Amendment 20 Dimitrios Papadimoulis on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

A people-centred EU budget 2025: Investments tailored to improving people's lives and boosting the Union's competitiveness Amendment

A people-centred EU budget 2025: Investments tailored to improving people's lives and boosting the Union's sustainability and competitiveness

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

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4. **Considers** the outcome of the MFF revision to be below the initial aspirations of the EP; underscores that a revision of the MFF regulation is an essential prerequisite for ensuring medium-term financial support to Ukraine, for enabling increased funding for targeted policy priorities, including the promotion of the EU's strategic autonomy, and for safeguarding Union programmes and the budget's flexibility in the light of higherthan-forecast interest rates and therefore higher-than-programmed Union borrowing costs; notes that the 2025 annual budgetary procedure will be the first exercise based entirely on the revised MFF regulation;

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4. **Regrets that** the outcome of the MFF revision falls significantly short of the initial aspirations of the EP as well as of the Commission's proposal; acknowledges that a revision of the MFF regulation is an essential prerequisite for ensuring medium-term financial support to Ukraine and for enabling increased funding for targeted policy priorities, including the promotion of the EU's strategic autonomy; stresses, however, that greater provision should have been made for avoiding cuts and for safeguarding Union programmes and the budget's flexibility in the light of higher-thanforecast interest rates and therefore higherthan-programmed Union borrowing costs; notes that the 2025 annual budgetary procedure will be the first exercise based entirely on the revised MFF regulation;

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

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Amendment 24 Marc Botenga, Manu Pineda on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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12a. Calls on the Commission to allocate funds to essential social services, such as healthcare, education and affordable housing, in order to directly support the working class rather than increasing unconditional subsidies for large, arms-producing multinationals;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

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18. Underlines the importance of implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights and calls on the Commission to start reflections on a methodology for tracking social expenditure in the EU budget under the next programming period; highlights the crucial role of the EU budget in contributing to initiatives that reinforce social dialogue and strengthen local and regional social actions and provide access for all to vital key services; reiterates the need for a European strategy for elderly people, with specific actions to combat marginalisation, loneliness and isolation; recalls, furthermore the need for full implementation of the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030 to improve their living conditions in the Union; highlights the case of European hauliers that are confronted with different challenges in each Member State, from rising costs to capacity shortages, and the need for flexibility and better working conditions; stresses the need to reinforce existing rules for their protection and allocate additional resources to monitor working conditions across the Member States; underlines in this regard the benefits of developing IT-tools at EU-level that help improve the implementation of bureaucratic requirements and the standardisation of certificates:

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24

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24. Underlines the added value of funding programmes in the areas of democracy and rights and values recalls the importance that the EU budget plays in the promotion of European values enshrined in Article 2 TEU, culture and citizens' rights and building resilient societies, and supporting the key principles of democracy, rule of law, solidarity, inclusiveness, justice, non-discrimination and equality including gender equality; wishes to see the relevant budget lines and bodies strengthened in order to address polarisation, the rise of political extremism, low institutional trust, foster participatory democracy, promote fundamental rights, prevent democratic backsliding, the erosion of the rule of law, the shrinking space for civil society organisations working in this area at local, national and Union levels and the instrumentalisation of Euroscepticism; calls for ensuring sufficient EU funds for the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme, emphasises the valuable work carried out under the Union Values strand, which provides direct funding to civil society organisations, as well as the Daphne and Equality and Rights; reiterates that the necessary resources should be devoted to fighting gender-based violence and to supporting rights and access to safe sexual and

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