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Amendment 1

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Report

Knut Fleckenstein

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Underlines that the right to life, including the right of a number of children to attend school and to have a normal social life, is still undermined by the existence of blood feuds in Albania; urges the authorities to implement Parliament's resolution of March 2015 and its recommendations and, without any further delay, to reactivate the Coordination Council;

Or. en

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Amendment 2

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Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Notes with concern the limited nature of the administrative capacities for enforcement of environmental law, as well as the poor waste management and water management, often resulting in environmental crime that threatens Albania's economic resources and constitutes a barrier to a resource-efficient economy; underlines the need to improve the quality of environmental impact assessments, as well as to guarantee public participation and consultation of civil society in relevant projects; stresses the crucial importance of meeting climate change objectives without negatively impacting on biodiversity, the landscape, water resources, flora and fauna, and affected local populations;

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Or. en

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Amendment 3

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Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Highlights that the environmental impact of hydropower plants is often not properly assessed to ensure compliance with international standards and relevant EU nature legislation; advises the government to consider the establishment of a Vjosa National Park and to abandon plans for new hydropower plants along the Vjosa river and its tributaries; urges further alignment with EU legislation in the field of energy, particularly on the adoption of a national energy strategy, in order to increase energy independence and efficiency; welcomes the 2015-2020 national action plan for renewable energy sources (RESs);

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32. Highlights that the environmental impact of hydropower plants is often not properly assessed to ensure compliance with international standards and relevant EU nature legislation; advises the government to consider the establishment of a Vjosa National Park ***along the whole length of the river*** and to abandon plans for new hydropower plants along the Vjosa river and its tributaries; urges further alignment with EU legislation in the field of energy, particularly on the adoption of a national energy strategy, in order to increase energy independence and efficiency; welcomes the 2015-2020 national action plan for renewable energy sources (RESs);

Or. en

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Amendment 4

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. ***Takes note of*** the improvement of the protection of the rights of LGBTI people, and encourages the government to continue to further implement measures of the programme ***that Albania will follow up to 2020;***

Amendment

25. ***Welcomes*** the improvement of the protection of the rights of LGBTI people and ***the adoption of the National Action Plan for LGBTI people 2016-2020, and*** encourages the government to continue to further implement measures of the programme ***and further consolidate the government's cooperation with LGBTI civil society organisations; encourages, furthermore, the government and lawmakers to ensure that gender recognition conditions will meet the standards set in Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member states on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity;***

Or. en

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Amendment 5

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes the improving EU-related cooperation between state institutions and CSOs, including the participation of CSOs in meetings of the National Council on European Integration (NCEI); notes that an empowered civil society is a crucial component of any democratic system; stresses, therefore, the need for even closer coordination at all levels of government, including at local level, with CSOs; welcomes in this regard the establishment of the National Council for Civil Society (NCCS); calls for the effective implementation of the right to information and public consultation and for better regulation of the fiscal framework affecting CSOs;

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Or. en

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A8-0023/2017**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 20***Motion for a resolution*

20. Recalls, among the key priorities, the need to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies, including by strengthening their enforcement; urges the competent authorities to continue improving the climate of inclusion and tolerance for all minorities in the country in line with European minority protection standards, including by enhancing the role of the State Committee on Minorities; welcomes the initial steps aimed at improving the legal framework for the protection of minorities, and calls on Albania to adopt the framework law on the protection of minorities and to ratify the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages; notes the broad consultation process involving independent institutions, minorities associations and civil society; underlines the need to improve living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities; calls for continued efforts in improving their access to employment and all public and social services, education, health, social housing and legal aid; is concerned that, despite improvements, the inclusion of Roma children in the education system remains the lowest in the region;

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Amendment 7

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Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Emphasises the importance of strengthening social dialogue, the involvement of CSOs, the capacities of social partners, and enforcement mechanisms for social rights; urges the government to modernise the education system with a view to building a more inclusive society, reducing inequalities and discrimination and better equipping young people with skills and knowledge; emphasises the importance of support under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) for education, employment and social policies;

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Or. en