Amendment 21 Pedro Marques, Sven Mikser on behalf of the S&D Group

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Motion for a resolution Citation 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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- having regard to the European Council conclusions of 14 and 15 December 2023, concerning the decision to open accession negotiations with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, to open accession negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina once the necessary degree of compliance with the membership criteria is achieved and to grant candidate status to Georgia on the understanding that the relevant steps set out in the Commission recommendation of 8 November 2023 are taken,

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Citation 14 b (new)

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 having regard to the statement by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 16 February 2024 on a planned Israeli military operation in Rafah,

Or. en

Amendment 23 Pedro Marques, Sven Mikser on behalf of the S&D Group

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Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the terrorist attacks by Hamas against Israel have highlighted the volatile and dynamic security situation in the Middle East and the need for the EU and other international actors to assume greater responsibility and assist governments and civil society organisations of the region with reaching durable and sustainable peace, in particular by continuing to support a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine;

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the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v Israel);

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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La. whereas the ongoing attacks in the Red Sea launched from the Houthicontrolled areas of Yemen, with the support of Iran, pose a significant threat to freedom of navigation, maritime security and international trade; whereas additional attacks by various Iran-backed militia in Iraq and Syria are further increasing the risk of regional escalation; whereas the risk of escalation in the region is the highest in decades;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Recital T

Motion for a resolution

T. whereas the EU Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM) has demonstrated the positive impact that CSDP missions and operations have with the necessary resources and contributions from Member States; whereas EUMAM has already reached the target of 30 000 Ukrainian soldiers trained; whereas, based on current results and trends. EUMAM stands ready to train more Ukrainian military personnel to reach the target of 40 000 soldiers; whereas the mission is also prepared to integrate air and maritime training as appropriate and to react to any other urgent Ukrainian training requests:

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Or. en

Amendment 27 Pedro Marques, Sven Mikser on behalf of the S&D Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the despicable terrorist attacks committed by the terrorist group Hamas against Israel, including the taking of hostages, and expresses its support for the State of Israel and its people; calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages who have been taken by the terrorist group Hamas and for the bodies of deceased hostages to be returned; emphasises Israel's right to defend itself in line with international law and international humanitarian law; calls for continued, rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access and aid to reach those in need through all necessary measures including humanitarian corridors and pauses for humanitarian needs; expresses its deepest sorrow and full solidarity with the innocent victims on both sides, their families and loved ones: calls for those responsible for terrorist acts and for violations of international law to be held to account;

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Condemns, in the strongest possible 3. terms, the despicable terrorist attacks committed by the terrorist group Hamas against Israel, including the taking of hostages; expresses its support for the State of Israel and its people, and for the Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank: calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages who have been taken by the terrorist group Hamas and for the bodies of deceased hostages to be returned: emphasises Israel's right to defend itself in line with international law and international humanitarian law; stresses that all parties must distinguish, at all times, between combatants and civilians and that parties may only attack combatants and military targets; urgently calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire and continued, rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access and aid to reach those in need through all necessary measures including humanitarian corridors, in the light of the catastrophic levels of food insecurity, the risk of famine and the spread of diseases; is deeply concerned by the magnitude of civilian casualties in the Gaza Strip, owing to Israel's disproportionate military response; asks the Israeli Government not to take military action in Rafah that would worsen an already catastrophic

humanitarian situation and prevent the urgently needed provision of basic services and humanitarian assistance; expresses its deepest sorrow and full solidarity with the innocent victims on both sides, their families and loved ones; calls for those responsible for terrorist acts and for violations of international law to be held to account; calls for a thorough investigation into the role played by third states, including Iran and Qatar, and non-state entities in providing financial, material and operational support to Hamas;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Strongly condemns the ongoing attacks on maritime activities in the Red Sea launched from Houthi-controlled territories in Yemen, with the support of Iran; welcomes the decision by the Member States to launch a maritime CSDP operation, under the name ASPIDES, to protect merchant vessels, by strengthening maritime situational awareness and accompanying vessels to deter attacks; further condemns the attacks by Iran-backed military groups from Lebanon, Syria and Iraq;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes, in this regard, VP/HR Borrell's proposal, building on Parliament's previous call, for the creation of a EUR 20 billion assistance fund within the EPF, dedicated to supporting the Ukrainian armed forces with up to EUR 5 billion per year between 2023 and 2027, and calls on the Member States to rapidly approve it; strongly condemns efforts made by Hungary to block recent attempts to top up the EPF and the VP/HR's proposal for the special assistance fund for Ukraine; emphasises that all military assistance and weapons deliveries by the EPF must fully comply with the EU Common Position on arms exports, international human rights law and humanitarian law, and must provide adequate transparency and accountability;

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Welcomes VP/HR Borrell's initial 6. proposal, building on Parliament's previous call, for the creation of a EUR 20 billion assistance fund within the EPF, dedicated to supporting the Ukrainian armed forces with up to EUR 5 billion per year between 2023 and 2027; regrets that the Member States have lowered this ambition to a EUR 5 billion top-up and urges them to reach a rapid agreement in this regard; strongly condemns efforts made by Hungary to block recent attempts to top up the EPF and the VP/HR's proposal for the special assistance fund for Ukraine; emphasises that all military assistance and weapons deliveries by the EPF must fully comply with the EU Common Position on arms exports, international human rights law and humanitarian law, and must provide adequate transparency and accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 30 Pedro Marques, Sven Mikser on behalf of the S&D Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Welcomes EUMAM Ukraine's capacity to address Ukrainian training needs in a flexible way; expects it to bring added value by expanding training offers and to be synchronised with other training initiatives already underway; insists on adapting training modules to lessons learnt in order to adequately correspond to the Ukrainian forces' needs; congratulates the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Member States for the projected successful training of up to 30 000 troops before the end of 2023; welcomes the VP/HR's proposal of an increased target of 40 000 Ukrainian soldiers to be trained by the end of 2023; stresses the importance of continuously adjusting and reviewing training modules based on the lessons learnt from the battlefield, as well as of a sustained focus on addressing current and future challenges, including counter unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), UAV system training, air defence, mine detection, combined arms and specialised training, and developing the capacities of current and future officers of the Ukrainian armed forces across all levels and in accordance with their needs; welcomes, further, the rapid conclusion of deliberations and strong participation by Member States in launching EUMAM Ukraine, which can be described as a

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template for future military training missions, and calls on them to demonstrate similar ambition and contributions to other current and future CSDP missions and operations; training missions, and calls on them to demonstrate similar ambition and contributions to other current and future CSDP missions and operations;

Or. en