Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas poverty remains the most important challenge for Georgia and the main reason for Georgians to leave the country; whereas according to the latest data from 2017 published by the National Statistics Office of Georgia, almost 22% of Georgia’s population is living under the absolute poverty line, namely 26.6% of the population in rural areas and 18.6% of the population in urban areas; whereas in 2017, 840,000 people born in Georgia were living abroad – in Russia (450,000 people), the EU Member States, neighbouring countries and others – many of them as labour migrants;

Or. en
Amendment 6
Helmut Scholz
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Implementation of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Warmly welcomes the sustained reform track and progress made in implementing the AA and the DCFTA, which has positioned Georgia as a key partner of the EU in the region; calls on the Georgian authorities to continue ensuring stability, further democratic reforms and economic and social improvements for Georgians, who are affected by poverty, unemployment and a high level of economic emigration, as a key factor in winning hearts and minds on the path towards Georgia’s sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders, and towards reinforcing cooperation between the EU and Georgia;

Amendment

1. Takes note of the progress made in implementing the Association Agreement and the development of trade relations between Georgia and the EU, and calls on the Georgian authorities to ensure further democratic reforms, the rule of law and socially and ecologically sustainable economic development as key factors in substantially improving social and welfare conditions for the people of Georgia, who are beset by persistent poverty, unemployment and a high level of economic emigration, visibly putting to the test the immediate benefits of cooperation with the EU;

Or. en
Amendment 7
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Points out that the development of EU relations with Georgia must be shaped in such a way as to avoid undermining economic relations with third partners and allow the EU to take advantage of new possibilities for regional cooperation;

Or. en
2. Notes with satisfaction that Georgia’s European agenda continues to garner cross-party consensus and the support of a majority of Georgian citizens; points out that pursuant to Article 49 of the TEU and in line with the Rome Declaration of 25 March 2017, any European state may apply to become a member of the EU, provided that it upholds the Copenhagen criteria; recalls, in the meantime, the proposal of an ‘Eastern Partnership Plus’ (EaP+) policy advocated by Parliament in order to unlock additional perspectives; welcomes the initiative by the Georgian Government to draft an EU Integration Road Map aimed at strengthening ongoing relations between the EU and Georgia; welcomes Georgia’s active engagement in the activities of the Eastern Partnership multilateral platforms;
Amendment 9
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on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
2a. Calls on the Commission and the Georgian authorities to implement Chapter 14 of the cooperation provisions of the Association Agreement and accordingly formulate appropriate arrangements for the inclusion of all relevant stakeholders, in particular the social partners on both sides, in policy formulation for implementation of the Agreement and further development of relations;

Amendment
Or. en
7.11.2018

Amendment 10
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on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

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12a. Notes the preliminary findings and conclusions on the first round of the 2018 presidential elections in Georgia as presented by the International Election Observation Mission; invites the authorities and political parties to address the issues of concern before the second round, notably as regards the lack of a level playing field as a result of misuse of state resources and imbalances and excessively high caps in campaign financing, negative campaigning and personal attacks against candidates, including through the polarised media landscape, and targeting of independent civil society organisations;

Or. en
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

18. **Recalls with regret that after 10 years, the Russian Federation is still continuing its illegal occupation of Georgian territories, and reiterates its unequivocal support for the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Georgia; takes note of Georgia’s European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) lawsuit against Russia on the use of coercive measures against people living in Abkhazia and South Ossetia and of the adoption by the Georgian Parliament of a resolution establishing the Otkhozoria-Tatunashvili blacklist of people convicted of or under investigation for murder, kidnapping, torture or inhuman treatment; stresses that the international community must take a consistent, coordinated, united and firm stance against Russia’s occupation and annexation policy;**

Amendment

18. **Reiterates its unequivocal support for the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of Georgia;**

Or. en
Amendment 12
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Paragraph 20

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Amendment

20. Commends Georgia’s continued participation in civilian and military crisis management operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP); stresses the need to further develop high-level dialogue on security issues between the EU and Georgia, particularly on countering radicalisation, violent extremism, propaganda and hybrid threats;

Or. en
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34 a (new)

34a. Expresses concern at the fact that EU-Georgia cooperation has not produced substantive results in the fight against poverty in Georgia; calls on the Commission and the Georgian authorities to develop special programmes for poverty eradication, focusing in particular on rural areas;