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Amendment 1
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to the General Affairs
Council conclusions on Enlargement and
Stabilisation and Association of 11
December 2012,**

Or. en

Amendment 2
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– having regard to the General Affairs
Council conclusions of 28 February 2012,

– having regard to the General Affairs
Council conclusions of 28 February 2012
**and to the Conclusions of the European
Council of 1 March 2012,**

Or. en

Amendment 3
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
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– having regard to the Council Conclusions
of 25 October 2010 inviting the
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European Union, the Council Conclusions of 5 December 2011 and the Conclusions of the European Council of 9 December 2011,

European Union, *to* the Council Conclusions of 5 December 2011 and the Conclusions of the European Council of 9 December 2011 ***setting conditions for the opening of accession negotiations with Serbia, as well as to the Council Conclusions of 11 December 2012, as endorsed by the European Council of 13-14 December 2012,***

Or. en

Amendment 4
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)

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Amendment

- having regard to the present Constitution of Serbia which explicitly declares that Kosovo is an organic part of the territory of the Serbian state,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas the European Council of 1 March 2012 has granted Serbia ***the*** candidate status;

A. whereas the European Council of 1 March 2012 has granted Serbia ***EU*** candidate ***country*** status, ***reconfirming its clear European perspective in line with the EU commitments to the whole Western Balkans' region,***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas in the Presidency Conclusions issued following the Thessaloniki European Council of 19 and 20 June 2003 an unequivocal commitment was made to all the Western Balkan states that they would join the European Union once they meet the established criteria and this commitment was reiterated in the renewed consensus on enlargement approved by the European Council on 14 and 15 December 2006 and the Council Conclusions of 25 October 2010, as well as by the EU-Western Balkans ministerial meeting of 2 June 2010;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Pino Arlacchi

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas Serbia has taken many steps towards the normalization of relations with Kosovo and has made efforts to sufficiently fulfil the political criteria and conditions of the Stabilization and Association Process;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas Serbia and each country aspiring to EU membership has to be judged on its own merits in fulfilling, implementing and complying with the same set of criteria; whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly cooperation are key in the enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas Serbia has the potential to play an important role in the region and should maintain and enhance a constructive approach towards regional cooperation and good-neighbourly relations, key elements of the Stabilisation and Association Process;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are essential for the process of European integration and for ensuring security and stability in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas bilateral issues should be addressed as early as possible in the accession process, in a constructive and neighbourly spirit and preferably before the opening of accession negotiations, so that the latter are not negatively affected;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the new Serbian government has affirmed its commitment to continue to pursue European integration;

C. whereas the new Serbian government has affirmed its commitment to continue to pursue European integration; ***whereas building up a solid track record in adoption and implementation of reforms is necessary in this context;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas bilateral issues should not represent and be used as an obstacle in the accession process but should be addressed in a constructive spirit, as early as possible, taking into account the overall EU interests and values;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas Serbia is in a position to become an important player in guaranteeing security and stability in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Elena Băsescu, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas the EU has put the rule of law at the core of its enlargement policy;

Amendment 16
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the conduct of the parliamentary, local and early presidential elections held in May 2012, characterised by the OSCE/ODIHR by respect of fundamental rights and freedoms; welcomes the commitment of the new government to a continued EU integration course and highlights the need to deliver reforms;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the conduct of the parliamentary, local and early presidential elections held in May 2012, characterised by the OSCE/ODIHR by respect of fundamental rights and freedoms; ***invites the government to take up the recommendations contained in the OSCE/ODHIR final report in order to enhance transparency of the election process***; welcomes the commitment of the new government to a continued EU integration course and highlights the need to deliver reforms;

Amendment 17
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the conduct of the parliamentary, local and early presidential elections held in May 2012, characterised by the OSCE/ODIHR by respect of fundamental rights and freedoms; welcomes the commitment of the new government to a continued EU integration course ***and*** highlights the need to deliver reforms;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the conduct of the parliamentary, local and early presidential elections held in May 2012, characterised by the OSCE/ODIHR by respect of fundamental rights and freedoms; welcomes the commitment of the new government to a continued EU integration course; ***notes, however, that the elections and the lengthy negotiations to form a government resulted to a slowdown of***

legislative activity; highlights, therefore, the need for the new Serbian government to speed up and to deliver reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the conduct of the parliamentary, local and early presidential elections held in May 2012, characterised by the OSCE/ODIHR by respect of fundamental rights and freedoms; welcomes the commitment of the new government to a continued EU integration course and highlights the need to deliver reforms;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the conduct of the parliamentary, local and early presidential elections held in May 2012, characterised by the OSCE/ODIHR by respect of fundamental rights and freedoms; welcomes the commitment of the new government to a continued EU integration course and highlights the need to deliver reforms; *welcomes the new government's commitment to fight against systemic corruption and organised crime; underlines the importance of establishing a credible track record in the fight against high-profile corruption cases by delivering final court convictions;*

Or. en

Amendment 19
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Welcomes Council's call on the Commission to present a report, as soon as Serbia has achieved the necessary degree of compliance with the

membership criteria and key priorities, in order to open accession negotiation without further delay; strongly believes that the start of EU accession negotiations in June 2013 is an achievable objective; urges the country to continue democratic, systemic and socio-economic reforms that will allow it to take on and implement effectively the obligations of membership;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Underlines the importance of the EU-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Agreement that defines the mutual rights and obligations of both parties until the moment Serbia joins the EU; notes that Serbia has build up a positive track record in implementing its obligations under the SAA and the Interim Agreement; calls on the only EU country that has not done it so far to ratify the SAA with Serbia, without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Council to set the date for beginning of accession negotiations with

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Serbia as soon as *possible, provided that the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that* the reform processes *continue*;

Serbia as soon as *the country fully fulfills all set conditions and ensures solid track record in the implementation of* the reform processes;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Calls on the Council to set the date for* beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia as soon as *possible, provided that* the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that the reform processes continue;

Amendment

2. *Underlines that the* beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia *is possible* as soon as the key priorities are satisfactorily met and *provided* that the reform processes continue;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Pino Arlacchi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Council to set the date for beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia *as soon as possible, provided* that the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that the reform processes continue;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Council to set the date for beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia *without further delay, considering* that the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that the reform processes continue;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Andrey Kovatchev, Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Council to set the date for beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia *as soon as possible*, provided that the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that the reform processes continue;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Council to set the date for beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia, provided that the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that the reform processes continue;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Council to set the date for beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia as soon as possible, provided that the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that the reform processes continue;

Amendment

2. Calls on the Council to set the date for beginning of accession negotiations with Serbia as soon as possible, provided that the key priorities are satisfactorily met and that the reform processes continue *particularly regarding the rule of law, thereby demonstrating the EU commitment to the Enlargement process and the Western Balkans countries' EU perspective; welcomes the progress made by Serbia towards meeting the Copenhagen political criteria, as recognised by the European Commission in its 2012 progress report, and recalls that further progress in the European integration process is dependent on continuing the reform process, and in particular guaranteeing democracy and the functioning of democratic institutions, upholding the rule of law, respect for human rights, equal and committed protection of all minorities throughout Serbia according to European standards, maintaining good-neighbourly relations and regional cooperation, including*

peaceful resolution of bilateral issues, as well as improving the functioning of the market economy;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Pino Arlacchi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Underlines that Serbian accession to the EU is of crucial importance for the quality of the economic and social development in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Calls on Lithuania to complete as soon as possible the ratification of Stabilization and Association Agreement in order to open possibilities for enhancing EU-Serbia relations;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the progress made by Serbia towards meeting the political Copenhagen criteria, as recognised in the European Commission 2012 progress report; recalls that further progress in the European integration process is dependent on pursuing the path of reforms; stresses that implementation is key;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the progress made by Serbia towards meeting the political Copenhagen criteria, as recognised in the European Commission 2012 progress report; recalls that further progress in the European integration process is ***directly*** dependent on pursuing the ***irreversible*** path of reforms ***and meeting Council's set conditions***; stresses that implementation is key;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 30
Pino Arlacchi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Amendment

3 a. Notes that the reforms, that had achieved a good pace, were slowed down by the election process; encourages the new government to engage wholeheartedly in the adoption of reforms, particularly the key ones related to the judiciary, anti-corruption, media freedom, protection of all minorities, sustainable management of natural resources, structural economic reforms and improvement of the business environment;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Stresses the importance of the funds allocated in December 2012 by the European Commission through the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) to support Serbia's efforts to implement its EU reform agenda; underlines that the funding will be used to increase the efficiency of the judicial system, develop asylum capacities, as well as to fight organized crime, including trafficking in human beings and corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Notes with satisfaction that IPA assistance works well in Serbia; encourages both the government and the EU to simplify the administrative procedures for IPA funding with the aim of making it more accessible to smaller and non-centralised beneficiaries; stresses the need to maintain an adequate level of pre-accession support in the forthcoming review of the EU's financial framework;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Stresses the need to swiftly complete the ratification process of the Stabilization and Association Agreement so as to enable its entry into force as soon as possible;

Or. en

**Amendment 33
György Schöpflin**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Stresses the significance of the rule of law, encourages the authorities, civil society, the media and all interested parties to reflect on the incompatibility of the preamble to the Constitution with the political order implied by Serbia's European future and the Kosovo platform initiative;

Or. en

**Amendment 34
Andrey Kovatchev, György Schöpflin, Elisabeth Jeggle, Tunne Kelam, Stanimir Ilchev,
Franziska Katharina Brantner**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Reiterates its call on the authorities to continue their efforts to eliminate the legacy of the former Communist secret services, as a step in the democratisation of Serbia; recalls the importance of

further security sector reform, increasing parliamentary oversight and control over the security services, as well as of opening up the National Archives, and in particular the documents of the former intelligence agency, the UDBA; encourages the authorities to facilitate access to those archives that concern former republics of Yugoslavia and to return them to the respective governments if they so request;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank, which undermined its independence, and about the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 36
Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank, which undermined its independence, and about

deleted

the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions;

Or. it

Amendment 37
Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. *Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank, which undermined its independence, and about the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions;*

Amendment

4. *Welcomes the amendments made to the Law on Central Bank, following the recommendations of the European Commission;*

Or. en

Amendment 38
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank, which undermined *its* independence, *and about the overall freedom* of state institutions *from undue influence* by the *executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions;*

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about *contradictory legislative initiatives, such as* the changes to the Law on Central Bank *in August 2012*, which undermined *the* independence *and autonomy of this institution; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence* of state institutions *and welcomes the later adoption of amendments* by the *Serbia*

Parliament to bring the Law on the Central Bank closer to the European standards;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank, which undermined its independence, *and about the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government*, underlines that Copenhagen political criteria *include* independence of state institutions;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank which undermined its independence *from undue influence by the government; takes note of the subsequent amendments to the law which brought it closer in line with European standards*; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria *includes* independence of state institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on *Central* Bank, which undermined its independence, and about the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on *the National* Bank, which undermined its independence, and about the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions;

Amendment 41
György Schöpflin, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank, which undermined its independence, and about the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the changes to the Law on Central Bank, which undermined its independence, and about the overall freedom of state institutions from undue influence by the executive branch of the government; underlines that Copenhagen political criteria include independence of state institutions; ***welcomes that recently the Serbian parliament also made important corrections to the law on the Central Bank, following the problematic amendments adopted last August;***

Amendment 42
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Welcomes the amendments adopted in November 2012 to the changes of the Law on Central Bank that go in the direction of the recommendations from the EU in order to provide greater continuity of the Central Bank and reduce the impact of each change of government in the appointment of its governor; considers this as a sign of willingness of the ruling coalition, to listen to comments from the

Amendment 43

Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes Serbia's cooperation with the ICTY **and that** all war crimes suspects **have been** handed over to The Hague Tribunal; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough **investigation into** and prosecution of persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services;

Amendment

5. Welcomes Serbia's cooperation with the ICTY **which resulted in** all war crimes suspects **being** handed over to The Hague Tribunal **for trials**; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough **investigations** and prosecution of **the** persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services; **furthermore, calls on the authorities to ensure credibility and professionalism of the Witness Protection Programme (WPP) as well as to provide it with adequate resources so that the judiciary can effectively continue its proceedings on war crimes; draws attention that a number of former police officers voluntarily opted out of the WPP due to its considerable shortcomings;**

Amendment 44

Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

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ICTY and that all war crimes suspects have been handed over to The Hague Tribunal; ***encourages further cooperation with the Tribunal***; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough investigation into and prosecution of persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services; ***welcomes the preparation of the protocol on cooperation in the prosecution of perpetrators of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide between Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina***;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Welcomes Serbia's*** cooperation with the ICTY and that all war crimes suspects have been handed over to The Hague Tribunal; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough investigation into and prosecution of persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services;

Amendment

5. ***Urges Serbia to continue its*** cooperation with the ICTY and ***welcomes*** that all ***requested*** war crimes suspects have been handed over to The Hague Tribunal; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough investigation into and prosecution of persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes Serbia's cooperation with the ICTY and that all war crimes suspects have been handed over to The Hague Tribunal; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough investigation into and prosecution of persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services;

Amendment

5. Welcomes Serbia's cooperation with the ICTY and that all war crimes suspects have been handed over to The Hague Tribunal; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough investigation into and prosecution of persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services; ***stresses that the ICTY has played an important role in the process of regional reconciliation and calls on the Serbian authorities and political leaders to refrain from statements and actions that undermine the authority and integrity of the court;***

Or. en

Amendment 47
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

5. Welcomes Serbia's cooperation with the ICTY and that all war crimes suspects have been handed over to The Hague Tribunal; shares the repeated calls by the ICTY Chief Prosecutor to conduct thorough investigation into and prosecution of persons engaged in the support networks which enabled fugitives to remain at large for so long, particularly in the military and civilian security services; ***calls on Serbia to keep its promise and remain consistent and dedicated to regional cooperation and reconciliation in the Western Balkans,***

*despite the manifested disappointment
after the recent acquittal of the ICTY
against Gotovina, Markac and Haradinaj;*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Notes the disappointment in the Serbian public opinion for the acquittal of Ramush Haradinaj, Ante Gotovina and Mladen Markač, reminds, however, that the presumption of innocence principle is central in the framework of a due process; strongly condemns all war crimes and rejects claims that the ICTY verdicts 'legitimise' any of them; calls on local courts to continue investigations and prosecutions related to war crimes committed during the Yugoslav Wars; advises all parties to avoid nationalistic triumphalism, statements and actions that may hamper the efforts for regional reconciliation;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Calls on Lithuania to ratify the Stabilisation and Association Agreement so that it can come into effect, which

would in turn enhance and give further impetus to the EU-Serbia relations;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Calls the Commission to put as a necessary pre-requisite for Serbia's integration in the EU the official recognition of Kosovo;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Underlines that more efforts need to be made by the authorities to obtain justice for survivors of conflict related sexual violence in Serbia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

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Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 b. Notes that domestic war crimes prosecutions have proceeded steadily, but draws attention to the need to deal more vigorously with the questions of missing persons, organ trafficking and Witness Protection Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Welcomes the resumption of the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue at high political level and ***the engagement expressed by the new Serbian government; calls for*** full implementation of the agreements reached so far by both parties; considers that the issue of missing persons needs to be included in the dialogue at the highest political level;

6. Welcomes the resumption of the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue at high political level and ***congratulates Prime Ministers, Iвица Dačić and Hashim Thaçi, for their commitment to continue the talks for the normalisation of relations, as well as for their decision to appoint a liaison officer respectively to Pristina and Belgrade EU office; underlines the importance of ensuring*** full implementation of the agreements reached so far by both parties; ***welcomes the start of implementation of the IBM agreement at the Jarinje and Merdare crossings; looks forward to progress in other areas, such as telecommunications and energy;*** considers that the issue of missing persons needs to be included in the dialogue at the highest political level;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the resumption of the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue at **high** political level and the engagement expressed by the new Serbian government; calls for full implementation of the agreements reached so far by both parties; **considers that** the issue of missing persons **needs to be included** in the dialogue **at the highest political level**;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the resumption of the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue at **the highest** political level and the engagement expressed by the new Serbian government; calls for full implementation of the agreements reached so far by both parties; **welcomes the meetings between the Serbian and Kosovo Prime Ministers, Mr Ivica Dačić and Mr Hashim Thaçi, as crucial steps towards a genuine reconciliation between Serbians and Kosovars and normalisation of relations between Serbia and Kosovo; commends the proactive role and leadership of High Representative and Vice-President Catherine Ashton in facilitating the dialogue between Serbia and Kosovo; expresses hope that agreement on the two remaining issues, telecommunication and energy, will be reached in due time; furthermore, urges both sides to actively engage in efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons; welcomes the instruction of the Serbian government on the implementation of the agreement on inclusive regional cooperation, which ended Serbia's absence from regional meetings, the signature of the IBM agreement and the first steps of its implementation; welcomes the good progress in implementation of the other agreements that have been reached so far in the technical dialogue, namely civil registry books, cadastre issue and freedom of movement; calls for the continuation of full and swift implementation of all agreements; calls on both sides in the dialogue to set up an evaluation mechanism of the implementation of the agreements reached in the dialogue in order to ensure that Serbian and Kosovo citizens benefit from results of the**

dialogue; welcomes the improvement of Serbian cooperation with EULEX;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

6. Welcomes the resumption of the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue at high political level and the engagement expressed by the new Serbian government; calls for full implementation of the agreements reached so far by both parties; *stresses the need for better communication of the outcomes of the Dialogue to the public and to public institutions; calls for joint communications following the agreements reached between Belgrade and Pristina;* considers that the issue of missing persons needs to be included in the dialogue at the highest political level;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Takes the view that ensuring security and well being in north Kosovo is at Serbia's best interest; calls on Belgrade to continue good cooperation with EULEX in the rule of law area, to step up common efforts in the fight against organised

crime, and to integrate parallel structures; underlines the importance of ensuring social-economic development in the region; believes, however, that economic support needs to be transparent; calls on Serbia to ensure transparency in the financial support of education and health care;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Reiterates that ideas on partitioning of Kosovo or any other country of the Western Balkans along ethnic or other lines run counter to the spirit of the European integration, regional reconciliation and European values; underlines that both Serbian and Kosovar authorities need to continue working on ensuring the protection of all minorities and their inclusion into the wider society;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Anna Ibrisagic, György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Regrets the lack of agreement, which would have given the possibility to the Serbian president to visit Kosovo; calls on both sides to be constructive and find a

solution for this problem and work in the spirit of cooperation and dialogue under the auspices of EU;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Emphasises the need for ensuring the involvement of Serbia's and Kosovo's parliaments and civil societies in the Dialogue process; stresses that the outcomes of the dialogue need to be communicated in a transparent and coherent manner to the publics in both Serbia and Kosovo in order to strengthen the process' credibility and public support; calls for public consultations on issues to be discussed in the Dialogue where appropriate and for all agreements reached to be published not only in English but also Serbian and Albanian;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Calls for the dismantling of parallel institutions maintained by the Serbian state in north Kosovo, in particular for withdrawal of security services and

judicial organs; reiterates that Serbian authorities need to bring full transparency to the financing of schools and hospitals in north Kosovo; encourages the Kosovo authorities to reach out to the Serbian community in north Kosovo;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 b. Supports the EULEX Special Investigative Task Force (SITF) and encourages Serbia to cooperate fully with and assist the SITF in its work;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 c. Deplores the refusal of the Serbian authorities to allow Kosovo's Deputy PM Mimoza Kusari-Lila to cross the border and visit the Presevo Valley; deplores the long hours that Kosovo citizens have to wait in order to cross into Serbia; deplores, at the same time, the refusal of Kosovo authorities to let Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic visit Kosovo and attend the Orthodox Christmas

celebration in Gracanica; urges, nevertheless, Serbian President Nikolic to reconsider his refusal to meet with Kosovo President Jahjaga as envisaged already at the end of last year;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Welcomes government's commitment** to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

Amendment

7. **Underlines the need to focus in particular on the commitments undertaken by the government** to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes government's commitment to

Amendment

7. **Encourages the government to improve**

tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

efficiency of the judicial system and strengthen its independence, impartiality, competence and accountability; welcomes government's commitment to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes government's commitment to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

Amendment

7. Notes with satisfaction that Serbia is developing a new strategy on judicial reform and supports the efforts to work out a new court system in order to improve the efficiency and independence of the whole judicial system; welcomes government's commitment to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and

prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes government's commitment to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

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7. Welcomes government's commitment to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism; ***stresses the need to implement measures in line with recommendations of the Venice Commission to address the growing backlog of cases; notes that the Justice Ministry remains in charge of capital expenditures which could further limit independence of the judiciary; calls on the authorities to adopt a new Strategy on the judiciary together with an implementing Action Plan based on a functional review of the judiciary;***

Or. en

Amendment 67
Emine Bozkurt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Welcomes government's commitment to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism;

Amendment

7. Welcomes government's commitment to tackle shortcomings in the reform of the judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism; ***stresses the need to take all necessary measures in order to reinstate the trust in the judicial system and the rule of law for civilians as well as for judges themselves; underlines that the termination of tenure of judges and the shortcomings of the review procedures undermined the foundations of the rule of law and brought judges and prosecutors in an unstable position; stresses also the need for initial and continued professional training of judges and prosecutors due to extensive changes in Serbian legislation;***

Or. en

Amendment 68
Marije Cornelissen, Franziska Katharina Brantner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

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judiciary, particularly ensuring that the legal framework does not leave room for undue political influence, addressing parliament's power to appoint judges and prosecutors and the direct participation of political functionaries in the work of the High Judicial and the State Prosecutorial Councils; underlines the importance of adopting clear and transparent evaluation criteria for the appointed judges and prosecutors that will ensure their independence and professionalism; ***calls on the government to focus on the quality of reform rather than speed, using the available technical expertise from abroad;***

Or. en

Amendment 69

Elena Băsescu, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on stronger political commitment in the reform of public administration, particularly in ensuring the completion and full alignment with international standards of the legislative framework;

Or. en

Amendment 70

György Schöpflin, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Regrets the legal uncertainty

*regarding the autonomy of Vojvodina,
urges the Serbian government to restore
the status quo ante and to abjure
centralising measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 71

Anna Ibrisagic, Doris Pack, Eduard Kukan, György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes note of the effort by the new government to address the concerns expressed by the European Parliament regarding the call for immediate revision of Article 359 of the Criminal Code; ***emphasizes the need to tackle the problem of asset freeze which accompanied detention of persons based on the Article 359 and further aggravated the state of the Serbian economy;***

Amendment

8. Takes note of the effort by the new government to address the concerns expressed by the European Parliament regarding the call for immediate revision of Article 359 of the Criminal Code, ***but expresses concern that the same provisions have been included in Article 234 of the Criminal Code; emphasises that the provisions of the new Article 234 of the Criminal Code may not be applied to the responsible persons in foreign companies outside Serbia and calls on the authorities to cease all criminal procedures against these persons;***

Or. en

Amendment 72

Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes note of the effort ***by*** the new government to address the concerns expressed by the European Parliament regarding the call for immediate revision of

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8. Takes note of the effort ***of*** the new government to address the concerns expressed by the European Parliament regarding the call for immediate revision of

Article 359 of the Criminal Code; emphasizes the need to tackle the problem of *asset freeze* which accompanied detention of *persons* based on *the Article 359* and further aggravated the state of the Serbian economy;

Article 359 of the Criminal Code; *notes however that a similar provision has now been included in article 234 and a new specific provision on public procurement has been created under article 234a of the Criminal Code; reiterates its call on the authorities to swiftly proceed with a revision of the Criminal Code in order to put an end to the bringing of charges of abuse of public office in private and with majority private ownership enterprises and to end the related pending criminal proceedings, especially based on the article of the Criminal Code on the abuse of public office;* emphasizes the need to tackle the problem of *freezing assets* which accompanied detention of *businessmen* based on *Article 359 of the Criminal Code* and further aggravated the state of the Serbian economy;

Or. en

Amendment 73 **Eduard Kukan**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 8**

Motion for a resolution

8. Takes note of the effort by the new government to address the concerns expressed by the European Parliament regarding the call for immediate revision of Article 359 of the Criminal Code; emphasizes the need to tackle the problem of asset freeze which accompanied detention of persons based on the Article 359 and further aggravated the state of the Serbian economy;

Amendment

8. Takes note of the effort by the new government to address the concerns expressed by the European Parliament regarding the call for immediate revision of Article 359 of the Criminal Code; *reiterates its call to swiftly proceed with the revision of Criminal Code in order to put an end to the charges of abuse of public office in private and with majority of private ownership enterprises and to end related pending criminal proceedings;* emphasizes the need to tackle the problem of asset freeze which accompanied detention of persons based on the Article 359 and further aggravated the state of the

Serbian economy;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Welcomes the gradual increase in civilian control of security services; notes, however, that the overall legislative framework is not coherent and should be brought further in line with the European standards; is concerned by the trend of rising number of unauthorised surveillance; calls on the authorities to adopt a comprehensive and modern legislation with the aim of clearly defining the mechanism of civilian control of security services, both civil and military ones; notes that current ambiguity in the legal framework defining the authority of security services leaves room for undue political influence and undermines general efforts to establish a genuine rule of law in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Anna Ibrisagic, Eduard Kukan, Doris Pack, György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Calls once again for the review of the cases of the unjustified freeze of assets, inappropriately increased and

retroactively applied taxes to persons and their private companies; calls on the Ministry of Justice and the Constitutional Court to immediately abolish selective application of 'The law of one-time tax on extra profit and extra property acquired by taking advantage of special benefits', as well as all the provisions of the other tax laws, which allow for imposing fines in inappropriately high amounts that lead to bankruptcy, before completing the final judgment in tax proceedings; calls on the Serbian authorities to provide fair compensation for affected private persons and companies;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 b. Is concerned with repeated allegations concerning police brutality and abuse of office, particularly in the towns of Kragujevac, Vranje and Leskovac; recalls that independence and professionalism of state institutions is part of Copenhagen criteria; calls the authorities in this respect to take all necessary measures to restore public trust in the police and prosecute all perpetrators of alleged incidents;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and **organized** crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial **privatizations**, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing **that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards**;

Amendment

9. Welcomes **the** government's commitment to fight **against** corruption and **organised** crime; **stresses that fight against corruption and organised crime is crucial for the EU integration process of Serbia; calls on the authorities to finalise the National Anti-corruption Strategy 2012-2016 and the corresponding Action Plan**; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial **privatisations**, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; **reiterates the need for continued and comprehensive training of prosecutors and police for complex and in particular financial investigations, points out that the key to fight against systemic corruption lies in severing the bonds among political parties, private interests and public enterprises; draws particular attention to the need to make political parties financing transparent and in line with EU standards**; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing; **maintains that the principle of presumption of innocence must not be endangered throughout the fight against corruption; stresses that whistleblowing is essential for the detection of corruption; calls, therefore, on the government to enact and implement whistleblower protection rules and to actively encourage people to denounce corruption at all levels; draws attention that both authorities and media bear the responsibility to inform the public about ongoing corruption investigations in a credible manner which is a necessary condition for a successful and professional work of the judiciary and police**;

Amendment 78
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. **Welcomes government's commitment to** fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Amendment

9. **Urges the Serbian government to intensify its fight against** corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Amendment 79
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties

Amendment

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; **notes the importance of strengthening legal safeguards in this respect**; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit;

financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Amendment

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, ***underlines that more effective inter-agency coordination could significantly improve performance in combating corruption;*** and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

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fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; ***stresses the importance of independent institutions in the fight against corruption, in particular the Anti-corruption Agency and Anti-corruption Prosecutor; calls on the authorities to finalise the National Anti-corruption Strategy 2012-2016 and corresponding Action Plan and to make sure that the Anti-corruption Agency as an independent body plays an important role in their implementation;*** calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Amendment

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; ***stresses the need for establishing a track-record in implementing anti-corruption legislation; to this end, urges the government to finalise the National Anti-Corruption***

Strategy 2012-2016 and the corresponding Action Plan as a demonstration of its political will to genuinely fight corruption; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Elena Băsescu, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards;

Amendment

9. Welcomes government's commitment to fight corruption and organized crime; emphasizes that political will is crucial for the success of investigations of high profile corruption cases, including the 24 controversial privatizations, and hopes that the special and proactive role of the First Deputy Prime Minister in this area will bear fruit; calls on the authorities to fully implement the law on political parties financing that should ensure transparency thereof and alignment with EU standards; ***calls on enhancing the inter-agency coordination and regional and international cooperation; stresses the importance of achieving a solid track record of investigations and convictions;***

Or. en

Amendment 84
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Stresses the need to develop independent supervision and capacity for the early detection of wrongdoings and conflicts of interest in the areas of public procurement, management of public enterprises, privatisation procedures and public expenditure, that are currently particularly vulnerable to corruption; expresses concern about the procedural shortcomings in the forming the Commission for the Protection of Bidder's Rights; underlines that highest integrity standards should be required for independent regulators dealing with public procurement, as it is identified as one of the main sources of corruption in the country;

Or. en

**Amendment 85
Emine Bozkurt**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Welcomes Serbia's efforts in fighting match-fixing in sports and its plans to criminalize match fixing with severe punishments with an amendment to the Criminal Code;

Or. en

**Amendment 86
Kinga Gál, György Schöpflin**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Recommends by amending the Law on Restitution to remove all procedural obstacles and legal impediments of the restitution in kind;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Notes that corruption and organized crime are widespread in the region and calls for a regional strategy and enhanced cooperation between all the countries in order more effectively to tackle these serious issues;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. Considers that an early launch of the accession negotiations on Chapters 23 and 24 would benefit the process of fight against corruption and organised crime and of the consolidation of the rule of law; in this respect, encourages the authorities to deliver concrete results in the justice field together with the fight

against corruption and organised crime and establish a credible track record of high profile corruption cases which would ensure smooth opening of the chapters 23 and 24;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Kinga Gál, György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 b. Calls on the Serbian government to implement the Law on Rehabilitation on a full and non-discriminative manner; notes that its implementation should be conducted in accordance with the basic principles of criminal law, such as the respect for the presumption of innocence;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Recalls that vigorous, professional and independent media is an essential element of a democratic system; calls on the authorities to **secure freedom** of the media **inter alia by addressing the** continued violence and threats against journalists, solving the cases of murdered journalists from the 1990's and 2000's, **by ensuring the independence of** the media from political **pressure and providing them** with

10. Recalls that vigorous, professional and independent media is an essential element of a democratic system; calls on the authorities to **speed up the implementation** of the Media **Strategy adopted in October 2011 and its accompanying action plans; is deeply concerned about** continued violence and threats against journalists, **particularly those investigating corruption and organised crime; underlines the**

a safe environment to conduct their work, **by addressing the issue of concentration of media ownership; stresses the need to speed up the implementation of the Media Strategy adopted in October 2011 and its accompanying action plans;** calls on journalists to respect the Code of Ethics;

utmost importance of solving the cases of murdered journalists from the 1990's and 2000's as the evidence of the new government's commitment to ensure the rule of law and freedom of media; is concerned about attempts to control and interfere in the media sector and calls on the authorities to ensure its independence from political pressures in order to provide the journalists with a safe environment to conduct their work effectively and without self-censorship; underlines the need to take steps against the concentration of media ownership and lack of transparency in the media as well as to ensure equal access to the advertising market which has been dominated by few economic and political actors, including the disbursement of public funds spent on advertising and promotion; calls on journalists to respect the Code of Ethics; **notes that the level of internet access remains low, recognises the importance of the internet in media freedom and urges the authorities to maximise their efforts in this field; notes that media reporting during the election campaign lacked the necessary analytical element, which points to the need to clarify the issue of media ownership;**

Or. en

Amendment 91
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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violence and threats against journalists, solving the cases of murdered journalists from the 1990's and 2000's, by ensuring the independence of the media from political pressure and providing them with a safe environment to conduct their work, **by addressing** the issue of concentration of media ownership; stresses the need to speed up the implementation of the Media Strategy adopted in October 2011 and its accompanying action plans; calls on journalists to respect the Code of Ethics;

violence and threats against journalists; solving the cases of murdered journalists from the 1990's and 2000's, by ensuring the independence of the media from political pressure and providing them with a safe environment to conduct their work; **notes that is of utmost importance to address** the issue of concentration of media ownership **as large majority of leading Serbian printed and electronic media has unknown owners, or they hide behind the straw names and off-shore companies**; stresses the need to speed up the implementation of the Media Strategy adopted in October 2011 and its accompanying action plans; calls on journalists to respect the Code of Ethics;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recalls that vigorous, professional and independent media is an essential element of a democratic system; calls on the authorities to secure freedom of the media inter alia by addressing the continued violence and threats against journalists, solving the cases of murdered journalists from the 1990's and 2000's, by ensuring the independence of the media from political pressure and providing them with a safe environment to conduct their work, by addressing the issue of concentration of media ownership; stresses the need to speed up the implementation of the Media Strategy adopted in October 2011 and its accompanying action plans; calls on journalists to respect the Code of Ethics;

Amendment

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respects the constitutional rights regarding minority language media, and stresses that the right to operate regional public radio and television should apply also within Vojvodina;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Welcomes the role of independent regulatory bodies in improving the efficiency and transparency of the country's institutions; commends in particular the work carried out by the Ombudsman and Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection; urges the authorities to provide the State Audit Institution, the Commission for the Protection of Competition, the Public Procurement Office and the Commission for the Protection of Bidders' Rights with adequate financial, administrative and office capacities in order to carry out their duties; calls the authorities to follow up on the findings of the Anti-Corruption Council which have been instrumental in bringing the public's attention to high-profile corruption; urges the authorities to boost the follow-up of the recommendations of independent regulatory bodies and to ensure the independence of the Republic Broadcasting Agency and its secular character; reiterates that independent regulatory bodies are essential for the success of the fight against systemic corruption and are central part of the checks and balances mechanism for an

efficient oversight of the government;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10 a. Is concerned about the situation resulting from the decision of the Constitutional Court which repeals the guaranteed 22 competences of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina; calls on the Serbian Government to start immediate negotiations with the government of the Autonomous Province in order to find solutions which respect the principles of rule of law and subsidiarity; reminds the parties that according to the Constitution the law on financing of the Autonomous Province should have been adopted by the end of 2008; thus encourages the Government to draft and submit to the Parliament this without any further delay, as this is indispensable to the functioning of democracy and the rule of law in Serbia;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Emphasises the importance of fight against discrimination in all forms and

11. Emphasises the importance of *the* fight against discrimination in all forms and

against all vulnerable groups; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the anti-discrimination **legislation** with the **acquis and establish** a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for related **offences**;

against all vulnerable groups; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the **legislation on** anti-discrimination **with the acquis, particularly with the regard to the exceptions granted to religious institutions, the obligation to provide reasonable accommodation to disabled employees, the definitions of indirect discrimination instruction to discriminate, and and the role of NGOs in judicial proceedings; noted with regret that** a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for **offences** related to **discrimination has not been established; calls on political leaders to actively engage in campaigns promoting tolerance especially with regard to Roma, women, persons with disabilities and the LGBT population; welcomes the positive action undertaken by the Ombudsman and the Commissioner for Equality to promote these values in Serbian society;**

Or. en

Amendment 96

Andrey Kovatchev, György Schöpflin, Elisabeth Jeggle, Tunne Kelam, Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the importance of fight against discrimination in all forms and against all vulnerable groups; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the anti-discrimination legislation with the **acquis and** establish a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for related offences;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the importance of fight against discrimination in all forms, **especially based on ethnic grounds**, and against all vulnerable groups; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the anti-discrimination legislation with the **acquis, as well as to ensure consistent implementation of adopted legislation in the field of national minority protection on its whole territory and to all national minorities and to** establish a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for

related offences;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Emine Bozkurt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the importance of fight against discrimination in all forms and against all vulnerable groups; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the anti-discrimination legislation with the acquis and establish a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for related offences;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the importance of fight against discrimination in all forms and against all vulnerable groups, ***especially the Roma, LGBT persons and persons with disabilities***; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the anti-discrimination legislation with the acquis and establish a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for related offences; ***underlines the need to make police investigations and judicial proceedings swift and efficient in cases of discrimination***;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises the importance of fight against discrimination in all forms and against all vulnerable groups; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the anti-discrimination legislation with the acquis and establish a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for related offences;

Amendment

11. Emphasises the importance of fight against discrimination in all forms and against all vulnerable groups; ***especially Roma, women, persons with disabilities and the LGBT population, given that they are mostly exposed to discrimination***; calls on the authorities to swiftly align the anti-discrimination legislation with the acquis

and establish a track record of prosecutions and final convictions for related offences;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Recognises women as important agents for change in the Serbian society; takes note of the improvement of women representation in the Parliament following the 2012 elections; welcomes that 84 out of 250 parliamentary seats went to women; however, encourages the Serbian authorities to make further efforts to guarantee equal representation; underlines that women still face discrimination on the labour market and in other sectors of the society and that they are not yet fully represented in the political life of the country, including in the governmental positions; is concerned that although both legislation and implementation bodies are in place as regards both anti-discrimination and gender equality no progress could be reported on equality of opportunities between women and men; notes that effective implementation of the existing legislation and further strengthening of the administrative capacity remain major challenges, urges the Serbian authorities to step up their efforts to this end;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Emine Bozkurt

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Calls on the authorities to focus on policies to diminish unemployment and poverty of and discrimination against persons with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Marije Cornelissen, Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 a. Is concerned about the threat posed by violent hooligan groups to the rule of law and public security in Serbia, especially after the government announced that it is incapable of controlling these groups when cancelling the Belgrade Pride in October 2012; calls on the Serbian government to immediately undertake concerted action by all relevant government and security institutions to ensure that these groups are no longer a threat and that any form of violence or criminal activity perpetrated by members of these groups are prosecuted;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Encourages the Serbian authorities to guarantee the security of women human rights defenders (WHRD), is concerned that hate speeches, threats, physical attacks, not least towards LGBT-rights activists and activists raising the importance of facing the past, still exist in 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Emine Bozkurt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 b. Stresses the need to systematically punish hate speech and the importance of the government to condemn hate speech when it is committed by public officials;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11 c. Welcomes Serbia signing the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence; highlights the importance of rapid implementation and adequate enforcement of the convention given that

violence against women still remains an area of concern;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Lorenzo Fontana

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. **Condemns** the government's decision to ban the Gay Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012;

Amendment

12. **Notes** the government's decision to ban the Gay Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012;

Or. it

Amendment 106

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Ulrike Lunacek, Marije Cornelissen

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Condemns the government's decision to ban the **Gay** Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012;

Amendment

12. Condemns the government's decision to ban the **Belgrade** Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012 **and calls on the Serbian Authorities to draw up and implement an action plan to combat homophobia and improve security to ensure that a Pride or other such initiative can freely, successfully and safely take place in 2013 and the years after;**

Or. en

Amendment 107
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Condemns the government's decision to ban the Gay Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012;

Amendment

12. Condemns the government's decision to ban the Gay Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012; ***calls on the authorities to strengthen its commitment to the freedom of assembly in particular by effectively banning extreme right-wing organisations and informal sports fans organisations which are closely connected to organised crime; welcomes, in this respect the Constitutional Court's rulings which banned two such organisations;***

Or. en

Amendment 108
Emine Bozkurt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Condemns the government's decision to ban the Gay Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012;

Amendment

12. Condemns the government's decision to ban the Gay Pride Parade which was supposed to take place on 6 October 2012; ***calls on the authorities to increase knowledge and understanding by law enforcement officials of LGBT rights;***

Or. en

Amendment 109
Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Elena Băsescu, György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities***, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks;

Amendment

13. ***Stresses that additional efforts are needed to ensure effective implementation of minority legislation throughout the territory of Serbia; calls on the authorities to address known shortcomings***, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks; ***calls on the Commission to continue to monitor closely Serbia's efforts in this area;***

Or. en

Amendment 110
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. ***Welcomes the generally good*** status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; ***calls on*** the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks;

Amendment

13. ***Reminds Serbia that minority protection is one of the essentials of the political criteria of Copenhagen; takes note of the legal*** status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; ***urges*** the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, **particularly with regard to** fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all **the necessary textbooks**;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, **especially the Law on the National Minority Councils, and guarantee the unhindered use of all competences of these councils and the necessary budgetary subsidies to these aims**; **Calls on the** fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all **necessary textbooks; for improving the language-skills of minorities considers teaching the state-language as foreign language to minority pupils by qualified teachers and proper educational materials**;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Andrey Kovatchev, Elisabeth Jeggle, Franziska Katharina Brantner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in

Amendment

13. Welcomes the generally good status of **the legislative framework with regard to** national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and

minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks;

police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks, **and to work towards their socio-economic integration**;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in **Serbia**; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in **the country**; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on **the** protection of minorities, particularly with regard to **the** fair representation of minorities in **the** public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks; **notes with regret that the Republican Council for National Minorities has not been active since 2009; calls on the authorities to facilitate in good faith the formation of the Bosniak National Council as well as integration of the two Islamic Communities in the country; draws attention to the fact that Sandžak and South and South-East Serbia, where a significant number of minorities live, are economically underdeveloped regions which requires further efforts by the authorities to combat high unemployment and social exclusion; reiterates the importance of implementation of the protocol on national minorities signed by the Romanian and Serbian governments in Brussels on 1 March 2012; calls on the Serbian authorities to improve the situation of all minorities, including**

Roma, Bosniak, Albanian and Bulgarian minorities, which are disproportionately affected by the economic downturn;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks;

Amendment

13. Welcomes the generally good status of national, ethnic and cultural minorities in Serbia; calls on the authorities to improve implementation of the legislation on protection of minorities, particularly with regard to fair representation of minorities in public administration, judiciary and police, information and education in minority languages, including the provision of all the necessary textbooks ***and the unhindered proliferation of cultural centres and electronic and press media; urges the government to pay equal attention to all minority groups in the country, including to people with Bulgarian consciousness or nationality;***

Or. en

Amendment 115
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Urges Serbia to improve the situation of minorities in regions like Presevo valley, Sandzak of Novi Pazar

and Vojvodina;

Or. en

Amendment 116

Emine Bozkurt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Reiterates its call on the government to attach higher political priority to improving respect for the fundamental rights of all minorities, including their access to education in their own language, equal access to the labour market and fair representation in institutions, and to develop strategies for reducing the unemployment rates among minorities; calls on the government to support the economic and social development of Sandžak and the Southeast region; reminds the importance of resolving the accreditation issue concerning the International University of Novi Pazar in Sandžak;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Is concerned by certain acts of mistreatment towards citizens from the Bulgarian minority and activities of the Democratic Union of Bulgarians;

Amendment 118
György Schöpflin, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Notes that the 2011 census was published only with considerable delay, further notes that the enumeration was largely boycotted by the Albanian-speaking population of southern Serbia and calls on the Serbian authorities, particularly at the local level, to refrain from using the aforementioned boycott as a pretext for discrimination against Albanian-language speakers;

Amendment 119
Andrey Kovatchev, György Schöpflin, Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Insists that more consistent and prompt measures are necessary to ensure unrestricted access to quality education in minority languages on state and provincial level, which is necessary to preserve ethnic and cultural identity, a right already secured through constitutional means as well as through the 2002 Federal Law on the Protection of the Rights and Freedoms of National Minorities, and consistent with the guidelines specified in the Framework Convention for the Protection of National

Minorities, and in particular to provide all the necessary text books and other educational materials;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Takes note of some improvement in*** the position of the Roma population, and ***the*** measures ***taken*** to increase their social inclusion; expresses concern about the continued discrimination, social exclusion and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women;

Amendment

14. ***Underlines the need to improve*** the position of the Roma population, and ***to take*** measures to increase their social inclusion; expresses concern about the continued discrimination, social exclusion and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Lívía Járóka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes note of some improvement in the position of the Roma population, and the measures taken to increase their social inclusion; expresses concern about the continued discrimination, social exclusion and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women;

Amendment

14. Takes note of some improvement in the position of the Roma population, ***such as the increase in the enrolment rate of Roma children in the education system,*** and the measures taken to increase their social inclusion ***such as the support for registering legally invisible persons;*** ***underlines however that more concentrated and targeted efforts are needed to improve the socio-economic status of Roma;*** expresses concern about the continued discrimination, social

exclusion and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women; *notes furthermore the need to fully harmonize anti-discrimination law with EU policy;*

Or. en

Amendment 122
Emine Bozkurt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes note of some improvement in the position of the Roma population, and the measures taken to increase their social inclusion; expresses concern about the continued discrimination, social exclusion and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women;

Amendment

14. Takes note of some improvement in the position of the Roma population, and the measures taken to increase their social inclusion; expresses concern about the continued *severe* discrimination, *lack of personal documents*, social exclusion, *forced eviction* and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women;

Or. en

Amendment 123
György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Takes note of some improvement in the position of the Roma population, and the measures taken to increase their social inclusion; expresses concern about the continued discrimination, social exclusion and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women;

Amendment

14. Takes note of some improvement in the position of the Roma population, and the measures taken to increase their social inclusion; expresses concern about the continued discrimination, social exclusion and high unemployment, particularly of Roma women; *calls the attention of the Serbian authorities to the significance the work on improving social and economic inclusion of vulnerable groups, including*

the Roma, should continue, in particular through the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Welcomes progress in reforms of the child-care system resulting in an overall reduction of children and youth in institutions and a rise in the number of children in foster-care; notes the significant drop in the institutionalisation of children aged 0-3 in line with provisions in the 2011 Social Welfare Law; is however concerned about the fact that the total number of children and youth in care continues to grow; is particularly concerned about the slow decrease in the numbers of children with disabilities in institutions; in this respect calls for greater efforts towards preventing family separation, whenever it is in the best interests of the child, and strengthening of community services to support families at risk and children with disability;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Andrey Kovatchev, Elisabeth Jeggle, Tunne Kelam, Stanimir Ilchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Expresses its concern regarding the situations of the Bulgarian minority, particularly regarding the field of education, culture, the official use of mother tongue, as well as the refusal to grant a minority party status to the Democratic Union of Bulgarians at the elections in 2012 and the pressure by the authorities exercised against its activists, events and political and civil organisations;

Or. en

**Amendment 126
Jelko Kacin**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Welcomes the important steps taken to implement inclusive education leading to a marked increase in the share of Roma children enrolled in primary school, with two out of three Roma children now completing primary school compared to just over one in four some years ago; remains concerned about the prevailing low share of Roma children attending secondary school and the fact that 70 percent of Roma are completely out of school; calls on the Serbian government to ensure that all Roma children and youth are given an equal and second chance to return to school; emphasizes that equal access to quality early childhood education is of particular importance for children from deprived backgrounds and paramount to breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty and social exclusion; notes with concern that

young children are disproportionately affected by the economic crisis as reflected in a dramatic increase in the share of children living in absolute poverty between 2008 and 2010; recalls that poverty in childhood is closely and consistently associated with poorer physical health, impaired cognitive development, underachievement in school and social risks including higher costs of judicial and social protection systems; calls on the Serbian government to act and address child poverty and social exclusion;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Andrey Kovatchev, Tunne Kelam, Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Reiterates its call to the Serbian authorities to initiate further steps for transborder cooperation with the neighbouring EU Member States Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, including within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region in order to facilitate economic development, among others, of border regions and areas populated by minorities; in this respect underlines the importance of opening a terminal for commercial trucks and goods at the border crossing at Ribarci-Oltomantsi;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes progress in reforms of the child-care system and the continued implementation of the 2011 Social Welfare Law; is concerned about the growing number of children in care and particularly about the slow decrease in numbers of children with disabilities in institutions;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 129
Livia Járóka

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Welcomes progress in reforms of the child-care system and the continued implementation of the 2011 Social Welfare Law; is concerned about the growing number of children in care and particularly about the slow decrease in numbers of children with disabilities in institutions;

Amendment

15. Welcomes progress in reforms of the child-care system and the continued implementation of the 2011 Social Welfare Law; is concerned about the growing number of children in care and particularly about the slow decrease in numbers of children with disabilities in institutions ***and of Roma children in special schools; furthermore expresses its concern about the growing juvenile violence and violence against children and calls on authorities to equally protect the rights of vulnerable children, such as Roma children, street children and children in poverty;***

Or. en

Amendment 130
Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region; recalls that good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation are essential for the enlargement process; encourages the Serbian authorities to closely work with the countries of the former Yugoslavia on the resolution of all outstanding problems of legal succession;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Deeply regrets President Nikolić's statements in which he denied that genocide took place in Srebrenica in July 2011; reiterates that all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied, including the genocide in Srebrenica which was recognised as such in findings and rulings by the ICTY and ICJ;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Elena Bănescu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Encourages Serbia to pay additional attention to further improving the business environment, in particular concerning privatisation procedures and public procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Laurence J.A.J. Stassen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. **Reaffirms its staunch support to** visa liberalisation for Western Balkan countries; calls on Serbia and EU Member States mostly affected to tackle together the issue of bogus asylum applicants;

16. **Rejects visa liberalisation for Western Balkan countries;** calls on Serbia and EU Member States mostly affected to tackle together the issue of bogus asylum applicants;

Or. nl

Amendment 134
Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Reaffirms its staunch support to visa liberalisation for Western Balkan

16. Reaffirms its staunch support to visa liberalisation for Western Balkan

countries; calls on Serbia and EU Member States mostly affected to tackle together the issue of bogus asylum applicants;

countries; calls on Serbia and EU Member States mostly affected to tackle together the issue of bogus asylum applicants *which represents the most visible and concrete achievement of the European integration process in the region; underlines that a possible suspension of the free visa regime would significantly set back the accession process of the Western Balkan countries benefiting from it; notes that Serbia has to engage further with EU Member State's authorities in dealing with bogus asylum applicants, also through adoption and implementation of reforms to improve the situation of minorities that have mostly abused the visa free regime and asylum policies of some Member States; calls on the Members States that are most affected by the inflow of false asylum seekers to adopt appropriate mechanisms for dealing with these cases, above all by listing Western Balkan countries as "countries of safe origin"; furthermore, calls on Member States to assist Serbia in its efforts to fight organised crime in connection with trafficking of false asylum seekers; moreover notes that Serbia is increasingly becoming a recipient country of asylum seekers, needing therefore more efficient management of asylum requests;*

Or. en

Amendment 135

Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Reaffirms its staunch support to visa liberalisation for Western Balkan countries; calls on Serbia and EU Member States mostly affected to tackle together

Amendment

16. Reaffirms its staunch support to visa liberalisation for Western Balkan countries; calls on Serbia and EU Member States mostly affected to tackle together

the issue of bogus asylum applicants;

the issue of bogus asylum applicants *and to do their utmost to strictly implement all the necessary criteria and measures for visa free travel to Schengen countries; stresses that it is necessary to duly inform the citizens' about the limitations in visa free regime to prevent any kind of abuses of freedom of travel and visa liberalization policy; notes that this is one of the biggest achievements in country's recent progress towards EU and any suspension would certainly lead to negative social, economic and political implications;*

Or. en

Amendment 136
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Welcomes the presentation of the Renewable Energy Action plan which aims to give concrete measures by which Serbia hopes to realise its commitment made in the framework of the Energy Community Treaty to consume 27% of overall energy from renewables by 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 137
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and **consolidation of** democratic political **processes** in the country;

Amendment

17. Stresses the central role of civil society **and the Serbian parliament** for strengthening and **consolidating the** democratic political **process** in the country; **underlines, in particular, the crucial role that civil society and the parliament can play in order to make Serbia's accession process more accountable, transparent and inclusive;**

Or. en

Amendment 138
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country;

Amendment

17. Stresses the central role of **active and independent** civil society **organisations (CSO's)** for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country; **recognises the important work carried out by CSO's and women organisations in regard to promoting LGBT-rights, violence against women, increasing female participation in politics, efforts towards peace building and the civil society's role as watchdog; underlines the importance of dialogue with the CSO's and stresses the crucial role of civil society actors in contributing to enhanced regional cooperation on social and political aspects; welcomes improved cooperation of the government with NGOs, but calls for their broader consultation in policy-making, including the formulation of policies and legislation and in the monitoring of activities of the authorities;**

Amendment 139
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country;

Amendment

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country, *as well as for monitoring the EU accession process; calls on the Serbian government to engage with civil society organisations, non-state actors and social partners at all stages of the accession process and to provide the necessary information for a constructive debate regarding the EU membership and functioning in the country;*

Amendment 140
Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country;

Amendment

17. **Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country, as it performs vital functions in society which cannot be fully performed by politics alone; recalls that civil society also has an important part to play in critical observation of the implementation of the European reform agenda and in promoting dialogue and goodneighbourly relations in the region;**

Amendment 141
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country;

Amendment

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country; ***notes that inclusion of civil society during the negotiation process would be a proof for the commitment to the principle of inclusiveness of civil society in policy making, and essential to ensure accountability and openness of the process, make the accession negotiation process closer to the citizens;***

Amendment 142
Elena Băsescu, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country;

Amendment

17. Stresses the central role of civil society for strengthening and consolidation of democratic political processes in the country; ***welcomes the activity of the governmental Office for Co-operation with Civil Society;***

Amendment 143
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 144
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; ***welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue*** to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Amendment

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; ***stresses the importance of the reconciliation process among the countries of the Western Balkan and urges Serbia*** to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Amendment

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process, ***as they demonstrate the willingness and capacity of applicant countries to fulfil the obligations of an EU Member State and participate constructively in the further development of European integration at the EU Institutions;*** welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Or. de

Amendment 146
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Amendment

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region ***and continue to search for ways to acknowledge suffering and respect right to truth and justice of all war crimes victims, including support for establishing of RECOM;***

Or. en

Amendment 147
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Amendment

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region; ***in this regard, calls for greater cross-border cooperation with neighbouring states, especially in the area of energy, fight against organised crime, transportation networks;***

Or. en

Amendment 148
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region;

Amendment

18. Reiterates the central importance of regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations for the success of Western Balkan countries' European integration process; welcomes the work carried out on reconciliation and stresses that Serbia should continue to play an active and constructive role in the region; ***recalls that true reconciliation between different nations and peoples, the peaceful resolution of conflicts and the establishment of good neighbourly relations between European countries are essential to sustainable peace and stability***

and contribute substantially to a genuine European integration process, being of key importance to the enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Stresses that all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied by any public official;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 150
Kristian Vigenin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Stresses that all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied by any public official;

19. Stresses that *in the interest of reconciliation and good neighbourly relations* all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied by any public official;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Emine Bozkurt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Stresses that all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied by any public official;

Amendment

19. Stresses that all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied by any public official; ***also stresses the importance of reparation for victims and their families and the protection of witnesses;***

Or. en

Amendment 152
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Stresses that all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied by any public official;

Amendment

19. Stresses that all war crimes and human rights violations during the 1990's conflicts in the former Yugoslavia should not be denied by any public official; ***deplores, in this respect, President Nikolic's statement of July 2012 denying the Srebrenica genocide and urges him to reconsider his stance and rhetoric in order to make genuine and lasting reconciliation possible;***

Or. en

Amendment 153
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Encourages the transborder cooperation with the neighbouring EU Member States Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary, including within the framework of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region;

Or. en

Amendment 154

György Schöpflin, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Congratulates the Serbian government on the pursuit of the weapons destruction programme; notes that the success of this programme is a relevant factor in overcoming the legacy of violence in Serbian society inherited from the 1990s belligerency;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Welcomes the official visit by Prime Minister Ivica Dačić to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the official support for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of BiH;

20. Welcomes the official visit by Prime Minister Ivica Dačić to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the official support for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of BiH; ***is of the opinion that Serbia's direct relations with the authorities of the***

Republika Srpska must be in line with this stated support and should not undermine the integrity, sovereignty, competences and effective functioning of the institutions of the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina; furthermore, urges the Serbian authorities to actively support all necessary constitutional changes that would enable BiH state-level institutions to carry out challenging reforms in the European integration process; calls on Belgrade in particular to support the consolidation, streamlining and strengthening of BiH state-level institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 156
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Welcomes the idea to start negotiations for signing a treaty of good neighbourly relations with Bulgaria and hopes this will lead to a more positive development in the regional context;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia;

21. Encourages political leaders in Croatia and Serbia to make efforts to

urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons;

improve their mutual relations, in this respect supports all initiatives leading to enhancement of cooperation and reconciliation between the countries; stress the importance of good neighbourhood relations in the process of European integration and urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia; urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia *in the light of recent events related to the Hague judgment it is important that the bridges of cooperation are not demolished;* urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia; urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of

Amendment

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia; urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of

missing persons;

missing persons, *which should result in the decision by the respective governments to drop charges for genocide filed at the ICJ; calls on both governments to resolve pending border issues;*

Or. en

Amendment 160
Kristian Vigenin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia; urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia; urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons; *welcomes to this end the results of the International Donors Conference of 24 April 2012 and the agreed Regional Housing Programme;*

Or. en

Amendment 161
Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia; urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons;

Amendment

21. Welcomes the improvement in relations between Croatia and Serbia; urges authorities of both countries to make further efforts to resolve the issue of missing persons; *calls on both governments to resolve remaining border issues and to actively support the return of refugees;*

Amendment 162
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and Macedonia on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and ***the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*** on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia; ***takes note and welcomes the offer of President Nikolic to mediate a solution to the long standing dispute between the Orthodox churches in the two countries, with full respect for the principle of separation of church and state;***

Amendment 163
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and Macedonia on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and ***the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*** on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia;

Amendment 164
Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and **Macedonia** on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and **FYROM** on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and Macedonia on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and Macedonia on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia, **with Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and hopes that such agreements, which improve bilateral relations and enhance opportunities for the people concerned, can be extended to all countries in the region; welcomes the initiative by President Nikolić that the Serbian and Macedonian governments can facilitate settlement over the dispute between Serbian and Macedonian Orthodox Churches;**

Or. en

Amendment 166
Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and Macedonia on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and Macedonia on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia; ***asks both governments to open more checkpoints to facilitate fast border crossing for the local population in the border regions;***

Or. en

Amendment 167

Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Welcomes the active involvement of Serbia in advancing the Sarajevo process on refugees; welcomes the adoption of the Joint Regional Housing Programme at the Regional Donors' Conference which took place on 24 April 2012 in Sarajevo; calls on all parties to implement the programme with no undue delay; draws attention that Serbia hosts one of the largest populations of refugees and internally displaced persons in Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Bernd Posselt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Urges Serbia to respect the territorial integrity of Kosovo and to solve all bilateral issues, in dialogue with Prishtina, in a good European spirit of neighbourhood and mutual understanding;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Eduard Kukan, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Welcomes the progress made as regards to Sarajevo process; welcomes the outcome of the international donors conference held in Sarajevo in April 2012 where Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia agreed on a join Regional Housing Programme; strongly supports this programme and cooperation between the countries in finding solutions for refugees and displaced persons in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Nikolaos Salavrakos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Notes the tough economic policy challenges that need to be addressed;

stresses the need to improve the business environment as a response to high unemployment and resurgence of inflation; notes that new austerity measures alone cannot be efficient unless combined with a policy for growth;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Kinga Gál, György Schöpflin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Reiterates the importance of historical reconciliation concerning the massacres of 1944-1945, and underlines the importance of the commitment of both the Hungarian and Serbian Presidents to pay tribute to this end;

Or. en

Amendment 172
György Schöpflin, Anna Ibrisagic, Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Regards the two-year functioning of the Joint Serbian-Hungarian Historians' Committee as a positive step in the process of mutual understanding and reconciliation in the context of historical traumas and urges the authorities to consider extending the model to all of Serbia's neighbours;

Or. en

Amendment 173

Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 b. Calls on the Serbian government, which will take over the presidency of the Energy Community in January 2013, to take all necessary steps to bring the Energy Strategy, adopted by the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community in Budva on 18 October 2012, in line with EU environmental standards and climate goals ensuring at the same time that all relevant stakeholders, including civil society organisations, are included in the consultation process;

Or. en

Amendment 174

Jelko Kacin, Maria Eleni Koppa, Eduard Kukan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 c. Asks the Commission to extend the Energy Roadmap 2050 to include the countries of the Energy Community, as these countries and the EU strove towards a fully integrated internal market for electricity and gas and apply the EU energy acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps *towards establishing a fully functional market economy; recalls that the existence of state and private monopolies severely hampers the transition towards an open market economy and calls on the government to take measures to abolish them; underlines the importance of removing red tape;*

Amendment

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps *for the promotion of economic policies that ensure sustainable economic growth, environmental protection and job creation; calls for further efforts to facilitate the operations of SMEs, as a means of both increasing revenues and decreasing high unemployment, particularly among youth;*

Or. en

Amendment 176
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps towards establishing a fully functional market economy; recalls that the existence of state and private monopolies severely hampers the transition towards an open market economy and calls on the government to take measures to abolish them; underlines the importance of removing red tape;

Amendment

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps towards establishing a fully functional market economy; recalls that the existence of state and private monopolies severely hampers the transition towards an open market economy and calls on the government to take measures to abolish them; *draws attention to the fact that state enterprises still effectively hold monopolies in energy and transport sectors and receive substantial annual subsidies from the state budget; welcomes the statement by senior government officials that these two sectors will be liberalised;* underlines the importance of removing red tape *and calls on the authorities to provide all necessary financial and administrative resources for*

the Commission for the Protection of Competition; regrets that there are still significant shortcomings in the Law on Competition which are further aggravated by the government's price regulation; underlines that Serbia needs to pursue structural reforms in order to upgrade the productive capacity of the economy; encourages the government to proceed with measures aimed at decreasing the budget deficit;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Nadezhda Neynsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps towards establishing a fully functional market economy; recalls that the existence of state and private monopolies severely hampers the transition towards an open market economy and calls on the government to take measures to abolish them; underlines the importance of removing red tape;

Amendment

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps towards establishing a fully functional market economy; recalls that the existence of state and private monopolies severely hampers the transition towards an open market economy and calls on the government to take measures to abolish them; underlines the importance of removing red tape **and increasing access to finance**;

Or. en

Amendment 178
György Schöpflin, Anna Ibrisagic

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps

Amendment

24. Encourages the authorities to take steps

towards establishing a fully functional market economy; recalls that the existence of state and private monopolies severely hampers the transition towards an open market economy and calls on the government to take measures to abolish them; underlines the importance of removing red tape;

towards establishing a fully functional market economy; recalls that the existence of state and private monopolies severely hampers the transition towards an open market economy and calls on the government to take measures to abolish them; underlines the importance of removing red tape; ***notes the very high level of youth unemployment and urges the government and to elaborate an employment strategy focusing on the most affected social categories;***

Or. en

Amendment 179
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Draws attention to a considerable rise in the public debt, reaching already 60,5% of the GDP in November 2012 and to a high unemployment rate, exceeding more than 23%;

Or. en

Amendment 180
Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Underlines that the global financial crisis has negative effects on the society, and especially on the vulnerable groups; calls, therefore, on the authorities to make every effort to minimalise the adverse

effects -poverty, unemployment, social exclusion- but also to adress and combat their root causes;

Or. en

Amendment 181
Göran Färm

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Underlines that Serbia has ratified the major labour rights conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as well as the revised European Social Charter; draws attention to that labour and trade union rights still remain limited despite constitutional guarantees and calls on Serbia to further enhance these rights; is concerned that the social dialogue remains weak and the consultation of social partners irregular; calls for further steps to be taken to strengthen the Economic and Social Council to ensure that it can take an active role in strengthening the social dialogue and play a more active consultative role in law-making;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 a. Welcomes the work done so far by the Agency for Restitution; calls on the

authorities to ensure that all necessary administrative and financial resources are provided to the agency so it can carry out its work independently; encourages restitution in kind whenever it is deemed possible; underlines the need to tackle systemic acquisition of public property by private interests by compiling a complete list of public and state property and by bringing the Law on land and construction in line with European standards; draws attention to the fact that urban land has particularly been subjected to acquisition through inadequate legal procedures and has been targeted for money laundering by organized crime and private interests;

Or. en

Amendment 183
Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24 b. Welcomes the adoption of the new regulation on the European Capital of Culture project which allows for participation of EU candidate countries during the 2020-2030 period; supports the initiative of the Belgrade city authorities to launch the Belgrade European Capital of Culture 2020 campaign and encourages related projects to bring Belgrade and Serbia culturally closer to the EU, in particular with regard to interethnic coexistence, multicultural understanding and interreligious dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 184
Maria Eleni Koppa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour which has not been brought in line with the *acquis*;

Amendment

25. ***Notes with regret the lack of progress in relation to labour and trade unions rights***; calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue, ***to simplify the procedures for registering a trade union, and to promote the recognition of already registered unions***; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour which has not been brought in line with the *acquis*, ***as well as to the Law on strike that does not comply with EU and ILO standards; points out, furthermore, that favouritism and nepotism remain significant problems in Serbia; underlines the importance of merit-based recruitment and promotion, especially in the public sector, and highlights that dismissal of employees on grounds of their political opinion or affiliation is unacceptable***;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Marije Cornelissen, Franziska Katharina Brantner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour which has not been brought in line with ***the acquis***;

Amendment

25. Calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour ***and the Law on Occupational Safety and Health at Work*** which has not been brought

in line with *the acquis and urges authorities to make necessary adaptations and step up efforts to ensure the implementation and enforcement of the adjusted laws; requests the draft of a separate Labour Inspection Law based on ILO conventions 81 and 129;*

Or. en

Amendment 186

Jelko Kacin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour which has not been brought in line with the acquis;

Amendment

25. Calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue ***which has not taken place so far***; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour which has not been brought in line with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 187

Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Willy Meyer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour which has not been brought in line with the acquis;

Amendment

25. Calls on the authorities to swiftly proceed with creating conditions for a genuine social dialogue; draws attention to shortcomings in the Law on Labour which has not been brought in line with the acquis; ***in particular, stresses the need to bring the legal framework on labour and trade union rights in line with ILO***

conventions, to enhance the individual and collective rights of worker's and to promote the collective labour agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 188

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Stresses the importance of developing public transport with regard, in particular, to upgrading or creating new railway links in the framework of a sustainable system of transport; regrets that little progress has been achieved in this field as well as in the field of combined transport;

Or. en

Amendment 189

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 b. Calls on Serbia to adopt and develop a credible and effective plan on renewable energy and energy efficiency with a view to diversifying energy sources and align with EU climate-change policies and targets; urges, in particular, the Serbian authorities to simplify and speed up administrative procedures for issuing construction permits, licensing and

network connections of renewable energy projects;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Franziska Katharina Brantner, Marije Cornelissen
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 c. Points out that significant efforts are needed in the field of environment and in particular in the areas of water management, nature protection and air quality; underlines that no substantial progress can be achieved without strengthening adequately the administrative capacity and calls on the Serbian government to take the necessary measures in this respect;

Or. en

