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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 90**

**Draft opinion**

**José Inácio Faria**

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Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world 2017 and the European Union's policy on the matter  
(2018/2098(INI))



**Amendment 1**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Recital -A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Aa. whereas under Article 8 TFEU the EU is committed to promoting gender equality and ensuring gender mainstreaming in all of its actions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**

**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital -A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Aa. whereas the EU is committed to promoting gender equality and ensuring gender mainstreaming in all of its actions and policies***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**

**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital -A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Ab. whereas, in cases of armed conflicts, women and children, including women and child refugees, are among the most vulnerable groups in society;***

**Amendment 4**  
**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Ab. whereas violence against women and girls is one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Ac. whereas sexual and reproductive health and rights are grounded on basic human rights and are essential elements of human dignity; whereas furthermore, these have not yet been secured in all parts of the world, including the parts of the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Ad. whereas gender-based violence is one of the world's most widespread human rights violations, affecting all levels of society, regardless of age, education, income, social position or country of origin or residence, and representing a mayor barrier for reaching gender equality;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-Ae. whereas the EU Strategy for equality between men and women provides for the integration of gender equality into the EU's trade policy and foreign relations policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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violence and contributing to a secure, prosperous and sustainable world;

from all forms of discrimination and violence and contributing to a **gender equal**, secure, prosperous and sustainable world;

Or. en

## **Amendment 9**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Underlines the need for the EU, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the 2030 Agenda and the Gender Equality Action Plan 2016-2020 (GAP II), to continue to pursue its commitment to developing societies free from all forms of discrimination and violence and contributing to a secure, prosperous and sustainable world;

##### *Amendment*

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Or. en

## **Amendment 10**

**Eleonora Forenza**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

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*prosperous and* sustainable world;

world;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Observes that neo-liberal framework is actually damaging sustainable development and human rights, including women's rights, which are part of human rights themselves; calls on the Commission to provide continued support to protect human rights defenders, women's organizations and women leaders as active actors committed to promoting, protecting and raising awareness of women's rights;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Recalls that the EU Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development is one of the fundamental tools of the EU to improve gender equality in third countries and therefore believes that GAP2 should take the form of a Commission communication; calls on the Commission to take into account EP's resolution on the renewal of the GAP;***

**Amendment 13**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Highlights the need for the EU to remain committed to the full implementation of obligations and commitments to women's rights made in CEDAW, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population & Development, and the outcomes of their review conferences;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Recalls that equality between men and women is a core principle of the EU as referred to in Art 3 (3)TEU, and its member states, and its promotion, via gender mainstreaming, also in other countries around the world through its external policies, is one of its principle objectives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1a.** *Highlights the need to guarantee the freedom of thought, belief and religion, especially for the women in faith who are particularly vulnerable;*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1b.** *Recalls that the EU Plan of Action on Gender equality and Women's empowerment in development is one of the fundamental tools, of the EU to improve gender equality in third countries; calls on the Commission to take into account the European Parliament's Resolution of 7 May 2018 on the "Implementation of the Joint Staff Working Document (SWD(2015)0182 - Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020";*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Stresses the need to reinforce the role of the EU delegations as well as the European External Action Service Principle Advisor on Gender by ensuring a specific budget dedicated to her area of competences;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Highlights the affirmation of UN Secretary-General António Guterres that 'there is overwhelming evidence that investing in women is the most effective way to lift communities, companies and countries. Women's participation makes peace agreements stronger, societies more resilient and economies more vigorous';

*Amendment*

2. ***Stresses that gender equality is a fundamental human right and*** highlights the affirmation of UN Secretary-General António Guterres that 'there is overwhelming evidence that investing in women is the most effective way to lift communities, companies and countries. Women's participation makes peace agreements stronger, societies more resilient and economies more vigorous';

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Highlights the affirmation of UN Secretary-General António Guterres that 'there is overwhelming evidence that

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investing in women is the most effective way to lift communities, companies and countries. Women's participation makes peace agreements stronger, *as they have never constructed their political identity on nationalistic bases*;

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *At the same time, expresses concerns over the ongoing backlash against women's rights and fundamental legislation in many parts of the world driven by religious fundamentalists and populist extremism;*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Highlights the need to guarantee healthy living and well-being for all, as called for in SDG 3, and to promote access to affordable, safe and quality medicines;

3. Highlights the need to guarantee healthy living and well-being for all, as called for in SDG 3, and to promote access to affordable, safe and quality medicines; *Stresses that the focus on gender equality and women's empowerment is explicit across all the SDGs and more efforts should be pursued to seek the full realization of women's rights and the effective implementation of policies promoting women's empowerment and*

*participation in decision-making;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Highlights the need to guarantee *healthy living and well-being for all, as called for in SDG 3, and to promote access to affordable, safe and quality medicines;*

*Amendment*

3. Highlights the need to guarantee *universal access to the full range of quality and affordable sexual and reproductive healthcare services, including access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and sexuality and relationships education, family planning and modern contraceptive methods, safe and legal abortion, and the recommended anti-natal and post-natal care to prevent child and maternal mortality;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Highlights the need to guarantee healthy living and well-being for all, *as called for in SDG 3*, and to promote access to affordable, safe and quality medicines;

*Amendment*

3. Highlights the need to guarantee healthy living and well-being for all and to promote access to affordable *essential*, safe and quality medicines;

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Calls on the Commission to provide continued support to protect human rights defenders, women's organisations and women leaders as active actors committed to promoting, protecting and raising awareness of women's rights;**

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3b. Expresses concerns over the ongoing backlash against women's rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the world;**

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3c. Highlights the need for the EU to**

*remain committed to the full implementation of obligations and commitments to women's rights made in CEDAW, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population & Development, and the outcomes of their review conferences;*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services, to ensure *that women receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal* mortality;

*Amendment*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services *and rights; strongly condemns the Global Gag Rule and its impact on girls access to comprehensive sexuality education, sexual and reproductive health and rights services, including safe and legal abortions; calls on the EU and the Member States to counter the impact of the gag rule by significantly increasing financing for sexual and reproductive health and rights, in particular funding explicitly destined to ensure access to birth control and safe and legal abortion, using both national as well as EU development funding, in order to fill the financing gap left after the Trump administration's moves to cease funding all overseas aid organisations that provide sexual and reproductive health and rights services; emphasises that universal respect for and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights contributes to prenatal care and the ability to avoid high-risk births, reduce infant and child mortality; points out that family planning, maternal health and safe abortion services are important elements to save*

*children and women's lives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to sexual and reproductive **healthcare services**, to ensure that women receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality;

*Amendment*

4. ***Stresses the importance of viewing access to health as a human right;*** highlights the need to guarantee access to sexual and reproductive **health and rights, including measures** to ensure that women ***freely control their bodies and lives, have access to family planning, to adequate feminine hygiene products and*** receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality; ***highlights that safe abortion services are important elements to save women's lives and contribute to avoid high-risks births and reduce infant and child mortality stresses the importance of access to adequate gender-sensitive mental health services, particularly in conflict and post-conflict situations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**

**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. ***Highlights the need to guarantee access to*** sexual and reproductive **healthcare services, to ensure that women receive the recommended natal care and**

*Amendment*

4. ***Calls on the EU to reaffirm its commitment and strengthen its contribution to the promotion, protection and fulfilment of*** sexual and reproductive

*to prevent child and maternal mortality;*

*health and rights in the world, and the right of every individual to have full control over matters related to their sexuality and sexual and reproductive health, free from discrimination, coercion and violence, as stated in the European Consensus for Development;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 30**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Draft opinion*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to sexual and reproductive **healthcare** services, to ensure that women receive the recommended natal care **and** to prevent child and maternal mortality;

###### *Amendment*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee **universal** access to sexual and reproductive **health an rights, including sexual education, family planning and safe and legal abortion** services, to ensure **women's right to decide over their own bodies**, that women receive the recommended natal care, to prevent **high-risk births and reduce** child and maternal mortality;

Or. en

### **Amendment 31**

**Maria Gabriela Zoană**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Draft opinion*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services, to ensure that women receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality;

###### *Amendment*

4. Highlights the need **to safeguard women's sexual and reproductive rights**, to guarantee access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services, **including access to quality and affordable modern contraceptive methods**, to ensure that

women receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality;

Or. en

### **Amendment 32**

**Daniela Aiuto**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Draft opinion*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to *sexual* and *reproductive* healthcare services, to ensure that *women* receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality;

###### *Amendment*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to *quality* and *affordable* healthcare services *for women and girls*, to ensure that *they* receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality;

Or. it

### **Amendment 33**

**Anna Záborská**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Draft opinion*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to *sexual and reproductive* healthcare services, to ensure that women receive the recommended natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality;

###### *Amendment*

4. Highlights the need to guarantee access to *basic* healthcare services, to ensure that women receive the recommended *prenatal and* natal care and to prevent child and maternal mortality;

Or. en

### **Amendment 34**

**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Finds it unacceptable that women's and girls' bodies , specifically with respect to their sexual and reproductive health and rights, still remain an ideological battleground; calls for the EU and the MS to recognize the inalienable rights of women and girls to bodily integrity and autonomous decision making and condemns the frequent violation of women's SRHR, including the denial of access to family planning services, affordable contraception and safe and legal abortion services;**

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4c. Strongly condemns the reinstatement and expansion of the Global Gag Rule and its impact on women's and girls' global health and rights; reiterates its call on the EU and its Member States to fill the financing gap left by the US in that area using both national as well as EU development funding;**

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Member States to reinforce the implementation of policies that empower girls and women, combat poverty and social exclusion and within the framework of SDG 5 and the ILO's 2018 'Women at Work' initiative, focus on providing women and girls with equal access to higher education and training, decent work and equal pay, equal access to financial services and representation in economic and political decision-making processes;

*Amendment*

5. ***Stresses that the focus on gender equality and women's empowerment is explicit across all of the SDGs;*** calls on the Member States to reinforce the implementation of policies that empower girls and women, combat poverty and social exclusion and within the framework of SDG 5 and the ILO's 2018 'Women at Work' initiative, focus on providing women and girls with equal access to higher education and training, decent work and equal pay, equal access to financial services and representation in economic and political decision-making processes;

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Maria Gabriela Zoană**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Member States to reinforce the implementation of policies that empower girls and women, combat poverty and social exclusion and within the framework of SDG 5 and the ILO's 2018 'Women at Work' initiative, focus on providing women and girls with equal access to higher education and training, ***life-long learning***, decent work and equal pay, equal access to financial services and representation in economic and political decision-making processes;

Or. en

## Amendment 38

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Draft opinion*

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Or. en

## Amendment 39

Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 5 a (new)

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

**5a. Stresses the need to increase the protection and budget allocations to civil society organisations that promote the rights of women and girls in all areas; recalls that women human rights defenders (WHRDs) face an increase in threats and violence and have even been murdered as a direct result of their activism; urges all Member States to respect the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders;**

Or. en

**Amendment 40**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Calls on the EEAS to ensure that the outcomes of the 62st session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will be included in its policies and will provide a renewed impetus in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls;**

Or. en

**Amendment 41**

**Mylène Troszczynski**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Stresses the importance of making education and training ***in the STEM subjects*** accessible to women and girls, with ***particular*** emphasis on increasing their digital competences;

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Or. fr

**Amendment 42**

**Maria Gabriela Zoană**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

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subjects accessible to women and girls, with particular emphasis on increasing their digital competences;

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Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Stresses the importance of making education and training in the STEM subjects accessible to women and girls, with particular emphasis on increasing their **digital** competences;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses the importance of making education and training in the STEM, **as well as in the Humanity** subjects accessible to women and girls, with particular emphasis on increasing their **talents and** competences;

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Recalls that in the framework of education appropriate measures should be developed in order to support educational programs without stereotypes to include civic participation, human rights, gender equality, promotion of intercultural awareness and understanding to better prepare students for citizenship;**

Or. en

**Amendment 45**

**Daniela Aiuto**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***(6a) Condemns all forms of violence, such as domestic violence, psychological harassment, sexual exploitation, trafficking in human beings and child and forced marriages, that are imposed upon women and girls within Europe and worldwide, as serious human rights violations;***

Or. it

**Amendment 46**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the joint efforts and investments of the EU, together with the UN, in launching the 'Spotlight Initiative', aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, while reiterating that women around the globe ***remain the most vulnerable to*** domestic violence, mobbing, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, child and forced marriage, rape as a weapon of war and economic discrimination;

7. Welcomes the joint efforts and investments of the EU, together with the UN, in launching the 'Spotlight Initiative', aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, while reiterating that ***violence against women is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations*** around the globe, ***which include*** domestic violence, mobbing, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, ***female genital mutilation***, child and forced marriage, rape as a weapon of war and economic discrimination;

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Welcomes the joint efforts and investments of the EU, together with the UN, in launching the 'Spotlight Initiative', aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, while reiterating that women around the globe remain the most vulnerable to domestic violence, mobbing, *sexual exploitation*, human trafficking, child and forced marriage, rape as a weapon of war and economic discrimination;

*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the joint efforts and investments of the EU, together with the UN, in launching the 'Spotlight Initiative', aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, while reiterating that women *and girls* around the globe remain the most vulnerable to *gender-based and sexual violence, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and exploitation*, domestic violence, mobbing, human trafficking, child and forced marriage, *female genital mutilation*, rape as a weapon of war and economic discrimination;

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

7. Welcomes the joint efforts and investments of the EU, together with the UN, in launching the 'Spotlight Initiative', aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, while reiterating that women *and LGBTIQ+ people, in particular trans people*, around the globe remain the most vulnerable to domestic violence, mobbing, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, child and forced marriage, rape as a weapon of war and economic discrimination;

Or. en

**Amendment 49**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Strongly regrets that, as per the European Parliament's study on the implementation of the GAP II, current programming appears to side-line the gender dimension in situations of crisis or difficult conflicts; and that, among other outcomes, this has meant that girls and women victims of war rape do not have access to non-discriminatory care, specifically comprehensive medical care, including abortion, despite the GAP II aiming to empower women to have control over their sexual and reproductive life;**

Or. en

**Amendment 50**

**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Condemns all forms of violence against women and girls and gender-based violence, including trafficking in human beings, forced marriage, sexual exploitation, honour crimes, female genital mutilation, and the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war;**

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Daniela Aiuto**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to pay special attention to respect for women's and girls' human rights in all trade and partnership agreements with third countries;**

Or. it

**Amendment 52**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Underlines that mobbing and sexual harassment at the workplace is also a violation of human rights;**

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Daniela Aiuto**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b. Urges the Commission and the Member States to tackle trafficking in human beings effectively and efficiently; points out that, as demonstrated by a number of studies, the majority of them are women and girls who, once they have reached Europe's coasts, are forced to**

*become prostitutes in the Member States;*

Or. it

**Amendment 54**  
**Mylène Troszczynski**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8. Urges the Member States to speed up negotiations on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention;** **deleted**

Or. fr

**Amendment 55**  
**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8. Urges the Member States to speed up negotiations on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention;** **deleted**

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8. Urges the Member States to speed** **8. Urges the Member States *who have***

up *negotiations on* the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention;

*not yet done so, and the EU to speed up the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention; calls for not abusing the Istanbul Convention, which is the first legally binding international instrument seeking to prevent and combat violence against women, and has no hidden agenda, for ideological fights by wilful misinterpretation and spreading myths; underlines that religious, cultural, traditional differences or any other circumstances cannot justify discrimination or any form of violence;*

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. *Urges the* Member States to speed up negotiations on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul *Convention*;

*Amendment*

8. *Calls on the EU and its* Member States to speed up negotiations on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul, *the first legally binding international instrument seeking to prevent and combat violence against women, in all its parts in order to ensure coherence between EU internal and external action in this field;*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Urges the Member States to speed

*Amendment*

8. Urges the Member States *that have*

up negotiations on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention;

*so far not done so, to ratify the Istanbul Convention and at the same time calls on all Member States and the Commission to speed up negotiations on the EU ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 59**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion Paragraph 8**

#### *Draft opinion*

8. Urges the Member States to speed up negotiations on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention;

#### *Amendment*

8. Urges *the EU and* the Member States to speed up negotiations on the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention *by the EU and the Member States;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 60**

**Julie Ward**

### **Draft opinion Paragraph 8 a (new)**

#### *Draft opinion*

#### *Amendment*

*8a. Recognises the need to address the particular situation faced by women facing multiple discriminations such as gender identity, race, class, (dis)ability or migration status; calls on the European External Action Service and the Member States to design and evaluate foreign policies from both a gender-sensitive and an intersectional perspective;*

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a. Calls the Commission and Member States to redouble efforts in eliminating all forms of gender-based violence, including child, early and forced marriage, gendercide, forced sterilisation and marital rape;**

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

9. Emphasises that gender equality should be a key priority in all working relations, policies and external actions **of the EU** and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, **as well as the work** of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender **in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;**

9. Emphasises **that the EU is committed to promoting gender equality and ensuring gender mainstreaming in all of its actions; and so** that gender equality should be a key priority in all **EU guidelines**, working relations, policies and **actions, including** external actions, and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions; **stresses the need to reinforce the role** of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender **by ensuring a specific budget dedicated to her area of competences;**

Or. en

## Amendment 63

Jordi Solé

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 9

##### *Draft opinion*

9. Emphasises that gender equality should be a key priority in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

##### *Amendment*

9. Emphasises that gender equality ***and gender mainstreaming, which is an obligation laid down in the Treaties,*** should be a key priority in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

## Amendment 64

Anna Záborská

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 9

##### *Draft opinion*

9. Emphasises that gender equality should be a key ***priority*** in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

##### *Amendment*

9. Emphasises that gender equality ***and respect for human dignity*** should be a key ***priorities*** in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Emphasises that **gender** equality should be a key priority in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

*Amendment*

9. Emphasises that equality **between women and men** should be a key priority in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS Principle Advisor on Gender in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Mylène Troszczynski**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Emphasises that **gender** equality **should be a key priority** in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS **Principle** Advisor on **Gender** in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

*Amendment*

9. Emphasises that equality **between men and women is important** in all working relations, policies and external actions of the EU and supports the related coordinated efforts in the multilateral dialogues and activities of EU delegations such as election observation missions, as well as the work of the EEAS **Principal** Advisor on **Male-Female Equality** in third countries, aimed at promoting peace, security and fundamental freedoms;

Or. fr

**Amendment 67**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9a. Calls on the Commission to include a gender chapter in free-trade agreements with third countries and clauses calling on those countries to ratify and implement the 27 international conventions – on human and labour rights, environmental protection and good governance – listed in the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) and GSP+; underlines that it is crucial to monitor their implementation, to take action when needed and to pay particular attention to gender equality; highlights that CEDAW is one of the relevant conventions under GSP+;**

Or. en

**Amendment 68**  
**Jordi Solé**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9a. Regrets that according to 2016 statistics only 21.9% of heads of EU delegations are women;<sup>1a</sup> regrets that only one out of the eight EU Special Representatives is a women; regrets that women constitute only about 25 % of staff in CSDP civilian missions; regrets the fact that there are no comprehensive statistics available regarding the participation of women in CSDP military missions and operations;**

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<sup>1a</sup> [https://cdn2-eeas.fpfis.tech.ec.europa.eu/cdn/farfuture/ZH\\_Ixb6GJRmDK-Y6kObppZCZkdiVsILrhB-TVncfABI/mtime:1527000949/sites/eeas/files/2018\\_05\\_15\\_hr\\_report\\_2017\\_final.pdf](https://cdn2-eeas.fpfis.tech.ec.europa.eu/cdn/farfuture/ZH_Ixb6GJRmDK-Y6kObppZCZkdiVsILrhB-TVncfABI/mtime:1527000949/sites/eeas/files/2018_05_15_hr_report_2017_final.pdf)

Or. en

## **Amendment 69**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9b.** *Notes that adequate funding on gender equality in external relations will be necessary to sustain political commitment to this goal; stresses that current funding for gender equality and women's empowerment actions remain inadequate and urges to reverse this situation in the next MFF;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 70**

**Mylène Troszczynski**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**10.** *Welcomes the approach of integrating the gender perspective in EU Common Security and Defence Policy activities and underlines the importance of providing adequate gender sensitive training to healthcare professionals and*

**10.** *Condemns gender mainstreaming in EU Common Security and Defence Policy activities and underlines the importance, rather, of effectively combating illegal immigration and*

*humanitarian aid workers, including those working in emergency assistance;*

*restricting legal immigration;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 71**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. *Welcomes the approach of integrating the gender perspective in EU Common Security and Defence Policy activities and* underlines the importance of providing adequate gender sensitive training to healthcare professionals and humanitarian aid workers, including those working in emergency assistance;

*Amendment*

10. Underlines the importance of providing adequate gender sensitive training to healthcare professionals and humanitarian aid workers, including those working in emergency assistance;

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*10a. Emphasises the importance of including women, young people, and LGBTIQ+ people in peace and reconciliation processes, and the important role that the arts and intercultural dialogue can play in this respect as indicated in the Joint Communication of the European Commission and the High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy “Towards and EU strategy for international cultural relations”;*

*Amendment*

**Amendment 73**

**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10b. Stresses the importance of addressing the specific needs faced by widows of all ages in conflict and post-conflict areas, in particular their need for financial and psychological support; and recognises the prominent role they should play in peace and reconciliation processes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

11. Supports the EU's initiative on 'Preventing Violent Extremism: A Gender Sensitive Approach' and pushes for the promotion of gender sensitive projects that strengthen the roles of women and girls in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and humanitarian response;

***11. Underlines that religious, cultural and traditional differences can in no way justify discrimination or any form of violence;*** supports the EU's initiative on 'Preventing Violent Extremism: A Gender Sensitive Approach' and pushes for the promotion of gender sensitive projects that strengthen the roles of women and girls in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and humanitarian response;

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Mylène Troszczynski**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Supports the EU's initiative on 'Preventing Violent Extremism: A Gender Sensitive Approach' and pushes for the promotion of *gender sensitive projects that* strengthen the roles of women and girls in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and humanitarian response;

*Amendment*

11. Supports the EU's initiative on 'Preventing Violent Extremism: A Gender Sensitive Approach' and pushes for the promotion of *projects that take account of equality between men and women and* strengthen the roles of women and girls in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and humanitarian response;

Or. fr

**Amendment 76**  
**Daniela Aiuto**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft opinion*

11. Supports the EU's initiative on 'Preventing Violent Extremism: A Gender Sensitive Approach' and pushes for the promotion of gender sensitive projects that strengthen the roles of women and girls in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and humanitarian response;

*Amendment*

11. Supports the EU's initiative on 'Preventing Violent Extremism: A Gender Sensitive Approach' and pushes for the promotion of gender sensitive projects that strengthen the roles of women and girls in peacebuilding, conflict *and terrorism* prevention and humanitarian response;

Or. it

**Amendment 77**  
**Daniela Aiuto**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***(11a) Urges the EEAS to promote the role of women in the prevention of terrorism; as demonstrated by a number of studies, women, as mothers, have the potential, through ongoing dialogue and the fundamental emotional bond they have with their children, to distance them from forms of radicalisation to which they may be subjected and from the risk of mental subjugation by various extremist groups. Precisely because they are a point of contact between the community and their family, women can play the role of ‘gatekeepers’ by providing crucial information that can promote non-violent intervention to prevent possible acts of terrorism;***

Or. it

**Amendment 78**

**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***11a. Highlights the need for the EU to politically and financially support independent civil society organisations and ensure the protection of human rights defenders under attack; notes that women’s rights organisations and defenders are specifically targeted and suffer particularly from the shrinking civic space; calls the EU to take into account the specific protection needs that women human rights defenders have;***

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Urges the EU to combat gender-based violence in its activities with third countries, to the best of its abilities and using all instruments available;

*Amendment*

12. Urges the EU to combat gender-based violence in its activities with third countries **and within its Member States**, to the best of its abilities and using all instruments available;

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Mylène Troszczynski**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Urges the **EU** to combat gender-based violence in **its** activities with third countries, to the best of **its** abilities and using all instruments available;

*Amendment*

12. **Calls on the Member States** to combat gender-based violence in **their** activities with third countries, to the best of **their** abilities and using all instruments available;

Or. fr

**Amendment 81**  
**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft opinion*

12. Urges the EU to combat **gender-based** violence in its activities with third countries, to the best of its abilities and using all instruments available;

*Amendment*

12. Urges the EU to combat violence **against women** in its activities with third countries, to the best of its abilities and using all instruments available;

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**12a.** *Calls the EU and member states to intensify its fight against female genital mutilation worldwide and inside the EU, considering that EIGE in 2017 estimated at least 500,000 women living in the EU have been subjected to FGM and a further 180,000 girls and women are still at risk;*

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls, ***around the world, particularly in Venezuela and on members of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar.***

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls; ***Condemns the fact that in some third countries homosexuality is still a crime; condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTI people; condemns the ongoing situation where in order to seek asylum in the EU, women and LGBTI people put themselves under serious risk of sexual and gender-based violence along routes and in reception centres; underlines that women, girls, and LGBTI people who claim a well-founded fear of gender-based persecution need to be able to safely request visas on humanitarian grounds;***

**Amendment 84**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls, around the world, *particularly in Venezuela and on members of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar.*

*Amendment*

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls, around the world; ***calls on the Member States to take all necessary measures to ensure the protection of women migrants, refugees and asylum seekers such as legal counselling, access to health, safe spaces for women and children and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, including safe abortions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 85**

**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls, around the world, particularly in Venezuela and on members of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar.

*Amendment*

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls, around the world, particularly in Venezuela, ***Yemen, Syria, South Sudan, Somalia, Chad, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya, Central African Republic, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo*** and on members of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar.

**Amendment 86**  
**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft opinion*

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls, around the world, *particularly in Venezuela and on members of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar.*

*Amendment*

13. Condemns the atrocities practised on displaced people such as refugees, migrants and asylum seekers, especially women and girls, around the world.

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Eleonora Forenza**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13a. Highlights that gendered forms of violence and discrimination, including but not limited to rape and sexual violence, FGM, forced marriage, domestic violence, so-called honour crimes and gender discrimination condoned by the state, constitute persecution and should be valid reasons for seeking asylum or humanitarian protection and therefore be reflected in the new instrument; calls on the Commission therefore to recognize gender-based persecution as a valid ground for seeking international protection as well as to ensure the inclusion of the gender perspective in all phases of the asylum procedure by complying with the 2002 UNHCR***

***Guidelines on international protection:  
gender-related persecution;***

Or. en

**Amendment 88**

**Jordi Solé**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13a. Condemns all forms of discrimination and violence against LGBTIQ people; calls on the EEAS to raise and promote global awareness on LGBTIQ rights through the EU external actions in order to end the discrimination they face on a daily basis in line with its Guidelines to Promote and Protect the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by LGBTI Persons;***

Or. en

**Amendment 89**

**Maria Gabriela Zoană**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to strengthen using gender-sensitive approaches to meet the special needs of women and girls who are in need of international protection, with a particular focus on providing assistance to girls and women victims of gender-based violence in the country of origins and along the migration routes;***

**Amendment 90**  
**Anna Záborská**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***13a. Condemns that women in some countries have still limited access to the decision-making processes and so they are deprived of the basic citizen's rights.***