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AMENDMENTS

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Maria Noichl

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The situation in Hungary (pursuant to the European Parliament resolution of 17 May 2017)
(2017/2131(INL))

Amendment 1
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Citation 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

– *having regard to the report of the UN Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice^{1a}, 27th of May, 2016,*

1a

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20027&LangID=E>

Or. en

Amendment 2
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Citation 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

– *having regard to the reasoned opinions by the EU Commission with regards to EU law on equal treatment of men and women in employment and occupation (Equal Treatment Directive, Directive 2006/54/EC) as well as the Maternity Leave Directive (Council Directive 92/85/EEC), 27th of April 2017,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. *whereas the European Union is founded on the values of respect for the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of people belonging to minorities, and whereas these values are universal and common to the Member States (Article 2 of the TEU);*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Anna Záborská, Marijana Petir, Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. *whereas Hungary occupies, with 50.8 points, the second to last place in the European comparison of the European Institute for Gender Equality's Gender Equality Index 2017 and has, furthermore, lost 1.6 points since 2010;*

B. *whereas the European Institute for Gender Equality's Gender Equality Index (GEI) 2017 is not a useful tool for policy recommendations in 2018, as it only takes into account the statistical data from 2013, 2014, and 2015; whereas, nevertheless, it should be noted that Hungary outperformed other Member States in 5 out of 6 core domains constituting the GEI;*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. *whereas the introduction in*

Hungary of restrictive regulations and policies affecting civil society in general has also significantly hindered women's rights NGOs such as PATENT Association, NANE Association, both providing unique services for victims of gender-based and domestic violence, and the Hungarian Women's Lobby; whereas amongst the negative direct implications for civil society organisations working to advance women's rights are the risk of being excluded from tax and other benefits;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Lívía Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas according to EIGE's Gender Equality Index 2017 due to the limited availability of high-quality EU-wide comparative data, the actual analysis for certain social factors, such as sexuality, ethnicity, nationality or religion is not available,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas only 10.1% of the members of the Hungarian national parliament are women, which represents

*the lowest number within the EU;
whereas there is no female minister in the
national government;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*Ba. whereas it is a legitimate
expectation towards non-governmental
organisations to have transparent
financial background;*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

*Ba. whereas Hungary is one of the top
countries of origin of victims of human
trafficking within the EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas although Hungary has a strong national health system and public health insurance, and despite the recommendations of various UN treaty monitoring bodies, the cost of modern contraception is wholly excluded from Hungary's health scheme, offering no coverage or reimbursement for any women or for any method of contraception, which poses an obstacle to modern family planning;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas Hungary's constitutions definition of family "marriage and partner-child relationships" is outdated and based on conservative beliefs; whereas same-sex marriage is banned; whereas almost 70% of the respondents in the 2014 Fundamental Rights Agency's LGBT survey avoid certain locations or places in fear of being harassed or assaulted of being LGBTI;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas Hungary has taken into consideration the remarks and recommendations of the Venice Commission and redrafted the original proposal of the Hungarian Act on the transparency of organizations supported from abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas Hungary has been strongly criticized by various international human rights organisations for its backlash regarding human rights and the restrictions against the civil society, including women's rights organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas the emergency pill or morning after pill remains available upon prescription only, against the recommendation from the European Commission that emergency contraceptive can be sold over-the-counter since 2015;

Amendment 15
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas the Venice Commission recognised that the acceptance of the amendments they had proposed represent an important improvement on Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. whereas undocumented migrant women are not entitled to access any health care that is not emergency care, resulting in them being prevented from obtaining ordinary prenatal care and frequently are only able to obtain medical assistance once labour has begun;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. *whereas women's sexual and reproductive health and rights are not sufficiently upheld and whereas Hungary is one out of few member states that demands a prescription for all types of emergency contraception;*

Or. en

Amendment 18
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. *whereas out of the 47 members of the Council of Europe only 22 ratified the Istanbul Agreement, and another 21 member signed the Agreement but have not yet ratified;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Be. *whereas despite concerns of the CEDAW Committee, which called on the government to ensure access to safe abortion without subjecting women to mandatory counselling and a medically unnecessary waiting period, this legal precondition is still in practice, along with stigmatization practices employed by the medical counsellors; whereas medical*

abortion is not available and whereas the Hungarian government has never responded to requests to justify its decision to prohibit the EU-wide registered drug;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Be. whereas the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe commended also in its resolution that the Hungarian Act on the transparency of organizations supported from abroad does not include the controversial term of ‘foreign agent’ and provides for a judicial rather than and administrative review;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bf. whereas the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)'s Concluding observations from 2013 called on Hungary, amongst other recommendations, to review its family and gender-equality policies to ensure that the former do not restrict the full enjoyment by women of their right to non-discrimination and equality, to ensure

appropriate remedies for victims of discrimination on the grounds of intersecting factors and to systematically carry out gender impact assessments of current and proposed laws and ensure that the new legislative framework does not bring a regression with its implementation; whereas these recommendations to Hungary have not been duly implemented by any government up to now, and whereas no implementation plan has been elaborated for these recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bf. whereas the latest representative research carried out by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights shows that the rate of the victims of physical and /or sexual violence in Hungary falls below the EU average;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bg. whereas harmful gender stereotypes and assumptions about women's roles in society are widespread in Hungarian society, including

discrimination on grounds of sex; whereas the Hungarian government takes a regressive approach to gender issues, and uses the promotion of ‘family mainstreaming’ – replacing gender mainstreaming – in the context of a desired demographic increase, and misinterprets and misuses the concepts of ‘gender’ and ‘gender equality’;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bg. whereas the rate of employment among women in Hungary has seen a significant rise compared to the 2010 level;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bh. whereas gender-based and domestic violence is widespread in Hungary; whereas at least 50 women die every year to the hands of their relatives or partners; whereas hundreds of thousands of women are regularly abused in their families; whereas according to 2015 data from the European Institute for Gender Equality, 27.7% of women in Hungary have experienced physical

*and/or sexual violence since age 15;
Whereas the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) found in 2015 that 21% of women in Hungary have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a partner since the age of 15, and 6% in the past 12 months; whereas according to women's rights organisations, the perpetrator is in 95 per cent of the cases of violence a man, and the victim is a woman or girl; whereas many women are reluctant to report abuse since they are being confronted with a hostile environment in police stations and courts; whereas law enforcement officers and the judiciary are largely ineffective in pursuing and prosecuting abusers, which deters victims of violence from reporting and fosters distrust in authorities; whereas there is a culture of victim-blaming from both authorities and social circles;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Recital B h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bh. whereas there is no collection of data about ethnicity regarding health status records or the provision healthcare services;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bi. *whereas Hungary signed the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) in 2014, but has not yet ratified it; whereas progress on the ratification has stalled since February 2017;*

Or. en

Amendment 28
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bj. *whereas Hungary does not have a holistic strategy or action plan on preventing and combating violence against women, although legislation was introduced that criminalized domestic violence in 2013; whereas the legislation is insufficient (f.e. sexual violence is not included in the offense of domestic violence) and problematic in its language and implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Marijana Petir, Norbert Erdős, György Hölvényi, Anna Záborská, Miroslav Mikolášik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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work and private life; *recalls the Commission's proposal for a directive on work-life balance for parents and carers¹ presented in April 2017 and encourages the Hungarian government to contribute to its swift adoption;*

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¹ COM(2017)0253.

Or. en

Amendment 30
Anna Záborská, Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Notes* the efforts taken in recent years to achieve a better reconciliation of work and *private* life; recalls the Commission's proposal for a directive on work-life balance for parents and carers¹ presented in April 2017 and encourages the Hungarian government to contribute to its swift adoption;

¹ COM(2017)0253.

Amendment

1. *Commends* the efforts taken in recent years to achieve a better reconciliation of work and *family* life; recalls the Commission's proposal for a directive on work-life balance for parents and carers¹ presented in April 2017 and encourages the Hungarian government to contribute to its swift adoption;

¹ COM(2017)0253.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

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1. Notes the efforts taken in recent years to achieve a better reconciliation of work and private life; recalls the

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Commission's proposal for a directive on work-life balance for parents and carers¹ presented in April 2017 and encourages the Hungarian government to contribute to its swift adoption;

¹ COM(2017)0253.

Hungary allocated a funding of 14 billion HUF for the 'Women in families and at work' project;; recalls the Commission's proposal for a directive on work-life balance for parents and carers presented in April 2017 and encourages the Hungarian government to contribute to its swift adoption;

¹ COM(2017)0253.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Deplores the fact that Hungary has still not met the Union's Barcelona Targets, and calls on the Hungarian Government to give those targets priority and to tailor its family policies to the needs of the most vulnerable members of society as well;

Or. de

Amendment 33
Marijana Petir, Norbert Erdős, György Hölvényi, Miroslav Mikolášik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Deplores the reinterpretation and narrowing of gender equality policies towards family policies and recalls the National Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality (2010-2021), which

deleted

Hungary has not yet implemented;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Deplores the reinterpretation and narrowing of gender equality policies towards family policies and recalls the National Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality (2010-2021), which Hungary has not yet implemented;*

Amendment

2. *Recognizes that in order to provide the full freedom of choice for women, a nurturing environment must be established for starting and raising a family, so that no extra burden would affect women's choice in balancing work and family life;*

Or. en

Amendment 35
Anna Záborská, Marijana Petir, Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Deplores the reinterpretation and narrowing of gender equality policies towards family policies and recalls the National Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality (2010-2021), which Hungary has not yet implemented;*

Amendment

2. *Welcomes the efforts of the Hungarian government to complement the policies aimed at achieving equality between men and women with family policies; invites Hungary to share the best practices in this field with other EU Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 36
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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condemns the wilful misinterpretation of the terms gender and gender equality; emphasises that the aim of gender equality policy in all areas of society must be to ensure that no one is disadvantaged on the grounds of his/her gender, that every individual's rights are safeguarded and can be exercised and that the involvement of women and men in the life of society at all levels on the basis of equal rights is guaranteed; calls, therefore, for a return to the idea of gender mainstreaming as an analytical and policy-making tool and for the national strategy to be implemented with these objectives in all areas;

Or. de

Amendment 37
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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highlights the importance of the empowerment of women especially with regards to their political, economic and

social rights as a precondition for an environment where families can flourish;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Hungarian government to implement the recommendations of the UN CEDAW Committee issued in 2013 without further delay and to elaborate and update its stalled "National Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality – Goals and Objectives 2010–2021" or to replace it by a new Gender Equality Strategy, ensuring concrete deadlines and responsible actors, and providing funding and monitoring mechanisms for its effective implementation; and to consult throughout the process with women's rights NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Notes the very low number of women in political decision-making positions;

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in any EU Member State; emphasises that the involvement of women in political decision-making on an equal footing with men is fundamental to effective democracy;

Or. de

Amendment 40
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Notes* the very low number of women in political decision-making positions;

Amendment

3. ***Strongly deplores*** the very low number of women in political decision-making positions; ***recalls the recommendations by the UN CEDAW and the OSCE to implement legislative quotas for national elections; stresses that political parties should lead by example with regards to equal opportunity and gender balance;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Anna Záborská, Marijana Petir, Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Notes* the very low number of women in political decision-making positions;

Amendment

3. *Notes* the very low number of women in political decision-making positions; ***points out that better balance between work and family life and shared parental responsibility between mothers and fathers are important steps towards higher representation of women in political decision making on all levels;***

Amendment 42
Lívía Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Highlights that Hungary has adopted a cardinal law on the protection of families and is committed to build a family-friendly country establishing the necessary conditions. In addition, the Government has decided to dedicate 2018 the Year of the Family;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Recommends to introduce effective legislative measures – such as quotas as temporary special measures – to increase women’s participation in political life and decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Deplores the narrow definition of family which discriminates against cohabitants and same-sex couples; reminds Hungary that discrimination on term of sexual orientation is prohibited;*

Or. en

Amendment 45

Livia Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Notes that the current employment rate of women is 61.2%, while the greatest improvement in women's employment is detectable in the group of women who raise children under the age of 6, given the positive measures taken by the Hungarian Government since 2010 in order to help families and women with children, among others the child care fee extra, the new day-care system of children;*

Or. en

Amendment 46

Livia Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. *Welcomes that between 2010 and 2016 the available seats in nurseries increased by around 23%, while in 2017 Hungary has introduced a new and more*

flexible nursery system that aligns better with local circumstances and helps women to go back to the labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Lívía Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Welcomes that since 2010 the Hungarian Government has adopted and implemented several social, social inclusion, family policy, health policy and educational measures, addressed among others to Roma, such as Roma mother-child health programme, training Roma health guardians, training Roma health representatives as well as early childhood development programs;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Marijana Petir, Norbert Erdős, György Hölvényi, Miroslav Mikolášik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third countries and on the future functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;

deleted

Amendment 49

Anna Záborská, Marijana Petir, Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third countries and on the future functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;*

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deleted

Or. en

Amendment 50

Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third countries and on the future functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;*

Amendment

4. *Acknowledges the necessity for the transparent and lawful functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;*

Or. en

Amendment 51

Terry Reintke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third countries **and on the future** functioning of non-governmental organisations, **which include many women's rights** organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;

Amendment

4. ***Is worried about the shrinking space for civil society organisations and the attempts to control NGOs restricting their ability to carry out their legitimate work;*** is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third countries ***as well as the introduction of the so-called 'Stop Soros' legislative package; highlights that these developments negatively impact the*** functioning of non-governmental organisations, ***including many organisations working for the rights of women, LGBTI people, people with disabilities, ethnic and religious minorities, migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and other groups in a vulnerable situation*** which are crucial for ***the protection of fundamental human rights and*** the functioning and progress of society;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion

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4. Is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third

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countries and on the future functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;

countries and on the future functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society *since they provide services, professional and public awareness raising and capacity building as well as advocate for and contribute to legislative and policy changes to improve gender equality;*

Or. en

Amendment 53
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third countries and on the future functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;

Amendment

4. Is concerned about the impact of Hungary's Law on the Transparency of Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds on civil society organisations that receive funds from the EU, EEA and third countries and on the future functioning of non-governmental organisations, which include many **LGBTI and** women's rights organisations, which are crucial for the functioning and progress of society;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges the Hungarian government to end the harassment of civil society organisations that work to promote and

improve democracy and human rights issues and to repeal the laws that stigmatize non-governmental organisations that use foreign funding; encourages the government to instead use the expertise and experiences of women's rights NGOs when planning and implementing legislative and policy measures in the field of gender equality and women's rights, and to make adequate use of the established consultative forums in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Notes with concern the mood in society which has been fuelled by the policies implemented in recent years, and condemns the mistrust and hostility which many women's rights advocates and academics encounter as a result of their work and their insistence on standing up for their views;

Or. de

Amendment 56
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Proposes to set up an internal European Democracy Fund for the strengthened support of civil society and

NGOs working in the fields of democracy and human rights to be managed by the Commission in order to strengthen civil society actors such as girls and women's rights organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Regrets that the developments in Hungary have led to a serious deterioration of the rule of law over the past few years, without which no rights can be guaranteed sufficiently in a non-discriminatory fashion regarding women and women of minorities such as Roma, migrants and LBT women;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Is concerned about the hostile climate towards migrants and refugees in Hungary; condemns the hate speeches coming from state/government officials; calls on the Hungarian government to ensure human rights of migrants and refugees are reinforced;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Anna Záborská, Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Recalls that violence against women *in Hungary, as in all other Member States*, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; *calls on* the Hungarian government *to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible*;

Amendment

5. Recalls that violence against women is a persistent structural violation of human rights; *praises* the Hungarian government *for its constant efforts to prioritize and tackle violence against women and children and domestic violence by sensitizing its police force and educating the public*;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; *calls on* the Hungarian government *to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible*;

Amendment

5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; *acknowledges that* the Hungarian Government *stepped up efforts, in accordance with European standards, to diminish violence against women and domestic violence, and creating stricter regulation to support these efforts*;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Marijana Petir, György Hölvényi, Miroslav Mikolášik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 62
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
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5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; calls on the Hungarian government to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

Amendment

5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; calls on the Hungarian government to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible ***and to urge other EU Member States to do the same; condemns, in that connection, the fact that domestic violence must be perpetrated twice before being treated as a criminal offence; calls for bodies which provide information, advice and assistance to receive ongoing funding, as a way of offering women effective protection and safety;***

Or. de

Amendment 63
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
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5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; calls on the Hungarian government to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

Amendment

5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; calls on the Hungarian government to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible; ***points out that a misinterpretation and ideologisation of the concept of gender has dominated the public discourse in Hungary preventing a comprehensive approach to the Convention which is a key corner stone in fighting violence against women;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; calls on the Hungarian government to ratify the Istanbul Convention as soon as possible;

Amendment

5. Recalls that violence against women in Hungary, as in all other Member States, is a persistent structural violation of human rights; calls on the Hungarian government to ratify the Istanbul Convention ***without limitations and*** as soon as possible ***and commit to incorporating its provisions into domestic law, an important step to change the cultural norm of domestic abuse and protecting women and girls victims of violence;***

Or. en

Amendment 65
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Hungarian government to amend the Criminal Code so the definition of domestic violence includes all acts of physical violence, including physical harm, bodily injury or assault; sexual violence; stalking and harassment; the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; and coercive control, i.e. psychological and economic violence that is part of a pattern of domination through intimidation, isolation, degradation, and deprivation, as well as physical assault; to amend the Criminal Code and Act on Restraining Orders to expand the scope of domestic violence victims to include and protect all victims, including who do not cohabituate or have children with their abuser, or not considered as relatives (e.g. intimate partners), and expand the period of the ban on contact for as long as needed; to amend criminal and procedural legislation to ensure that domestic violence constitutes a crime and is subject to public prosecution with penalties;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recognises the efforts taken in the anti-human trafficking laws and encourages the government to continue and improve its data collection, improve the services for trafficking victims and to

tackle the demand by criminalise buying services from victims of trafficking, including sexual services;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Strongly recommends to train law enforcement officers and the judiciary on best practice standards on responding to domestic violence, in cooperation with victims support organizations and in line with international human rights standards; provide adequate trainings and give due attention to the role of medical staff in the prevention of and response to domestic violence; and increase the capacity of health care personnel for this purpose;*

Or. en

Amendment 68
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. *Calls on the Commission to continue its dialogue with the Hungarian government, in cooperation with the Council of Europe, and to address its concerns, and in particular to clarify misleading interpretations of the Istanbul Convention on the definition of gender-based violence and the definition of*

gender in Article 3(c) and (d), in accordance with the General Remarks of the Commissioner of Human Rights of the Council of Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Marijana Petir, Norbert Erdős, György Hölvényi, Miroslav Mikolášik

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of the right of women to self-determination and, in this context, the importance of respecting their sexual and reproductive rights, including the respect of patients' rights to a safe and non-violent birth;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 70

Anna Záborská, Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of the right of women to self-determination and, in this context, *the importance of respecting* their *sexual and reproductive rights*, including the respect of *patients'* rights to a safe *and non-violent* birth;

6. Stresses the importance of the right of women to self-determination and, in this context, their *freedom to make decisions about having sex or conceiving a child*, including the respect of *pregnant women's* rights to a safe birth;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of the right of women to *self-determination and, in this context, the importance of respecting their sexual and reproductive rights, including the respect of patients' rights to a safe and non-violent birth;*

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of the right of women to a safe and non-violent birth;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses the importance of the right of women to self-determination and, in this context, the importance of respecting their sexual and reproductive rights, including the respect of patients' rights to a safe *and* non-violent birth;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of the right of women to self-determination and, in this context, the importance of respecting their sexual and reproductive rights, including the respect of *women* patients' rights to a safe, non-violent *woman-centred* birth; *emphasises, in that connection, the importance of unrestricted access to impartial information and value-neutral counselling;*

Or. de

Amendment 73
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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of women to self-determination and, in this context, the importance of respecting their sexual and reproductive rights, including the respect of patients' rights to a safe and non-violent birth;

of women to self-determination and, in this context, the importance of respecting their sexual and reproductive rights, including ***access to swift abortion care, by making sure that emergency contraception are easy accessible and*** the respect of patients' rights to a safe and non-violent birth;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Urges the Hungarian government to ensure access to affordable contraceptive methods by (partially) covering the costs of modern contraceptive methods under its public health insurance and to improve access to emergency contraception by eliminating the prescription requirement;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that from 2010 to 2015 the number of abortions in Hungary decreased by 22.9%, which is the effect of introducing social and financial facilitations for parents;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Lívia Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the joint recruitment campaign launched by the Hungarian Police with the Fraternal Association of European Roma Law Enforcement Officers in 2016, targeting especially Roma girls and young Roma women, with the aim promoting diversity in law enforcement and increasing the number of female Roma police officers.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Hungarian government to remove barriers in the access to safe abortion services such as the unavailability of medical abortion, biased counselling and the mandatory waiting period requirements;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Stresses the need to fully respect the principle of subsidiarity and the competence of Member States to legislate on reproductive and sexual rights;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Livia Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Acknowledges the programs launched aiming to foster the education and employment Roma women, where social caretakers, nurses and social assistants will be trained in the social, child welfare, child protection and education institutions, as well as the state, church organisation, foundations will get support for the employment of Romani women;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Livia Járóka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Strongly condemns, in this context, the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare;

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Or. en

Amendment 81
Anna Záborská, Marijana Petir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. **Strongly condemns**, in this *context*, *the* ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in *fields such as* access to healthcare;

Amendment

7. *Notes the ongoing efforts of the Hungarian government to reduce the inequalities and strengthen social inclusion in the area of healthcare; encourages Hungary to continue* in this *endeavour and avoid any* ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in access to healthcare;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Marijana Petir, György Hölvényi, Miroslav Mikolášik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. **Strongly** condemns, *in this context*, the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare;

Amendment

7. Condemns the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Strongly condemns, in this context,

Amendment

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the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare;

the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women *as well as other minorities* in fields such as access to healthcare; *pronounces the particularly harmful restrictions for undocumented migrant women who are excluded from any access to medical care that is not emergency care;*

Or. en

Amendment 84
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Strongly condemns, in this context, the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare;

Amendment

7. Strongly condemns, in this context, the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare; *draws attention, in that connection, to the cases of forced sterilisation which have come to light, which constitute an unacceptable violation of the human rights of the women concerned;*

Or. de

Amendment 85
Jadwiga Wiśniewska

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Strongly condemns, in this context, the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare;

Amendment

7. Strongly condemns, in this context, the ill-treatment and discrimination of Roma women in fields such as access to healthcare; *notes that Hungarian law and healthcare regulations clearly forbid any distinction in terms of ethnicity or gender;*

Amendment 86
Lívia Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Underlines that since there is no collection of data about ethnicity regarding health status records or the provision of healthcare services, the health characteristics of Roma population, including Roma women can only be estimated;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Lívia Járóka, Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Welcomes the establishment of Women in Research Careers Presidential Commission within the Hungarian Academy of Sciences which aims to increase the proportion of women among professors and the doctors of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences as well as raising the interest of girls in education in natural sciences;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Anna Záborská, Lívia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. *Condemns the attacks on free teaching and research, in particular on gender studies, which have become the target of defamation campaigns.*

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Or. en

Amendment 89

Marijana Petir, Norbert Erdős, György Hölvényi, Miroslav Mikolášik

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. *Condemns the attacks on free teaching and research, in particular on gender studies, which have become the target of defamation campaigns.*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 90

Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Condemns the attacks on free teaching and research, in particular on gender studies, which have become the target of defamation campaigns.

8. Condemns the attacks on free teaching and research, in particular on gender studies, which ***represent an attempt to analyse power relationships, discrimination and gender relations in society and find solutions to forms of inequality and*** have become the target of defamation campaigns.

Or. de

Amendment 91
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Condemns the attacks on free teaching and research, in particular on gender studies, which have become the target of defamation campaigns.

Amendment

8. Condemns the attacks on free teaching and research, in particular on gender studies, which have become the target of defamation campaigns; ***calls for the fundamental democratic principle of educational freedom to be fully restored and safeguarded;***

Or. en

Amendment 92
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the importance of prejudice- and stereotype-free upbringing and education; calls for this to be taken into account when a new national curriculum is drawn up, with a view to guaranteeing in the future the provision of education which does not encourage stereotyping and the denigration of women and girls, and also of men and boys;

Or. de

Amendment 93
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Believes that the current situation in Hungary represents a clear risk of a serious breach of the values referred to in Article 2 TEU and warrants the launch of the procedure set out in Article 7(1) TEU;*

Or. en

Amendment 94
Terry Reintke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Believes that the current situation in Hungary represents a clear risk of a serious breach of the values referred to in Article 2 of the TEU and warrants the launch of the Article 7(1) TEU procedure;*

Or. en

Amendment 95
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. *Expresses concern at the policies implemented in recent years and the use of rhetoric and symbols to create an attitude, widely held in society, which reduces women to the role of mothers and grants them respect only in that role; points out that this restricts the freedom of both women and men to develop and take decisions and deprives women of their*

rights;

Or. de

Amendment 96
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Emphasises that women's rights and equal rights are shared, fundamental European values; deplores the fact that Hungary is increasingly turning its back on these values and thus leaving itself isolated;

Or. de