Amendment 5
Petras Auštrevičius, rapporteur

Report
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

24. Notes with great concern the rampant political, economic, military and cultural subordination of Belarus to Moscow; regrets the fact that Belarus has become a satellite state of Russia and condemns the actions of the two regimes, which might lead to the eventual absorption and annexation of Belarus by Russia; condemns the deployment of Russian tactical nuclear weapons under Russian command on Belarusian territory, in blatant violation of Belarus’s nuclear-free status, which was revoked following the fraudulent constitutional referendum of 27 February 2022; reiterates its condemnation of such deployment, which is in violation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and may trigger further nuclear redeployments in the region; calls for the EU, its Member States and NATO to take all possible steps to deal with this deployment; deplores Lukashenka’s threatening rhetoric about the possible use of nuclear weapons; calls for the EU to work in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group to ensure nuclear safety at the Belarusian NPP in Astravyets and regrets the fact that the second reactor at the Belarusian NPP was launched without the nuclear safety concerns raised by the international community having been properly addressed; calls for the EU...
institutions and the Member States not to recognise any agreements signed by the Lukashenka regime with Russia that cede Belarus’s sovereignty against the will of the people;

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36. Calls for improved EU communication with the people in Belarus in order to provide them with information and counter disinformation and propaganda by the state-controlled media; urges the EU Member States to foster contacts between their own populations and the Belarusian people, and to coordinate their actions in order to alleviate the difficulties faced by democratic forces and opposition political parties, civil society activists and other Belarusian citizens in exile, for example in the process of obtaining residence permits and opening bank accounts and in the context of visa application procedures in Belarus and in third countries, including as a result of the incorrect application of the sanctions regime; deplores the Lukashenka regime’s deliberate expulsion or non-renewal of the accreditation of diplomats from the EU, its Member States and other countries, in order to limit their support for persecuted Belarusians and their ability to issue visas; acknowledges the work of EU civil society organisations in supporting their Belarusian counterparts and assisting Belarusians during the process of relocation, and calls for the EU and its Member States to further enable their work;
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