

Amendment 21**Anna Fotyga**

on behalf of the ECR Group

Report**A9-0259/2021****Andrius Kubilius**Direction of EU-Russia political relations
(2021/2042(INI))**Proposal for a recommendation****Paragraph 1 (p)***Proposal for a recommendation**Amendment*

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Proposal for a recommendation

Paragraph 1 (q) a (new)

Proposal for a recommendation

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(q a) the EU and its Member States should make it clear that they will not accept any attempts to incorporate Belarus into Russia, as these would be made against the will of the Belarusian people and negotiated by an illegitimate leader;

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Proposal for a recommendation

Paragraph 1 (r)

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(r) notes that the EU is increasingly involved in hybrid conflicts with geopolitical adversaries, including Russia; underlines that these acts are of a particularly destabilising and dangerous nature as they blur the lines between war and peace, destabilise democracies and sow doubt in the minds of target populations; therefore, in coordination with NATO and its partners – including EaP countries, which possess unique experience and knowledge in this respect – the EU and its Member States should strengthen the monitoring and analysis of Russian hybrid warfare activities (including manipulative disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks, espionage and interference in elections); in particular, they should urgently ensure that sufficient resources, staffing and instruments able to identify, analyse, prevent, counter and eliminate Russian hybrid threats and interferences are deployed; the above is particularly important with regard to attempts to undermine the European project, polarise and divide democratic societies through disinformation, and support and finance anti-democratic, populist, extremist, mostly right-wing parties or political *separatists* forces across Europe, including in *the* cyberspace and through social media and media outlets such as Russia Today and

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Proposal for a recommendation

Paragraph 1 (at)

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Paragraph 1 (ba) a (new)

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(ba a) the EU must take into account that approval of Joseph Stalin among the Russian population has surged to the highest ever level in Vladimir Putin's era, with 70 % of society believing that Stalin played a positive role in Russian history; the EU should recognise that this is caused by Putin's policy of 'Stalinisation of mass consciousness' and repression of independent historians; the EU must insist that Soviet archives be opened to scholars and researchers and that details of the genocidal acts of Stalinists against Russians and other nations of the Soviet Union and its satellite states be made public, including files relating to the criminal Augustów Roundup military operation;

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Paragraph 1 (ba) b (new)

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(ba b) the UN has declared internet access a human right and in this regard the EU should condemn the Kremlin's attempts to block, control, censor and even isolate the Russian people from access to the internet; the EU must call on the global IT companies to take these undemocratic efforts into account while considering operations in the Russian market;

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