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Horizontal amendment

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Replace ‘Macedonia(n)’ with ‘the country(‘s)’ throughout the text

Or. en

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Amendment 16

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– having regard to the preliminary findings and conclusions of the OSCE/ODIHR concerning the early parliamentary elections of 11 December 2016,

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– having regard to the preliminary findings and conclusions **and the final report** of the OSCE/ODIHR concerning the early parliamentary elections of 11 December 2016,

Or. en

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Amendment 17

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Motion for a resolution

Recital -A (new)

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Amendment

-A. whereas the country has experienced the continuation of its worst political crisis since 2001; whereas the divisive political mentality, the lack of compromise and the collapse of dialogue gave rise to a protracted political crisis which led to the boycott of the parliament by the major opposition parties, as well as two unsuccessful attempts to hold early parliamentary elections, further undermining confidence in public institutions; whereas it is the shared responsibility of all political forces and leaders in the country to overcome the divisive political mentality and the lack of compromise by ensuring sustainable political dialogue and cooperation, which are essential for the country's democratic development and stability, safeguarding the rule of law, the European perspective and the common good of its citizens;

Or. en

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Amendment 18

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Recital -A a (new)

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Amendment

-Aa. whereas the crisis was aggravated by revelations concerning telephone tapping with the involvement of senior government officials, alleged wrongdoing, human rights infringements, interference with the judiciary, freedom of the media and the electoral process, political encroachment and corruption in various sectors; whereas the crisis was further exacerbated by the President's attempt to pardon individuals charged with or allegedly involved in the wiretaps; whereas the Pržino agreement has only been partially implemented and limited progress has been made in terms of concrete implementation of the 'Urgent Reform Priorities';

Or. en

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Amendment 19

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Recital -A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-Ab. whereas the President's decision not to give a mandate for the formation of a government to the party with the parliamentary majority, for more than five months, led to the further deterioration of the political situation in the country; whereas this decision was inconsistent with basic democratic principles and the rule of law, which are core EU values, as well as with the country's obligations under the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and the Copenhagen criteria; whereas according to the country's constitution, the President should have given a mandate for the formation of a government to the party with the parliamentary majority; whereas the President's decision could have a profound negative impact on the country's European perspective;

Or. en

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Amendment 20

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Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas, after twice being postponed, early parliamentary elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia were held on 11 December 2016 in an ordinary and calm atmosphere, ***in accordance with international standards and in line with OSCE/ODIHR recommendations***; whereas they proceeded without major incidents, were generally well-administered and the voter turnout was high;

A. whereas, after twice being postponed, early parliamentary elections in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia were held on 11 December 2016 in an ordinary and calm atmosphere; ***whereas the OSCE/ODIHR considers that these early parliamentary elections were competitive but took place in an environment characterised by widespread public mistrust in institutions and the political establishment***; whereas they proceeded without major incidents, were generally well-administered and the voter turnout was high; ***whereas, according to the OSCE/ODIHR final report, the post-election period was marked by a tense atmosphere and harsh rhetoric***;

Or. en

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Recital G

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G. whereas *bilateral disputes* should *not be used to obstruct the EU accession process, nor the opening of accession negotiations, but should be* duly addressed in a constructive spirit and *in compliance with* EU and *UN standards*; whereas all efforts should be pursued to maintain good neighbourly and inter-ethnic relations;

G. whereas *pending issues* should be duly addressed in a constructive spirit, *as early as possible* and *preferably before the opening of accession negotiations, taking into account UN and EU principles and values*; whereas all efforts should be pursued to maintain good neighbourly and inter-ethnic relations;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1***Motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the early elections on 11 December 2016, which were well administered, were held in a transparent and inclusive manner and proceeded without major incidents; notes that the OSCE/ODIHR considered the elections competitive; welcomes the fact that all political parties accepted its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; calls on all parties to refrain from any obstruction of the effective functioning of the parliament; calls *for a swift formation of a new, stable and accountable government and for a transparent transition, in line with the constitutional and legal requirements and procedures, in order* to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms, to *ensure the country's Euro-Atlantic integration and to* advance its European perspective for the benefit of citizens; considers cross-party and inter-ethnic cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges, and for maintaining the positive recommendation to open EU accession negotiations;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the respect for fundamental freedoms shown at the early elections on 11 December 2016, which were well administered, were held in a transparent and inclusive manner and proceeded without major incidents; notes that the OSCE/ODIHR considered the elections competitive; welcomes the fact that all political parties accepted its results in the interest of domestic stability and underlines their responsibility to ensure that there is no backsliding into political crisis; *is concerned that the post-election period was marked by a tense atmosphere, characterised by harsh rhetoric and violent actions*; calls, *in this context*, on all *the political* parties to refrain from any *inflammatory statements or actions and to scale down their rhetoric*; calls *on all parties to refrain from any* obstruction of the effective functioning of the parliament; calls *on the new* government to make use of the mandate to carry on with necessary reforms *in order* to advance its European perspective for the benefit of citizens; considers cross-party and inter-ethnic cooperation essential for addressing pressing domestic and EU-related challenges, and for maintaining the positive recommendation to open EU

accession negotiations;

Or. en

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Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Reiterates the importance of media freedom and independence as one of the core EU values and a cornerstone of any democracy; remains concerned over freedom of expression and the media, the use of hate speech, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in and pressure on editorial policies, the absence of investigative, objective and accurate reporting, as well as unbalanced reporting of government activities; reiterates its call for reporting of a variety of viewpoints through the mainstream media, particularly the public service broadcaster;

Amendment

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 44***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

44. Welcomes the tangible results from the initiative for confidence-building measures between this country and Greece, which could contribute to a better understanding and stronger bilateral relations, paving the way for a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, and acknowledges positive developments regarding their implementation; underlines the importance of avoiding gestures, controversial actions and statements which can have a negative impact on good neighbourly relations; ***strongly*** reiterates its ***invitation to the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) and the Commission to develop new initiatives to overcome the remaining differences and to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, on a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to Parliament thereon;***

44. Welcomes the tangible results from the initiative for confidence-building measures between this country and Greece, which could contribute to a better understanding and stronger bilateral relations, paving the way for a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, and acknowledges positive developments regarding their implementation; underlines the importance of avoiding gestures, controversial actions and statements which can have a negative impact on good neighbourly relations; reiterates its ***full support for the UN process, which remains the key framework for a solution, as it is recognised by both parties;***

Or. en