throughout the EU, including in the refugee camps as well as in the candidate countries;

Amendment 80

Gérard Deprez, Louis Michel, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nathalie Griesbeck, Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Welcomes the introduction, as part of the Schengen Information System, of a new alert which can be used to protect children at risk of forced marriage;

Or. fr

Amendment 81

Ernest Urtasun

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Proposes the express inclusion of forced marriage as a form of trafficking in human beings in Article 2 of Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and to develop a shared policy and common definition of forced marriage which should be used consistently at national and European level in policies, civil and criminal law provisions on forced marriage;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Believes that increasing the number of women in political and economic decision-making positions can help to ensure the necessary legislation and increased support for institutions and civil society organisations working to prevent early and forced marriage;

Or. pt

Amendment 83
Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Member States to establish structures and programmes to support, assist and protect the victims of child, early and forced marriages;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Stresses the importance of increasing child-sponsoring programmes in developing countries, a strategy that has already proved effective in supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, helping to break the cycle of violence and poverty, and possibly playing

an important role in reduction of child marriage; noting that education is one of the most effective ways of combating child marriages and that, according to studies, the longer a girl stays in school, the less likely she is to marry or become mother early on in life;

Or. pt

Amendment 85
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. *Calls once again on Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Slovakia and United Kingdom to ratify the Istanbul Convention and reminds that in line with the requirements of this Convention, when victims are brought into another country and as a result of the forced marriage they have lost their right to reside in the EU, they should be granted effective ways to return to the EU Member States and regain their residence status;*

Or. en

Amendment 86
Ernest Urtasun
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. *Calls on the Commission and*

Member States to ensure the effective implementation of the EU Victims' Directive in particular by improving access for victims of violence against women to general and specialised victim support and to put in place effective reporting mechanisms to encourage victims of forced marriage to report the offence while respecting the anonymity and confidentiality of victims as well as preventing further stigmatisation;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Stresses that, while focusing on the prevention of early marriage, the EU, Member States and third countries should also support young women who are already married, helping them to become aware of their sexual and reproductive rights and their rights to contraception, for example;

Or. pt

Amendment 88
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5e. Urges Member States and third countries to prohibit and criminalise early and forced marriage by raising the minimum legal age to 18 years,

*irrespective of parental approval,
requiring the full consent of both spouses
and penalising those who coerce another
person into marriage;*

Or. pt

Amendment 89
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*5f. Points to the need to make
European funds for external action
dependent on effective implementation of
measures to eradicate early and forced
marriage;*

Or. pt

Amendment 90
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to set up a European database to monitor forced marriage.

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Or. en

Amendment 91
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the EU and Member States to work together with UN Women, UNICEF, UNFPA and other partners, including CSOs, diaspora and migrant associations to bring attention to the issue of CEFM by focusing on women's empowerment, including through education, economic empowerment and enhanced participation to decision-making, as well as on the protection and promotion of the human rights of all women and girls, including sexual and reproductive health;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Liliana Rodrigues

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to carry out a systematic and rigorous evaluation of the effectiveness of its existing programmes and use of available funding for the prevention of early marriage and ensuring that the programmes are implemented in regions and countries where child marriages are most prevalent;

Or. pt

Amendment 93
Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to set up a consistent data collection system on child, early and forced marriages, including sex-desegregated data, as robust and reliable data are essential to an evidence-based policy making and better targeted interventions;*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to draw up specific studies based on the data collected, in order to have a clear picture of the phenomenon at EU level, with specific information for each individual Member State;*

Or. it

Amendment 95
Lívía Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Calls on the Commission and Member States to monitor the cases of child, early and forced marriages within the EU caused by recent migration crisis and to consider establishing unified legal standards with regard to the procedure for*

dealing with cases of child and early marriages;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to pay special attention to respect for women's and girls' rights in all trade and partnership agreements with third countries;

Or. it

Amendment 97
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Calls on the EU and the Member States to ensure facilities and training to health workers to provide confidential and non-judgmental youth-friendly services, information and supplies that fulfil the WHO standards of equitability, accessibility, acceptability, appropriateness and effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. *Calls on the Member States to ensure appropriate forms of protection for all victims of forced, child and early marriages, with the assistance of qualified staff such as midwives, gynaecologists, psychologists and social workers, who should be strictly female;*

Or. it

Amendment 99
Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. *Emphasises the negative influence of humanitarian crisis, conflicts and natural disasters on the child and early marriages, therefore stresses the need to combine development and humanitarian efforts;*

Or. en

Amendment 100
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. *Condemns the reinstatement and expansion of the Global Gag Rule and its impact on women's and girls' health; recalls that the populations in vulnerable situations, including those who would normally be unable to access services*

“due to stigma, poverty, location, violence, or HIV status” are hardest hit;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. *Strongly supports the She Decides initiative and calls on EU and Member States to step up their support to this initiative and other efforts on SRHR;*

Or. en