

**Amendment 12**

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**Report**

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**Sophia in 't Veld**

Report on the Commission's 2023 Rule of Law report (2023/2113(INI))

**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 36***Motion for a resolution*

36. Condemns the illegal surveillance of journalists, in particular by means of spyware; is dismayed at the Commission's refusal to implement all the recommendations of the Pegasus Special Inquiry Committee and considers it a failure to act; reiterates its call on the Commission to assess the fulfilment of the specific conditions for Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Poland and Spain set out in the Recommendation, the deadline for which was 30 November 2023; points out that in none of the many cases of abuse of spyware against journalists, activists, politicians, lawyers and other political

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targets, has justice been served; concludes therefore that, contrary to the Commission's assumption, many national authorities are neither willing nor able to address the matter, leaving the victims without effective remedy and democracy unprotected; is deeply concerned at the chilling effect of the impunity of spyware abuse on journalists and their sources; underlines that the illegitimate use of spyware by national governments directly and indirectly affects the integrity of decision-making, thereby undermining European Union democracy and highlighting the urgency for the greater transparency and legal accountability of the surveillance industry;

***calls for a thorough investigation of alleged severe violations of national and EU laws related to unlawful surveillance for political purposes by the Law and Justice-led government; is alarmed that the alleged list of victims is very long and includes multiple politicians, lawyers, prosecutors, journalists, business people, activists and other persons***; points out that in none of the many cases of abuse of spyware against journalists, activists, politicians, lawyers and other political targets, has justice been served; concludes therefore that, contrary to the Commission's assumption, many national authorities are neither willing nor able to address the matter, leaving the victims without effective remedy and democracy unprotected; is deeply concerned at the chilling effect of the impunity of spyware abuse on journalists and their sources; underlines that the illegitimate use of spyware by national governments directly and indirectly affects the integrity of decision-making, thereby undermining European Union democracy and highlighting the urgency for the greater transparency and legal accountability of the surveillance industry;

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 47***Motion for a resolution*

47. Acknowledges the crucial role civil society and a healthy civic space play in upholding and protecting the rule of law, and reiterates its call for a separate chapter to be dedicated to the condition of civil society in Member States; notes that the Commission finds that Malta, Ireland, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Germany have announced or initiated efforts to improve the framework for civil society, and finds that civil society faces particular challenges in Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Italy and France, and continued authoritarian and serious systemic restrictions in Hungary and

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Poland; calls on all Member States to accept civil society organisations (CSOs) as important stakeholders in democratic life and to create an enabling environment for civil society;

Poland *under the previous government led by the Law and Justice Party*; calls on all Member States to accept civil society organisations (CSOs) as important stakeholders in democratic life and to create an enabling environment for civil society;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 57***Motion for a resolution*

57. Expresses deep concern about the many cases of excessive use of force by police services against minority groups, such as against Roma people, across various Member States; calls on the Member States' authorities to fully and independently investigate all such instances; is deeply concerned by the fact that three young Roma have been killed in three years in Greece *and by the lack of thorough investigation thereof*;

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*response from Greek authorities of  
9 February 2024, that these cases are  
currently in court and that investigation  
proceedings have already started;*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**

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**Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 71 a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

**71a. Welcomes the fact that, on 15 February 2024, Greece became the 16th EU country to legislate marriage equality with the passing of a landmark bill by the Greek Parliament legalising same-sex marriage and granting full parental rights to same-sex couples;**

Or. en