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Amendment 49
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Motion for a resolution
Recital AD

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1 Letter from the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe to the Prime Minister of Croatia of 20 September 2018; Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Bosnia and Herzegovina must immediately close the Vučjak camp and take concrete measures to improve the treatment of migrants in the country, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2019.
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AH. whereas acts of terrorism constitute one of the most serious violations of fundamental rights and freedoms; whereas during 2018 and 2019, acts of glorification of terrorism and homages to the terrorists took place within the European Union; whereas this kind of acts legitimizes terrorism, threatens our democracy and humiliates the victims;
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on an equal footing for all;
2. Stresses that major reductions of government spending on public services have had serious effects on inequalities, which have deeply impacted the social fabric of the EU in many Member States and that this continues today - exacerbating already widening inequalities and breaching fundamental rights – and affects in particular women, people with disabilities, the elderly, children, migrants, Roma, Travellers, LGBTI+ people, and people in other disadvantaged groups; reiterates that macroeconomic policies must be guided not only by economic growth but also by social standards, in order to ensure that the most vulnerable in society can fully enjoy their social, political and economic rights; stresses that equal access and opportunities for quality education and employment have a critical role in helping to alleviate inequality and lifting people out of poverty; acknowledges the importance of workers’ rights, such as maternity and paternity leave, which help provide a healthy, stable environment for children; calls on Member States to adopt laws to safeguard and strengthen such rights, that contribute to families’ social and economic stability; calls on the Member States to ensure appropriate working conditions and protection against economic exploitation.
economic exploitation and discrimination, especially for those groups who are most vulnerable to experiencing such inequalities, such as young people; calls on the Member States to strengthen implementation of the Youth Guarantee; ensuring that all young people have access to high quality employment, educational, and training opportunities, and that such offers are evenly distributed among Member States and regions; calls on Member States to fully implement the Employment Equality Directive, in order to ensure equal access to employment opportunities, regardless of religious belief, age, disability and sexual orientation; and discrimination, especially for those groups who are most vulnerable to experiencing such inequalities, such as young people; calls on the Member States to strengthen implementation of the Youth Guarantee; ensuring that all young people have access to high quality employment, educational, and training opportunities, and that such offers are evenly distributed among Member States and regions; calls on Member States to fully implement the Employment Equality Directive, in order to ensure equal access to employment opportunities, regardless of religious belief, age, disability and sexual orientation;
3. Stresses that housing is not merely a commodity, but a necessity, as citizens who are deprived of it cannot participate fully in society or access all their fundamental rights; is concerned by the fact that young people in particular are being priced out of housing and deplores cases of discrimination by landlords and policies which cut housing benefits for young people; is alarmed that up to one third of all homeless people in most EU Member States are aged 18-29; calls on the Commission and the Member States to integrate the recommendations made by the Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner in her comment of 23 January 2020 entitled ‘The right to affordable housing: Europe’s neglected duty’, particularly the recommendation that all Member States should promptly accept to be bound by Article 31 of the revised European Social Charter on the right to housing; calls on Member States to place the right to adequate housing for citizens among their priorities of social policies and step up investment in social and affordable housing to combat the housing cost overburden, particularly to protect disadvantaged and vulnerable groups; calls on the Commission to duly investigate discrimination in access to housing.
prohibited under the Racial Equality Directive and launch infringement proceedings in case of violations;
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25. Recognises the serious issues that can arise within prevalent Eurosceptic communities, particularly those which are paired with violent political views, and urges the EU and the Member States to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, particularly amongst young people, so that their opinions can be voiced through democratic channels;

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Paragraph 30

30. Welcomes initiatives and actions which aim at strengthening security cooperation between Member States and to set out an effective EU response to terrorism and security threats in the European Union; urges the Member States to fully cooperate with each other, and to improve the exchange of information among each other and with EU Justice and Home Affairs agencies; highlights the importance of respecting fundamental rights in the fight against terrorism; stresses the importance that oversight mechanisms in the field of intelligence services should be in line with the Charter and the ECHR; calls on the institutions concerned to provide safeguards to prevent any subsequent victimisation derived from humiliation and attacks on the image of the victims coming from social sectors related to the attacker;

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Paragraph 32

32. Expresses grave concern about consistent reports of violent pushbacks by law enforcement officials in some Member States; calls on the Commission and the Member States to investigate the matter and take effective measures to ensure that such policies and practices are scrapped, including by ensuring the independent monitoring of border control activities by existing national human rights institutions (Ombudsman institutions, NHRIs, NPMs), supported by EU and international bodies (Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, CPT, ECRI, FRA) and ensuring that EU funding is not being used to perpetrate fundamental rights violations; calls on the Commission and the Member States to respect international and EU law, as well as the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union to provide a broad framework to enable orderly migration and avoid forcing migrants to use irregular migration channels;