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AMENDMENTS

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Draft motion for a resolution

Ivo Vajgl

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on the 2015 Report on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Amendment 1
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Draft motion for a resolution

- having regard to UN Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993),

Amendment

- having regard to UN Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), *UN General Assembly resolution 47/225 and the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995,*

Or. el

Amendment 2
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Draft motion for a resolution

- *having regard to the judgment of the International Court of Justice on the Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995,*

Amendment

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 3
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Draft motion for a resolution

— *having regard to the judgment of the International Court of Justice on the Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995,*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 4
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Draft motion for a resolution

— *having regard to the judgment of the International Court of Justice on the Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995,*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 5
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Draft motion for a resolution

- having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership as well as Council conclusions of 23 June 2015,

Amendment

- having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership; *having regard to the European Council conclusions of June 2008, the General Affairs and External Relations Council conclusions of December 2008 and the General Affairs Council conclusions of December 2014 stating that maintaining good neighbourly relations, including a negotiated and mutually accepted solution to the name issue under the auspices of the UN, remains essential,* as well as *the General Affairs Council conclusions of 15 December 2015,*

Or. el

Amendment 6
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Draft motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership as well as Council conclusions of **23 June** 2015,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership as well as **to the European Council conclusions of June 2008 and the Council conclusions of 15 December** 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Draft motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership as well as Council conclusions of 23 June 2015,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership as well as **European Council Conclusions of June 2008 and Council conclusions of 23 June 2015 and 15 December** 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 5

Draft motion for a resolution

— having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership as well as Council conclusions of 23 June 2015,

Amendment

— having regard to the European Council decision of 16 December 2005 to grant the status of candidate country for EU membership as well as Council conclusions of 23 June 2015 *and 15 December 2015*,

Or. en

Amendment 9

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution

Citation 13 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the General Affairs Council Conclusions on Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association process from 15 December 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 10

Sergei Stanishev

Draft motion for a resolution

Citation 14 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the General Affairs Council conclusions on Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process of 15 December 2015,

Or. en

Amendment 11

Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to the OSCE/ODIHR
Needs Assessment Mission Report of 27
November 2015,**

Or. en

Amendment 12
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 10 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

**- having regard to the Recommendations
of the Senior Experts' Group on systemic
Rule of Law issues relating to the
interception of communication revealed
in spring 2015,**

Or. en

Amendment 13
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

*(Horizontal Amendment applying
throughout the text)*

**The title "former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia" is used in the title of the
report and in Recital A but all other
references to the country's name in the
text and agreed amendments are changed
to "its," "the country," "it" and similar
non-specific terms; the title "Republic of**

Macedonia" is not used in the text but the word "Macedonian" is retained.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas the prospect of EU membership is a major incentive *of reforms* and a source of hope for a prosperous future of young generations; whereas opinion polls show considerable public support for EU membership in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

Amendment

A. whereas the prospect of EU membership is a major incentive *for further reforms, particularly in respect to the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption*, and a source of hope for a prosperous future of young generations; whereas opinion polls show considerable public support for EU membership in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

A. whereas the rule of law, media freedom, regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are key elements in the EU enlargement process;

Amendment

Aa. whereas the rule of law, media freedom, regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are key elements in the EU enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years ***and is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis***;

Amendment

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years;

Or. el

Amendment 17
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and ***is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis***;

Amendment

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and ***has a relatively good level*** of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and ***is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis***;

Amendment

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and ***has a relatively good level*** of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and *is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of* alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and *has a high level of* alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and is considered the most advanced *candidate* in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and is considered *among* the most advanced *candidates* in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis *although part of it still lacks the adequate implementation;*

Amendment 22
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and is *still* considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

B. whereas the country has been an EU candidate for ten years and is considered the most advanced candidate in terms of alignment with the acquis;

Amendment

Ba. whereas (potential) candidate countries are judged on their own merits and the speed and quality of the necessary reforms determine the timetable for accession;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas *the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for*

Amendment

C. whereas *there is consensus between the Commission, the Council and the*

the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;

Parliament that the maintenance of the positive recommendation to open accession negotiations with the country is dependent on full implementation of the June/July political agreement and substantial progress in the implementation of the Urgent Reform Priorities;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, *stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;*

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations; *whereas the Council withheld its decision on starting accession negotiations and will revert to the issue on the basis of an update by the Commission on progress in political criteria and good neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

Amendment 26
Philippe Juvin

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by *the* Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary

reforms; whereas the *Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;*

reforms; whereas the *agreements recently signed between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia strengthen the mutual trust needed for these two countries to find an acceptable solution to the name issue, thus averting deadlock in the Council in the matter of possible accession;*

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council *has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;*

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council *withheld its decision on starting accession negotiations with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, indicating that it would return to this issue on the basis of the updated information from the Commission on implementation of the agreed reforms and specific measures taken to promote good neighbourly relations and to reach a negotiated and mutually accepted solution to the name issue under the auspices of the United Nations, in accordance with the conclusions of the General Affairs Council of December 2014;*

Or. el

Amendment 28
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has *been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;*

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has *withheld its decision to open accession negotiations stating that it will revert to the issue on the basis of an update by the Commission regarding the implementation of agreed reforms and tangible steps taken to promote good neighbourly relations and reach a negotiated and mutually accepted solution to the name issue in line with the General Affairs Council Conclusions of December 2014;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Georgios Epitideios

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; *whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;*

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece;

Or. el

Amendment 30

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has ***been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece***; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas ***in previous years*** the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has ***failed to reach agreement on the start of the accession talks***; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU ***but should be addressed in a constructive spirit as early as possible in the accession process, taking into account overall EU interests and values***;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Urmas Paet

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been ***blocking progress*** due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament ***and most Member States***, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been ***unable to reach consensus*** due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;

Or. et

Amendment 32
Eleni Theocharous

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved name issue with Greece; ***whereas FYROM does not adequately cooperate with the UN efforts aiming at reaching an acceptable solution by all to the name issue with Greece***; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU ***and the candidate state should respect member states and not use bilateral relations as pretext to fulfil its legal and other political obligations stemming from the EU and the international legal order***;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Sergei Stanishev

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C

Draft motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved

Amendment

C. whereas the Commission, supported by the Parliament, has repeatedly called for the opening of accession negotiations, stressing the importance of negotiations as a key driver of the process of necessary reforms; whereas the Council has been blocking progress due to the unresolved

name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU;

name issue with Greece; whereas bilateral issues should not be used as a pretext to obstruct negotiations with the EU ***but should nevertheless be addressed in a constructive spirit as early as possible, taking into account the principles and values of the UN and of the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas bilateral issues should not be used to obstruct in the EU accession process; whereas successful implementation of the Political Agreement can create an environment where there is a realistic prospect for a negotiated resolution of the name issue with Greece;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Urmas Paet

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the name issue is also preventing Macedonia from joining NATO;

Or. et

Amendment 36
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas each candidate country should be judged on its own merits;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas the rule of law, freedom of the media, regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are essential parts of the EU enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas it is the shared responsibility of government and opposition to ensure sustainable political cooperation, which is essential for the country's democratic development, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens;

D. whereas this year, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia experienced its worst political crisis since 2001; whereas the divisive political mentality, the lack of compromise and the collapse of dialogue took the form of a protracted political crisis which led to the boycott of Parliament by the major opposition parties, and further undermined

*confidence in public institutions; whereas the crisis was further aggravated by revelations concerning telephone tapping with the involvement of senior government officials, alleged wrongdoing, human rights infringements, interference with the judiciary, freedom of the media and the electoral process, and political encroachment and corruption in various sectors; whereas it is the shared responsibility of government and opposition to ensure sustainable political **dialogue and** cooperation, which **are** essential for the country's democratic development, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens;*

Or. el

Amendment 39
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D

Draft motion for a resolution

D. whereas it is the shared responsibility of government and opposition to ensure sustainable political cooperation, which is essential for the country's democratic development, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens;

Amendment

D. whereas in 2015 the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has faced the worst political crisis since 2001; whereas it is the shared responsibility of government and opposition to ensure sustainable political ***dialogue and*** cooperation, which is essential for the country's democratic development, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D

Draft motion for a resolution

D. whereas it is the shared responsibility of government and opposition to ensure sustainable political cooperation, which is essential for the country's democratic development, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens;

Amendment

D. whereas it is the shared responsibility of government and opposition to ensure sustainable political cooperation, ***including overcoming the recent political crises,*** which is essential for the country's democratic development, the pursuit of the European agenda and the common good of its citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the recent political crisis has shown the lack of an effective system of checks and balances in the Macedonian institutions and the necessity to increase transparency and public accountability including adequate mechanisms of oversight of the main services and internal structures;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the country is facing serious

challenges stemming from the political crises related to intercepted communication between senior government officials;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the wiretapping scandal has underlined crucial shortcomings and concerns alleged by the Commission in its previous reports;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas the *further* implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic *rule of law* reforms and early parliamentary elections;

E. whereas *corruption and organised crime remain serious concerns; whereas freedom of expression and independence of the media continue to be under threat;* whereas the *full and effective* implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic reforms *in areas relating to* the rule of law, *infringements of fundamental rights, the independence of the judiciary, media freedom, alleged irregularities in the*

voting process, corruption and bribery, the politicisation of state institutions, the indistinct boundaries between State and parties, lack of supervision and the organisation of early parliamentary elections;

Or. el

Amendment 45

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas the *further* implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the *return to the Parliament by the opposition*, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

E. whereas the *full* implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the *way out of the political stalemate*, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms, *strengthening good neighbourly relations* and early parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas the further implementation of the *government-opposition* political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

E. whereas the further implementation of the political agreement *between the leaders of the four main political parties* is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Amendment 47

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas the *further* implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

E. whereas the *full and constructive* implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 48

David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution

Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas the further implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

E. whereas the further implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and *the resignation of the incumbent Government and the Prime Minister at least 100 days before* early parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas the further implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

E. whereas the further implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms, *establishment of the Office of Special Prosecutor* and early parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital E

Draft motion for a resolution

E. whereas the further implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

E. whereas the further implementation of the government-opposition political agreement is crucial for the stability of the country; whereas this agreement envisaged inter alia the return to the Parliament by the opposition, the implementation of systemic rule of law reforms and *free and fair* early parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F

Draft motion for a resolution

F. whereas critical issues in the reform process are inter alia political influence in the media, the judiciary and public administration, corruption and the completion of the review of the Ohrid Agreement;

Amendment

F. whereas ***the government should tackle*** critical issues in the reform process ***without delay which*** are inter alia, political influence in the media, the judiciary and public administration, corruption and the completion of the review of the Ohrid Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Andrej Plenković

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F

Draft motion for a resolution

F. whereas critical issues in the reform process are inter alia political influence in the media, the judiciary and public administration, corruption and the completion of the review of the Ohrid Agreement;

Amendment

F. whereas critical issues in the reform process are inter alia political influence in the media, the judiciary and public administration, corruption and the ***rapid*** completion of the review of the Ohrid Agreement ***as well as the implementation of its recommendations***;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltés
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital F

Draft motion for a resolution

F. whereas critical issues in the reform process are inter alia political influence in the media, the judiciary and public administration, corruption and the completion of the review of the Ohrid

Amendment

F. whereas critical issues in the reform process are inter alia political influence in the media, the judiciary and public administration, ***the misuse of administrative resources***, corruption and

Agreement;

the completion of the review of the Ohrid Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Georgios Epitideios

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G

Draft motion for a resolution

G. whereas the country has been coping with *an unprecedented* flow of refugees transiting through its territory;

Amendment

G. whereas the country has *also* been coping with *a* flow of refugees transiting through its territory;

Or. el

Amendment 55
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G

Draft motion for a resolution

G. whereas the *country* has been coping with an unprecedented flow of refugees transiting through its territory;

Amendment

G. whereas the *Republic of Macedonia* has been coping with an unprecedented flow of refugees transiting through its territory;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Louis Michel

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. having regard to the statements made through the media by Macedonia's Prime

Minister Gruevski on 16 December 2015 concerning the country's readiness to enter into dialogue about the long-standing name issue and its desire to find a solution to it with Greece as soon as possible;

Or. nl

Amendment 57
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas good-neighbourly relations and regional cooperation are among the elements essential to enlargement and the stabilisation and association process;

Or. el

Amendment 58
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas after more than 10 years Macedonia and Greece mutually re-established bilateral visits at Foreign Minister level;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are essential elements of the enlargement process, as well as of the Stabilisation and Association Process;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations are essential elements of the enlargement process and the stabilisation and association process;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas open issues should be addressed in a constructive spirit as early as possible, and preferably before the opening of accession negotiations taking into account the principles and values of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

Gb. whereas issues remaining open must be addressed in a constructive spirit as early as possible and before the opening of accession negotiations, taking into account the principles and values of the UN and EU;

Or. el

Amendment 63
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Welcomes the four-party agreement of 2 June and 15 July 2015 and its facilitation by the Enlargement Commissioner, three Members of the European Parliament and the EU mediator on the ground; urges the political parties to assume their respective responsibilities vis-à-vis the citizens and ensure the full implementation of all their commitments in a sustainable and negotiated manner; urges them also to constructively engage in political dialogue and to pursue efforts to restore public trust in the institutions in order to maintain political stability and to accelerate the *country's* reform agenda;

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Amendment 64

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the four-party agreement of 2 June and 15 July 2015 and its facilitation by the Enlargement Commissioner, three Members of the European Parliament and the EU mediator on the ground; urges the political parties to assume their respective responsibilities vis-à-vis the citizens and ensure the full implementation of all their commitments in a sustainable and negotiated manner; urges them also to constructively engage in political dialogue and to pursue efforts to restore public trust in the institutions in order to maintain political stability and to accelerate the country's reform agenda;

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Or. en

Amendment 65

Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

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ensure the full *and constructive* implementation of all their commitments, *including measures to strengthen good neighbourly relations*, in a sustainable and negotiated manner; urges them also to constructively engage in political dialogue and to pursue efforts to restore public trust in the institutions in order to maintain political stability and to accelerate the country's reform agenda;

Or. el

Amendment 66
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the four-party agreement of 2 June and 15 July 2015 and its facilitation by the Enlargement Commissioner, three Members of the European Parliament and the EU mediator on the ground; urges the political parties to assume their respective responsibilities vis-à-vis the citizens and ensure *without delay* the full implementation of all their commitments in a sustainable and negotiated manner; urges them also to constructively engage in political dialogue and to pursue efforts to restore public trust in the institutions in order to maintain political stability and to accelerate the country's reform agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 67
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 68
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the four-party agreement of 2 June and 15 July 2015 and its facilitation by the Enlargement Commissioner, three Members of the European Parliament and the EU mediator on the ground; urges the political parties to assume their respective responsibilities vis-à-vis the citizens and ensure the full implementation of all their commitments in a sustainable and negotiated manner; urges them also to constructively engage in political dialogue and to pursue efforts to restore public trust in the institutions in order to maintain political stability and to accelerate the country's reform agenda;

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Or. en

Amendment 69
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled ***according to the agreed deadlines***, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from ***the interception of communications***; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; ***is therefore concerned at the delayed implementation of international commitments to hold democratic elections; recalls, in this context, the need to draw up voter lists in accordance with international standards; calls on the authorities to proceed swiftly with the agreed reforms designed to ensure the proper and independent functioning of media, which must be put into effect at least 100 days before the elections***; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations ***into alleged wrongdoing*** arising from ***telephone tapping and related supervisory shortcomings***; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Or. el

Amendment 70
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations **arising from the interception of communications**; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations **for the alleged abuse of office of high-ranking government officials by exercising unauthorized control over the public administration, judges, prosecutors, journalists and political opponents**; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled **according to the agreed deadlines**, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled , but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

delay;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that **a number of** obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay **some** of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that **some** obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines **and objectives**, but regrets the tendency to delay **most** of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications **and urges the government to ensure an independent and throughout investigation of the case**; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Or. en

Amendment 73
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay **some** of the

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay **a considerable amount**

commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Ignazio Corrao, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay *some of the* commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay *various* commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Or. it

Amendment 75

Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments ***and some retrograde steps in relation to Urgent Reform Priorities; emphasises the aspects of the Agreement which refer to structural reforms, and the need for all parties to engage in the Working Group convened by the EU mediator on a continuous basis, even during the election period***; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that ***the amendments to*** the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising

Amendment

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; ***calls on all parties to refrain from using their veto rights to obstruct the effective functioning of the country***; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1

from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

2. Takes note of the fact that a number of obligations envisaged in the June/July Agreement have been fulfilled according to the agreed deadlines, but regrets the tendency to delay some of the commitments; welcomes the return to Parliament of the main opposition party SDSM on 1 September 2015; welcomes the appointment of a Special Prosecutor on 15 September to lead investigations arising from the interception of communications; notes that the new electoral code, the law establishing the Inquiry Committee and the law on government were adopted with delay;

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Or. en

Amendment 78
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Draft motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 79

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the commitment of the main political party leaders under the 2 June agreement to work towards strengthening the good neighbourly relations as an essential element for bringing the country closer to the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government *is* to be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government *was* to be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections; ***underlines the paramount importance for the April parliamentary elections to be free, fair and in full compliance with the internationally recognized standards in the election field; underlines moreover the importance for all political actors to respect the results of the elections and to actively take part in parliamentary activities, as compromise and not boycott is at the heart of any functional democracy;***

Or. en

Amendment 81
Ignazio Corrao, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government *is to* be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government ***should*** be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections;

Or. it

Amendment 82
Sergei Stanishev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government is to be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government is to be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections; ***recalls that these elections will in itself be an important test for the democratic process of the country, especially in view of long-standing concerns of politicisation of state institutions, state/party blurring and failures of oversight; notes that ensuring a level playing field would be a first step to electoral reform in line with OSCE/ODIHR recommendations and initial systemic reforms, including a revision of the electoral lists and the conduct of a census;***

Or. en

Amendment 83
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Draft motion for a resolution

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government is to be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections;

Amendment

3. Notes that, according to the June/July Agreement, the new government is to be sworn in on 15 January 2016, 100 days before the agreed date for early parliamentary elections, ***which shall be held on 24 April;***

Or. en

Amendment 84
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Calls on the current government and the transition government to fully implement the recommendations in the report by OSCE/ODIHR published on 15 July 2014; urges the government to conduct a new national census, which is to include as well columns for people with Bulgarian identity and dual citizenship; welcomes the appointment of the three experts in the National Electoral Committee;

Or. en

Amendment 85

Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete, Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Looks forward to a fair and competitive election period; calls on paying special attention to the freedom of media in this period; urges the international community to be present at earliest stage possible for the election observation and calls on an increased deployment of election observation missions;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses the importance of the upcoming early elections in April 2016; underlines the necessity to prepare the elections to the highest international standards, including ensuring free and fair election procedures and enhancing media freedom; notes the shared responsibility of the major political forces for the process of preparation of the elections;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Encourages all major political parties for constructive engagement in the Working Group convened by the EU mediator on the issues of implementing the agreement of 2 June and 15 July 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the ***Macedonian*** progress towards EU membership; ***believes*** that the recommendation to open accession

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the progress ***of FYROM*** towards EU membership; ***notes*** that the ***Commission is prepared to extend***

negotiations *should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission*; welcomes the *high* level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

its recommendation to open accession negotiations; *notes that the Council will return to this matter after the elections of April 2016, on the basis of updated information from the Commission regarding implementation of the agreed reforms, in line with the conclusions of the General Affairs Council of December 2014 and the agreed conditions*; welcomes the *relatively satisfactory* level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters; *urges the country to further consolidate reforms, reverse policies and practices that could continue to obstruct its European future and make progress in implementing EU-related reform priorities, in the context of the High Level Accession Dialogue for example*;

Or. el

Amendment 89

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyrali

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the *Macedonian* progress towards EU membership; *believes* that the recommendation to open accession negotiations *should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission*; welcomes the *high* level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the progress *of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* towards EU membership; *takes note* that the *Commission is conditionally prepared to extend its* recommendation to open accession negotiations; *reminds that the Council will revert to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia after elections in April 2016 on the basis of an update by the Commission expected before the summer, in line with its December 2014 conclusions and established conditionality*; welcomes the *relatively good* level of alignment with the legislative acquis and *notes* that the country has

achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters; *encourages the country to further consolidate reforms and to reverse policies and practices which could still constitute obstacles for its European future, and to secure progress in the implementation of EU-related reform priorities, including in the context of the High Level Accession Dialogue;*

Or. en

Amendment 90

Marijana Petir, Davor Ivo Stier, György Hölvényi, Ruža Tomašić, Ivana Maletić, Andrej Plenković, Arne Gericke, Milan Zver

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; *believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon* the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, *and that* the issue *shall be addressed* after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; *repeats once again its call on the Council to set a date for the opening of the* accession negotiations *while taking into account the importance of* the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities; *calls on the Council to address* the issue *at its earliest convenience* after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the **Macedonian** progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement **and** of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the **high** level of alignment with the legislative acquis **and** that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the **country's** progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement, of the Urgent Reform Priorities **and the progress made in the field of good neighbourly relations**, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the **relatively good** level of alignment with the legislative acquis **noting** that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters; **encourages the country to further consolidate reforms and to reverse policies and practices which could still constitute obstacles for its European future, and to secure progress in the implementation of EU-related reform priorities, including in the context of the High Level Accession Dialogue;**

Or. en

Amendment 92

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; **believes** that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; **agrees** that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the

continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in *some* 25 acquis chapters out of *the* 33 chapters;

continued implementation of the June/July *political* agreement and *substantial progress on the implementation* of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in 25 acquis chapters out of 33;

Or. en

Amendment 93 **Tunne Kelam**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; *believes* that the recommendation to open accession negotiations *should be* conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; *notes* that the recommendation to open accession negotiations *are* conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Or. en

Amendment 94 **Angel Dzhambazki**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 4**

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the **continued** implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the **full** implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Or. en

Amendment 95
Alojz Peterle

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it **important** to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it **of strategic importance** to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership **in order to avoid asymmetries in the European integration process of the Western Balkans**; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment 96
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the *high* level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and ***substantial progress on the implementation*** of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; ***stresses that the elections can only take place if the pre-conditions for democratic and fair elections have been fulfilled, inter alia a reliable voters register has been prepared and media freedom guaranteed***; welcomes the ***relatively good*** level of alignment with the legislative acquis and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 acquis chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

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that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative *acquis* and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 *acquis* chapters out of the 33 chapters; ***approves the Commission's undertaking to call a temporary halt to enlargement in order to consolidate what has been achieved among the 28;***

Or. fr

Amendment 98
Eleni Theocharous

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Draft motion for a resolution

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative *acquis* and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 *acquis* chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Amendment

4. Considers it important to ensure continuity of support to the Macedonian ***FYROM*** progress towards EU membership; believes that the recommendation to open accession negotiations should be conditional upon the continued implementation of the June/July Agreement and of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and that the issue shall be addressed after the early parliamentary elections, as indicated by the Commission; welcomes the high level of alignment with the legislative *acquis* and that the country has achieved some progress in the last year in some 25 *acquis* chapters out of the 33 chapters;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor *fulfils* her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps *as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities prior to the April 2016 elections;*

Amendment

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor *is given full support to fulfil* her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps; *calls for obstructions in the courts against referring evidence to the Special Prosecutor to be ended, and for support for amendments to the law to ensure her autonomous authority for witness protection with respect to the cases for which her office is responsible;*

Or. en

Amendment 100
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy *in investigating* the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities prior to the April 2016 elections;

Amendment

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy *and all resources required to investigate* the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities prior to the April 2016 elections;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; *invites* the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *prior to* the April 2016 elections;

Amendment

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains, *with the support of the competent authorities*, full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; *calls on* the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *after* the April 2016 elections *in accordance with the conclusions adopted by the General Affairs Council in December 2014 and the established conditionality*;

Or. el

Amendment 102

Sergei Stanishev

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the

Amendment

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating *any wrongdoings arising from* the wiretaps *and ensuring legal accountability and political responsibility*, as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental

Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *prior to* the April 2016 elections;

rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *after* the April 2016 elections;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *prior to* the April 2016 elections;

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5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *after* the April 2016 elections *in line with the General Affairs Council Conclusions of December 2014 and established conditionality*;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils

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her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *prior to* the April 2016 elections;

her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *after* the April 2016 elections;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *prior to* the April 2016 elections;

Amendment

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities *after* the April 2016 elections;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Andrej Plenković

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Draft motion for a resolution

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities prior to the April 2016 elections;

Amendment

5. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Special Prosecutor fulfils her agreed functions and maintains full autonomy in investigating the wiretaps as well as that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities prior to the April 2016 elections; ***stresses the importance of the April 2016 elections being conducted in a credible way in accordance with international standards and calls on all parties to ensure a level playing field and electoral reforms in line with OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;***

Or. en

Amendment 107

Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

5a. Considers it essential for the democratic process that the Urgent Reform Priorities on systemic reforms on the rule of law and fundamental rights are implemented without delay; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the political agreement and Urgent Reform Priorities prior to the April 2016 elections and to give an assessment of the conduct of the elections after they have taken place;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Emphasises that the State Election Commission has to have full capacity to conduct its work and that a methodology for the audit of the voters' list should be agreed by all parties, with a minimum agreed level of field checks to ensure legitimacy;

Or. en

Amendment 109
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Calls for the regular convening and smooth operation of the relevant parliamentary committees on interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence; stresses the need to ensure their unhindered access to the necessary data, testimonies and technical assistance as well as to provide credible parliamentary control of the work of the intelligence services with the necessary checks and balances on the executive's power;

6. Underlines the key role of the Parliament for democratic development of the country and as the forum for political dialogue and representation; calls on improvements and strengthening its legislative and oversight functions; calls for the regular convening and smooth operation of the relevant parliamentary committees on interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence; calls on finalising the recommendation of the committee of inquiry into the events in parliament of 24 December 2012; stresses the need to ensure their unhindered access to the necessary data, testimonies and technical assistance as well as to provide credible parliamentary control of the work of the intelligence services with the necessary

checks and balances on the executive's power;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the regular convening and smooth operation of the relevant parliamentary committees on interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence; stresses the need to ensure their unhindered access to the necessary data, testimonies and technical assistance as well as to provide credible parliamentary control of the work of the intelligence services with the necessary checks and balances on the executive's power;

Amendment

6. Calls for the regular convening and smooth operation of the relevant parliamentary ***oversight*** committees on interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence; stresses the need to ensure their unhindered access to the necessary data, testimonies and technical assistance as well as to provide credible parliamentary control of the work of the intelligence services with the necessary checks and balances on the executive's power; ***notes that the deadlines for reports to be produced by parliamentary committees in the Political Agreement have not been met;***

Or. en

Amendment 111
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Draft motion for a resolution

6. Calls for the regular convening and smooth operation of the relevant parliamentary committees on interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence; stresses the need to ensure their unhindered access to the

Amendment

6. Calls for the regular convening and smooth operation of the relevant parliamentary committees on interception of communications and on security and counterintelligence; ***regrets that the work of the parliamentary committees is***

necessary data, testimonies and technical assistance as well as to provide credible parliamentary control of the work of the intelligence services with the necessary checks and balances on the executive's power;

obstructed by the governing party; stresses the need to ensure their unhindered access to the necessary data, testimonies and technical assistance as well as to provide credible parliamentary control of the work of the intelligence services with the necessary checks and balances on the executive's power;

Or. en

Amendment 112
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Welcomes the general willingness of the authorities to publish the archives of agents affiliated with the repressive Communist secret services, but notes with concern that the process has been handled selectively to cast aside politically inconvenient opponents in the country; welcomes that the authorities have requested and encourages them to finalize retrieving the relevant Yugoslav secret service archives from Serbia, which would be a significant step towards decisive breaking with the Communist past and further democratization of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Is concerned about very weak internal

and external oversight and control of the intelligence services; urgently calls on strengthening the oversight role of the relevant institutions over the services and full implementation of the recommendations of the Senior Experts' Group on systemic rule of law issues relating to the communication interception revealed in Spring 2015;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration **remained** subject to political **influence**; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Amendment

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration **remains fragmented, politicised and** subject to political **influences**; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees, **in full compliance with the principles of transparency, meritocracy and equal representation**, as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Or. el

Amendment 115
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration **remained** subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Amendment

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration **remains** subject to **strong** political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; **recommends fair representation of all communities in all levels of the public administration**; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Eleni Theocharous

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is concerned that **Macedonian** public administration remained subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including

Amendment

7. Is concerned that **the** public administration **of FYROM** remained subject to political influence; **is of the opinion that additional measures and effective reforms should be put forward and implemented**; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on

an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is concerned that *Macedonian* public administration remained subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Amendment

7. Is concerned that *the* public administration *in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* remained subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Or. en

Amendment 118

Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is concerned that *Macedonian* public administration remained subject to political

Amendment

7. Is concerned that *the* public administration remained subject to political

influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration remained subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Amendment

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration remained subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the ***government to impose a moratorium on the implementation of the Law on Transformation of Temporary Positions into Permanent Contracts as an obligation from the Urgent Reform Priorities***; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Or. en

Amendment 120

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7**

Draft motion for a resolution

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration remained subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Amendment

7. Is concerned that Macedonian public administration remained subject to political influence; urges the government to enhance professionalism, **neutrality** and independence at all levels and ensure the full implementation of the principles of accountability, transparency and merit; calls on the competent authorities to implement in a sustainable manner the Law on Administrative Servants and Law on Public Employees as well as to adopt a comprehensive public administration reform strategy for 2016-2020, including an action plan, and a public financial management reform programme;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete, Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 7 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Underlines the need to enhance administrative capacity and inclusive and evidence-based policy-making to ensure effective implementation of policies and lines of accountability; calls on developing a designated training programme for public administration staff; urges the Commission to provide assistance and exchange possibilities in this regard;

Amendment 122

Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete, Eduard Kukan, Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Supports the government's plans to increase accessibility to public services by prioritizing developing e-services; suggests the government to look for twinning opportunities and take stock of existing best practices; notes that e-services would reduce bureaucratic burden for the state, the citizens and for business-making; furthermore, the e-services would enhance the country's economic performance and enable increasing transparency of the public administration and services;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Notes the well-established legal framework and *the further* measures *in reforming the judiciary* but deplors the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the *proper* functioning, sufficient staffing and

8. Notes the well-established legal framework and *earlier* measures *as regards judicial reform* but deplors the cases of selective justice, *particularly through the misuse of Article 353 of the criminal code*; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the

the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors *given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the* new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Judicial Council; stresses the need for the *efficient* functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors; *calls for the preparation and proper consultation of stakeholders on a* new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 124 **Richard Howitt**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 8**

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes the well-established legal framework and *the further* measures *in reforming the judiciary* but deplors the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors *given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the* new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Amendment

8. Notes the well-established legal framework and *earlier* measures *as regards judicial reform* but deplors the cases of selective justice, *particularly through the misuse of Article 353 of the criminal code*; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors; *calls for the preparation and proper consultation of stakeholders on a* new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 125 **Ignazio Corrao, Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes the *well-established* legal framework and the *further* measures in reforming the judiciary *but* deplores the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Amendment

8. Notes the legal framework and the measures in reforming the judiciary *and* deplores the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Or. it

Amendment 126
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes the *well-established* legal framework and the further measures in reforming the judiciary but deplores the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given

Amendment

8. Notes the legal framework and the further measures in reforming the judiciary but deplores the cases of selective justice *and the lack of independence*; calls once again for political will *in practice* to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; *is concerned that the situation of the judicial system has been backsliding since 2014 because the achievements of the last decade's reform process have been*

that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

seriously undermined by actual and potential political interference in the work of the judiciary; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Or. el

Amendment 127
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes the *well-established* legal framework and the further measures in reforming the judiciary but deplors the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Amendment

8. Notes the legal framework and the further measures in reforming the judiciary but deplors the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; *is concerned that the situation has been backsliding since 2014 because the achievements of the last decade's reform process have been seriously undermined by actual and potential political interference in the work of the judiciary*; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial

Amendment 128
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

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Amendment 129
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

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8. Notes the well-established legal framework and the further measures in reforming the judiciary but deplors the cases of selective justice ***and is seriously concerned by the backsliding since 2014 due to the actual and potential political interference in the work of the judiciary***; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Eleni Theocharous

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Draft motion for a resolution

8. Notes the well-established legal framework and the further measures in reforming the judiciary but deplors the cases of selective justice; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council; stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts

Amendment

8. Notes the well-established legal framework and the further measures in reforming the judiciary but deplors the cases of selective justice; ***is of the opinion that additional measures and effective reforms should be put forward and implemented***; calls once again for political will to de-politicise the appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors as well as to ensure the professionalism and independence of the Judicial Council;

and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

stresses the need for the proper functioning, sufficient staffing and the independence of administrative courts and to strengthen the capacities of the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors given that, reportedly, a fifth of all judges' posts remains vacant in the country due to shortage of qualified candidates; calls for the adoption of the new 2015-2020 Judicial Reform Strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 131

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs;

Amendment

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); ***calls on the authorities not to discriminate CSOs on any grounds such as political affiliation, religious views or ethnic composition; believes that freedom of assembly and association should not be denied to any group of people without a serious justification;*** regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to ***acknowledge the added value of the CSOs in the political debate and in law-making,*** develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs, ***which is to include as well representatives from the various communities;***

Or. en

Amendment 132

Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs;

Amendment

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government ***to show sincere willingness to consult with various stakeholders during the process of drawing up legislation and policy and*** to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs;

Or. el

Amendment 133

Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs;

Amendment

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; ***calls on the authorities to encourage CSOs into active participation in the overview of the whole electoral process;*** urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs;

Amendment 134

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs;

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9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs; ***reminds the relevant bodies to ensure an open, transparent and inclusive process as regards the implementation of the Strategy for Integrated Education, by allocating sufficient funding and including CSOs in the process of its review and implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 135

Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

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central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs; *notes with concern the violent clashes between protesters and police during the May manifestations and calls on the government to ensure the full respect of the freedom of assembly;*

Or. en

Amendment 136
Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs;

Amendment

9. Considers civil society well-organised but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs *and to include CSOs in policy-making in a regular and structured manner;*

Or. en

Amendment 137
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Draft motion for a resolution

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but remains concerned about the difficult climate surrounding them and the public attacks by politicians and media on civil society organisations (CSOs); regrets the insufficient cooperation with CSOs, both at central and local levels, in policy and law-making; urges the government to develop the relevant 2015-2017 action plan and establish the Council for Cooperation with CSOs *to facilitate the necessary dialogue*;

Or. en

Amendment 138
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Reiterates that the authorities and civil society should take appropriate measures for achieving historical reconciliation in order to overcome the divide between and within different ethnic and national groups, including citizens of Bulgarian identity;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Expresses its disappointment regarding the lack of progress in joint celebrations of common historic events and figures with neighbouring EU Member States, which would contribute to a better understanding of history and

good neighbourly relations; encourages the establishment of joint expert committees on history and education with Bulgaria and Greece, with the aim of contributing to an objective, fact-based interpretation of history, strengthening academic cooperation and promoting positive attitudes in young people towards their neighbours;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

9c. Expects from political authorities to refrain from using the Bulgarian ethnicity for name-calling and as a way to intimidate political opponents;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Remains concerned about widespread corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; urges the government to fight corruption in a non-selective manner, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have

10. Remains concerned about widespread corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; urges the government to fight corruption in a non-selective manner, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution *of high-level corruption*, as well as to ensure that all law enforcement

sufficient autonomy to act independently; ***stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism***, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; ***takes note of the adoption of the law on whistleblower protection in November 2015 and urges the authorities to ensure its implementation in line with European standards***; ***stresses the need*** to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption; ***calls for enhanced scrutiny of potential conflicts of interest and of assets belonging to elected and appointed officials by establishing a central register of such public servants***;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Ignazio Corrao, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Remains concerned about widespread corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; urges the government to fight corruption ***in a non-selective manner***, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

Amendment

10. Remains concerned about widespread ***serious*** corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; urges the government to fight corruption ***all out***, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

Amendment 143
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Remains concerned about widespread corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; urges the government to fight corruption in a non-selective manner, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

Amendment

10. Remains concerned about widespread corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; ***is concerned by the merging of media, political and government activities, particularly regarding public spending; strongly condemns the existence of unlawful links between economic, political and family ties in relation to the spending of public funds; calls on the government to adopt a legislative framework regulating conflicts of interest and making public the assets of persons occupying high state positions as an additional measure to fight corruption;*** urges the government to fight corruption in a non-selective manner, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

Amendment 144
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

10. Remains concerned about widespread corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; urges the government to fight corruption in a non-selective manner, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

Amendment

10. Remains concerned about widespread corruption, particularly in state and local administration, public procurement and political party financing; ***is concerned at the complete lack of progress over the past year with respect to the outstanding issues of corruption that had been identified;*** urges the government to fight corruption in a non-selective manner, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; ***encourages independent CSOs and the media to bring to light corruption and support independent and impartial investigations and trials;*** stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

Or. el

Amendment 145
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

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selective manner, to develop a credible track record on both prevention and prosecution, ***including in cases of high-level corruption***, as well as to ensure that all law enforcement and supervisory bodies have sufficient autonomy to act independently; stresses the need to establish a new, comprehensive whistleblowing protection mechanism, to strengthen the independence of the police, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption and to reinforce the Interior Ministry's staffing and technical capacities for fighting corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Draft motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 147
Ignazio Corrao, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. **Welcomes that the police and public prosecution office were reinforced in the fight against organised crime and that steps, including regional/international operations, have been taken to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings; encourages to further improve cooperation between law enforcement agencies, to strengthen the powers and resources of the courts and the Agency for Management of Confiscated Property; calls for making the National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised Crime operational and for establishing a sound track record on combating money laundering;**

Amendment

11. **Urges further improvements in cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the strengthening of the powers and resources of the courts and the Agency for Management of Confiscated Property; calls for making the National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised Crime operational and for establishing a sound track record on combating money laundering;**

Or. it

Amendment 148
Neena Gill

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes that the police and public prosecution office were reinforced in the fight against organised crime and that steps, including regional/international operations, have been taken to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings; encourages to further improve cooperation between law enforcement agencies, to strengthen the powers and resources of the courts and the Agency for Management of Confiscated Property; calls for making the

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National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised Crime operational and for establishing a sound track record on combating money laundering; ***commends the participation of Macedonia in regional initiatives to fight the illegal trafficking of firearms and explosives; urges for cooperation in this field between the Commission and Macedonian authorities as well as governments in the region to be stepped up further;***

Or. en

Amendment 149
Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes that the police and public prosecution office were reinforced in the fight against organised crime and that steps, including regional/international operations, have been taken to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings; encourages to further improve cooperation between law enforcement agencies, to strengthen the powers and resources of the courts and the Agency for Management of Confiscated Property; calls for making the National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised Crime operational and for establishing a sound track record on combating money laundering;

Amendment

11. Welcomes that the police and public prosecution office were reinforced in the fight against organised crime and that steps, including regional/international operations, have been taken to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings; ***commends the cooperation with neighbouring countries, EU Member States and Eurojust in taking down several organised crime networks;*** encourages to further improve cooperation between law enforcement agencies, to strengthen the powers and resources of the courts and the Agency for Management of Confiscated Property; calls for making the National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised Crime operational and for establishing a sound track record on combating money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Draft motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes that the police and public prosecution office were reinforced in the fight against organised crime and that steps, including regional/international operations, have been taken to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings; encourages to further improve cooperation between law enforcement agencies, to strengthen the powers and resources of the courts and the Agency for Management of Confiscated Property; calls for making the National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised Crime operational and for establishing a sound track record on combating money laundering;

Amendment

11. Welcomes that the police and public prosecution office were reinforced in the fight against organised crime and that steps, including regional/international operations, have been taken to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings; encourages to further improve cooperation between law enforcement agencies, *also in neighbouring countries*, to strengthen the powers and resources of the courts and the Agency for Management of Confiscated Property; calls for making the National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised Crime operational and for establishing a sound track record on combating money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 151
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Urges to fully complete the investigations of the events in Kumanovo;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes the important contribution to regional efforts to fight Islamic radicalism; encourages to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to prevent and counter radicalisation, in close cooperation with religious leaders and communities, and to pursue efforts to identify, prevent and disrupt foreign terrorist fighters; ***urges to fully complete the investigations of the events at Kumanovo;***

Amendment

12. Notes the important contribution to regional efforts to fight Islamic radicalism; encourages to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to prevent and counter radicalisation, in close cooperation with religious leaders and communities, and to pursue efforts to identify, prevent and disrupt foreign terrorist fighters;

Or. en

Amendment 153
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes the important contribution to regional efforts to fight Islamic radicalism; encourages to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to prevent and counter radicalisation, in close cooperation with religious leaders and communities, and to pursue efforts to identify, prevent and disrupt foreign terrorist fighters; ***urges to fully complete the investigations of the events at Kumanovo;***

Amendment

12. Notes the important contribution to regional efforts to fight Islamic radicalism; encourages to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to prevent and counter radicalisation, in close cooperation with religious leaders and communities, and to pursue efforts to identify, prevent and disrupt foreign terrorist fighters;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Draft motion for a resolution

12. Notes the important contribution to regional efforts to fight Islamic radicalism; encourages to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to prevent and counter radicalisation, in close cooperation with religious leaders and communities, and to pursue efforts to identify, prevent and disrupt foreign terrorist fighters; urges to fully complete the investigations of the events at Kumanovo;

Amendment

12. Notes the important contribution to regional efforts to fight Islamic radicalism; encourages to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to prevent and counter radicalisation, in close cooperation with religious leaders and communities, and to pursue efforts to identify, prevent and disrupt foreign terrorist fighters; ***strongly reiterates the necessity of a common pro-active strategy of foreign, security and defence policy, having in view the current international terrorist threat;*** urges to fully complete the investigations of the events at Kumanovo;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Alojz Peterle

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Considering the current geo-political context in Europe and its neighbourhood, is of the opinion that the Macedonian membership of NATO could contribute to achieving greater security and political stability in South-East Europe; calls on all EU Member States which are NATO members to actively support the accession of the country to NATO;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Urges to fully complete the investigations of the events at Kumanovo; calls on all political actors in the country not to link the case with Islamic radicalisation before completing the actual investigation; welcomes the declarations from political actors that the events at Kumanovo should not be linked with inter-ethnic relations;

Or. en

Amendment 157

Marijana Petir, Davor Ivo Stier, György Hölvényi, Ruža Tomašić, Ivana Maletić, Andrej Plenković, Arne Gericke, Milan Zver

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Considers that Macedonian membership of NATO could contribute to achieving greater security and political stability in South-East Europe; calls on all EU Member States which are NATO members to actively support the accession of the country to NATO;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Tunne Kelam

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of

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sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to *social benefits*; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to *integration and to educational system and labour market*; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the *Roma*, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the *acquis* as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination *on any ground* against the *various communities*, and to facilitate their access to social benefits, *education and labour market*; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; ***reiterates its concern about the fact that the LGBTI community continues to face discrimination and homophobic content from the media, both online and offline; condemns the use of any kind of violence against the LGBTI community and reiterates its request that those responsible, including the perpetrators of repeated incidents of violence against the LGBTI support centre in Skopje, be brought to justice ; regrets the fact that in August the Parliament rejected a draft amendment to legislation to combat discrimination, which would have banned all forms of direct or indirect discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity; reminds the government and political parties of their responsibility in shaping a culture of inclusion and tolerance;*** underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Or. el

Amendment 161

Ulrike Lunacek, Daniele Viotti, Tanja Fajon, Sophia in 't Veld, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation **and gender identity; condemns all violence against the LGBTI community and invites all political leaders and figures in the wider society to do the same; calls for the perpetrators of such violence to be brought to justice;** underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan; **reminds the government and the political parties of their responsibility in creating a culture of inclusion and acceptance;**

Or. en

Amendment 162
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic

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13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation **and gender identity and notes that the new members of the Anti-Discrimination Commission were elected on the ground of political affiliation to the ruling coalition which questions whether**

Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

its impartial and effective functioning is impaired; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 163

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation *and gender identity and notes that the new members of the Commission were elected on the ground of political affiliation and cannot provide impartial and effective functioning*; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Draft motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call to align the Anti-Discrimination Law with the acquis as regards discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation; underlines the need to combat prejudices and discrimination against the Roma, and to facilitate their access to social benefits; ***regrets the fact that the new composition of the Anti-discrimination Commission has one female member, while some members have discriminatory track record;*** welcomes the new Law on Combating Domestic Violence but notes that it fails to recognise all forms of violence; urges the competent authorities to provide support services to victims of domestic violence and to allocate sufficient budget for the implementation of the gender equality strategy and action plan;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

13a. Reaffirms that the Anti-Discrimination law should be amended to bring it in to acquis with all groups named in Article 19 of the Treaty of European Union; condemns hate speech against discriminated groups and calls for prompt, impartial and effective investigation and prosecution of all hate crimes and attacks targeting people for

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discriminatory reasons;

Or. en

Amendment 166

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Welcomes in this context the "Pristina Declaration" that calls upon governments, international, intergovernmental and civil society organisations to thoroughly apply principles of non-discrimination and equality when working and acting on promotion and respect of Roma rights and fighting Antigipsysm in the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA; ***notes that the measures to address the underrepresentation of smaller minorities***

remain inadequate and considers that increased political and state funding support is necessary for an efficient implementation of the Strategy on Integrated Education; in this view, calls on the government and competent local authorities to proceed with the implementation of the Strategy on Integrated Education and considers important the inclusion of civil society organisations (CSOs) in the process; recommends a more proactive approach, in order to ensure the ethnic, cultural and linguistic identities of all communities;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile **and that stronger and more effective efforts are needed to strengthen interethnic dialogue**; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; **stresses the importance to start the long-awaited census without further delay**; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA; **reiterates its view regarding integrated education and reminds the relevant bodies to ensure open, transparent and inclusive process on implementing the Strategy for Integrated Education, by allocating funding and by including the civil society organisations within the process of review**

and implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; ***believes that specific measures are needed in order to guarantee the rights and freedoms of all citizens and achieve social cohesion among the various ethnic, national and religious communities***; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA; ***condemns any form of irredentism and any attempt to disintegrate different social groups***;

Or. en

Amendment 170
Louis Michel

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review;

invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;
recalls that education and cultural training can contribute to an objective interpretation of the history of the region, help to create tolerance and promote reconciliation among the various ethnic population groups;

Or. nl

Amendment 171
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review;
calls on all political parties and civil society organizations to actively promote an inclusive and tolerant multi-ethnic and multi-religious society; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Or. en

Amendment 172
Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA; ***calls on better coordination of the strategic decentralisation programme for 2015-2020 and its action plan;***

Or. en

Amendment 173
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; ***calls for proposals to further secure the interethnic co-existence;*** invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Or. en

Amendment 174
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the **government, institutions and** party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Or. en

Amendment 175

Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Draft motion for a resolution

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Amendment

14. Notes with concern that interethnic co-existence remains fragile; reminds the party leaders of their commitment to fully implement the Ohrid Framework Agreement (OFA) and complete its review **including policy recommendations**; invites the Commission to report back to the Parliament and the Council on the state of inter-ethnic co-existence in the country and the implementation of the OFA;

Or. en

Amendment 176

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the authorities to ensure that recommendations of the Ombudsman's office and other advisory bodies are followed up by all state bodies in full respect of the law and of the principle of accountability, to ensure effective legal sanctions for non-compliance with the requests and recommendations of independent bodies and to ensure that the Ombudsman Law is amended to comply fully with the UN-defined Paris principles on the status and functioning of national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 177
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Encourages the authorities to undertake again the interrupted census which would provide accurate statistics on population data to serve as basis for government development programmes and adequate budget planning; notes with concerns that citizens of Bulgarian ethnicity are still prevented from declaring their nationality due to the lack of appropriate entries in the census documents and for that reason urges the country to take the necessary steps to remove the aforementioned obstacle;

Or. en

Amendment 178
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Reiterates the recommendation made in the previous resolution regarding integrated education, and reminds the relevant bodies to ensure open, transparent and inclusive process on implementing the Strategy for Integrated Education, by allocating funding and by including the civil society organisation within the process of review and implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 179
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation ***of*** media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and ***poor professional standards among journalists***; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on ***its*** advertising ***and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator***; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of ***expression and media freedom***; is very concerned about the continued polarisation ***and hate speech in*** media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, ***and*** systemic political interference in the editorial policies and ***the absence of investigative and balanced reporting***; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on ***public service announcements to replace government*** advertising; ***regrets the failure of the public and other broadcasters to respect the rules to accept political advertising by all parties***; ***calls for the council members of the audio-visual services regulator to be given full decision-making powers; and for new***

*appointments to that council and to the public service broadcaster on a non-partisan basis in consultation with the association of journalists; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster **and insists that the legitimacy of the upcoming elections depends on decisive action to ensure a level playing field also as regards the media;***

Or. en

Amendment 180
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued *polarisation of* media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the *new* law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued *political pressure towards the media, recent new editorial changes*, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; *calls on all parties to agree on urgent media reform that ensures independent regulatory and objective and professional reporting;* urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation *of* media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on *its advertising* and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of *expression and* media *freedom*; is very concerned about the continued polarisation *and lack of pluralism of the* media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional *and ethical* standards among *some* journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on *public service announcements*, and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster *and, in the context of the upcoming elections, calls for level playing field also as regards the media*;

Or. en

Amendment 182

Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the

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15. *Reiterates the importance of respecting the fundamental right to freedom of expression*; deplores the *further* deterioration in freedom of media; *regrets in this context that in the index*

editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

compiled by Reporters Without Borders the country has fallen from 34th place in 2009 to 117th in 2015; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, *the widespread illegal wire tapping of journalists*, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Or. el

Amendment 183

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the

Amendment

15. Deplores the *further* deterioration in freedom of media; *is seriously concerned by the record high number of kidnapping of journalists in 2015 according to the report of Journalists Without Borders*; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the

strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Or. en

Amendment 184 **Eduard Kukan**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 15**

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; ***expresses concerns about the lack of balance in media reporting, including by the public broadcaster; urges to take steps on enhancing the media freedom***; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Or. en

Amendment 185
Miroslav Poche

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies, ***the threats against journalists and their families as well as the intimidation, both verbal and physical, of people working in the media sphere in the country*** and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional

standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster; ***reiterates the importance of media freedom and independence as one of the core EU values and a cornerstone of any democracy;***

Or. en

Amendment 187
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster, ***as well as full and equal access to media for all political parties;***

Or. en

Amendment 188
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation **and lack of independence** of media, the cases of **harassment**, intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltés
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Draft motion for a resolution

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor professional

Amendment

15. Deplores the deterioration in freedom of media; is very concerned about the continued polarisation of media, the cases of **violence**, intimidation and self-censorship, systemic political interference in the editorial policies and poor

standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

professional standards among journalists; urges the government to enforce transparent and objective criteria on its advertising and to ensure the transparent and non-arbitrary implementation of the new law on electronic communications and audio-visual media services including the strengthening of the independence and capacity of the media regulator; calls for ensuring the editorial and financial independence of the public service broadcaster;

Or. en

Amendment 190
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall business environment; notes, **however**, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large informal economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

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16. Notes, **however**, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large informal economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; **stresses that the further strengthening of legal certainty for foreign investors and for domestic companies, avoiding practices that introduce discrimination, strengthening administrative capacity and regulatory and supervisory services and improving the quality of legislation, the rule of law and the execution of contracts remain important challenges in relation to the accession prospects of the country;** underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Or. el

Amendment 191
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large *informal* economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large *shadow* economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; ***stresses that further strengthening the legal certainty for foreign investors as well as domestic companies, avoiding discriminatory practices, strengthening administrative capacities and regulatory and supervisory agencies and improving the quality of regulation, the rule of law and the contract enforcement remain important challenges with respect to the country's accession perspective;*** underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall

Amendment

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall

business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large **informal** economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large **shadow** economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; **stresses the need for a more predictable legal and regulatory environment and the full enforcement of contracts**; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 193 **Eduard Kukan**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 16**

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large informal economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large informal economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; **furthermore calls for Article 353 of the criminal code on the misuse of official position and authorization to be revised in line with the EU acquis and the principles of a market economy**; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 194 **Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete, Cristian Dan Preda, Eduard Kukan**

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Draft motion for a resolution

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large informal economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Amendment

16. Welcomes the good level of preparation in developing a functioning market economy including the simplification of the regulatory framework which has further eased the overall business environment; notes, however, that the weak enforcement of the rule of law, the inefficient judicial system, the large informal economy and corruption are serious impediments for doing business; ***encourages to remove non-tariff barriers to trade***; underlines the great potential and strategic advantage of agriculture and tourism in the further development of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 195
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Strongly recommends the authorities to initiate the construction of long delayed major infrastructure projects with Bulgaria, such as the rail link and modern highway between Skopje and Sofia, and to respect the signed agreements for building of the three planned border-crossing points connecting Pehchevo-Simitli, Berovo-Strumyani and Delchevo-Nevestino, which will greatly improve the socio-economic relations between the two countries; notes that these infrastructure projects should be regarded as enablers towards the realization of the Corridor 8

*that aims to connect Macedonia with
Bulgaria and Albania;*

Or. en

Amendment 196
Isabella De Monte

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

*16a. Welcomes the temporary closing of
the metallurgical plant Jugohrom in order
to install environmental equipment, but
remains concerned that air pollution
levels in the area have remained high with
serious risks to health;*

Or. en

Amendment 197
Isabella De Monte, Marlene Mizzi

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

*16b. Reiterates its concern for high levels
of air and water pollution in the country;*

Or. en

Amendment 198
Isabella De Monte, Nicola Danti

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Remains concerned about public health statistics; welcomes the announced opening of a new transplant centre for organs as part of the Skopje City Hospital;

Or. en

Amendment 199
Isabella De Monte, Marlene Mizzi

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Welcomes that the Food and Veterinary Agency continued to update systems for controlling import of live animals and animal products, improving controls on the identification, registration and movement of animals; welcomes the enactment of an additional legislation on non-commercial movement of pets and zoo-technical issues, as well as new legislation on animal welfare;

Or. en

Amendment 200
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% **and** that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to **improve** economic policy cooperation and

17. Welcomes the decrease of unemployment over the past ten years; is concerned, however, that unemployment has remained high at 27,4%; notes that labour market participation is very low,

to better *align* education with labour market demands;

especially among women; urges the government to *promote* economic policy cooperation and to *improve the employability of people, in particular the youth, by better aligning* education with labour market demands;

Or. en

Amendment 201

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that unemployment *has remained* high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Amendment

17. *Welcomes the GDP increase by 3,9% in real terms in the first quarter of 2015 but* is concerned that unemployment *remains* high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Or. en

Amendment 202 Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation *and* to better align education with labour market demands;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among *young people and* women; urges the government to *set up functioning social dialogue and* improve economic policy cooperation, to better align

education with labour market demands *and develop plans how to integrate young people and women better into the labour market;*

Or. en

Amendment 203
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; *is concerned that employment is heavily influenced by political affiliation and is often used for pressure and intimidation of citizens during election campaigns as pointed out in the OSCE/ODIHR EOM Final Report;* urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Or. en

Amendment 204
Louis Michel

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at **27,4 %** and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at **27.4 %** and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women, *younger people and vulnerable groups;* urges the government *to pursue a policy to tackle the long-standing and structural unemployment, to*

make the investment climate more attractive to foreign investors, to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Or. nl

Amendment 205
Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands; ***calls on the government to dedicate particular attention to the economic and other policies which will – as a result – improve the perspective of youth;***

Or. en

Amendment 206
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Draft motion for a resolution

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands;

Amendment

17. Is concerned that unemployment has remained high at 27,4% and that labour market participation is very low, especially among women; urges the government to improve economic policy cooperation and to better align education with labour market demands, ***and to develop a targeted strategy for youth and women***

employment;

Or. en

Amendment 207

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Is concerned by the increasing brain drain, especially among young people; takes note of the challenges in the country's educational system and emphasizes the need for a comprehensive analysis in this aspect; recommends a strategic planning of future reforms and legislative changes through the involvement of student movements and organizations, in order to reduce the outflow of highly educated and professional labour force;

Or. en

Amendment 208

Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete, Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Stresses the need to make progress in opening the internal electricity market and to fully comply with the Energy Community Treaty; underlines the need to adopt national energy efficiency and renewable energy action plans; is worried about the alarming air pollution levels and urges the government to act immediately in reducing air pollution,

especially in urban areas;

Or. en

Amendment 209

Angel Dzhambazki, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Ryszard Czarnecki, Marek Jurek

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18**

Draft motion for a resolution

18. Remains concerned about insufficient capacity to programme and absorb IPA funds; urges the government to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities for procuring and implementing EU funds properly and in timely manner;

Amendment

18. Remains concerned about insufficient capacity to programme and absorb IPA funds; urges the government to strengthen the administrative and financing capacities for procuring and implementing EU funds properly and in timely manner; ***calls on the Commission to closely monitor projects financed by the EU to avoid misuse of European public money for political and other inappropriate purposes;***

Or. en

Amendment 210

Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete, Cristian Dan Preda

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

18a. Is concerned about the high level of public debt; calls on improved fiscal discipline, encourages the principle of balanced budget; calls on improving the budgetary implementation and transparency;

Or. en

Amendment 211
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over **500.000** persons have transited through *so far* in 2015; ***recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping*** with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; ***notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;***

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby ***it is estimated that*** over **600 000** persons have transited through *so far* in 2015; ***stresses that it should continue to work together to cope*** with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities, ***including the knowledge and ability to act in full compliance with human rights standards***, and to combat trafficking in human beings ***as an immediate priority ; raises concerns because, despite the recommendations of UN and other international organisations, FYROM continues to pursue at its borders a policy of discrimination based on nationality, which has, inter alia, once again encouraged people to resort to smugglers with all the attendant dangers;***

Or. el

Amendment 212
Ignazio Corrao, Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500 000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; ***recognises that it***

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500 000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; encourages the

has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to *enhance*, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; *notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;*

competent authorities to *establish*, with the EU's help, *the* reception and accommodation facilities *necessary to deal with this emergency without in any way violating human rights, and, in addition, to enhance* regional coordination and information exchange *and* effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings;

Or. it

Amendment 213

Neena Gill

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; *recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees;* encourages the competent authorities to *enhance*, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; *deeply deplores that Macedonian authorities have resumed the practice of arbitrarily detaining migrants and asylum seekers in degrading conditions;* urges the competent authorities to *improve*, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined; *urges the Macedonian authorities to accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and put in place formalized procedures in order to determine and resolve the status of stateless persons;*

Or. en

Amendment 214
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow *whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far* in 2015; *recognises* that it *has acted as a responsible partner* in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to *combat* trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow in 2015; *stresses* that it *should continue cooperating* in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees *and calls for the continues implementation of the recommendations contained in the declaration of the High-Level Conference on the Eastern Mediterranean and Western Balkans route*; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to *step up action against people smuggling and* trafficking in human beings *as a high priority*; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; *recognises* that it *has acted as a responsible partner* in

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; *stresses* that it *should continue cooperating with*

coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat **trafficking in human beings**; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

neighbouring countries in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; **calls for the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the declaration of the High Level Conference on the Eastern Mediterranean and Western Balkan route**; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to **further combat people smuggling and human trafficking**; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 216 **Tanja Fajon**

Draft motion for a resolution **Paragraph 19**

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has **acted as a responsible partner in coping** with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has **coped** with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Georgios Epitideios

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500 000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, ***with the EU's help***, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500 000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. el

Amendment 218
Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages ***the*** competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; ***calls on the Commission to enhance support for border management capacity and allow access to the relevant EU instruments and programmes;***

exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

encourages competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 219
David McAllister

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through *so far* in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 220
Eleni Theocharous

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; ***calls upon the competent authorities to avoid and refrain from any kind of actions, including violence and the use of force, which might be against, and put at risk, the lives of refugees and migrants; notes that all relevant kind of actions should be in line with the EU values and principles and should respect the dignity of human beings and human life;*** encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Antonio López-Istúriz White, Miriam Dalli, Julie Ward, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Merja Kyllönen, Caterina Chinnici, Luigi Morgano, Michela Giuffrida, Filiz Hyusmenova, Sofia Ribeiro, Alojz Peterle, Esteban González Pons, Caterina Chinnici

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and

refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined; ***recalls that special attention must be devoted to the vulnerable situation of refugee and migrant children and unaccompanied minors travelling across the country by providing them with basic services and ensuring outreach of social workers to provide appropriate protection;***

Or. en

Amendment 222

Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; ***urges the country to do everything possible to ensure facilities for refugees and migrants, uphold humane conditions, desist in violent push backs and ensure strict respect for the country's own law and for international law on refugees and***

asylum; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 223

Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete, Cristian Dan Preda

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Draft motion for a resolution

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees; encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Amendment

19. Notes that the country has been facing an unprecedented migratory flow whereby over 500.000 persons have transited through so far in 2015; recognises that it has acted as a responsible partner in coping with the huge influx of migrants and refugees ***and in setting up effective border management measures; notes the economic burden created by this influx;*** encourages the competent authorities to enhance, with the EU's help, reception and accommodation facilities, regional coordination and information exchange, effective border management, to extend law enforcement capacities and to combat trafficking in human beings; notes that the overall number of unfounded asylum applications filed in Schengen member countries declined;

Or. en

Amendment 224

Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Deplores episodes of violence and

inappropriate welcome as accounted by several NGOs; stresses the importance of ensuring the protection of migrants and asylum seekers from torture, inhumane, cruel or degrading treatment; urges the Authorities to investigate any allegations on the excessive use of force, extortion and maltreatment by the police against migrants and asylum seekers and to bring to account those responsible; calls on the Commission to ensure that respect for human rights of migrants and asylum seekers is an integral part of EU accession talks;

Or. en

Amendment 225

Antonio López-Istúriz White, Miriam Dalli, Julie Ward, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Merja Kyllönen, Caterina Chinnici, Luigi Morgano, Michela Giuffrida, Filiz Hyusmenova, Sofia Ribeiro, Alojz Peterle, Esteban González Pons, Caterina Chinnici

**Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)**

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Takes note of progress made in improving respect for children's rights; underlines the need to increase and monitor enrolment in early childhood development especially of the most vulnerable children; highlights the importance of improving inclusion of children with disabilities through integrated services; stresses the need to collect disaggregated and reliable data on the situation of Roma children and for legislative changes to prevent child marriage; emphasizes the need for increased coordination among professionals to prevent and respond to violence against children;

Or. en

Amendment 226
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

20. **Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating** much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

Amendment

20. **Stresses that the opening of EU negotiations requires the implementation of** much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, **as well as fulfilling established conditionality**;

Or. el

Amendment 227
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

20. **Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating** much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

Amendment

20. **Underlines that the opening of EU negotiations requires** much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, **as well as fulfilling established conditionality**;

Or. en

Amendment 228
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

20. Considers that **EU negotiations can**

Amendment

20. Considers that **the opening of EU**

only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

negotiations requires much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption *as well as fulfilling established conditionality*;

Or. en

Amendment 229
Ramona Nicole Mănescu

Draft motion for a resolution
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Draft motion for a resolution

20. Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

Amendment

20. Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption; *reiterates the importance and necessity of a constructive approach to challenges with neighbours and strongly believe that any statement or action having potential negative impact over good neighbourly relations should be avoided*;

Or. en

Amendment 230
Tonino Picula

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

20. Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating much-needed reforms,

Amendment

20. Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating much-needed reforms,

particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, ***strengthening of the multi-ethnic cohesion, as well as safeguarding the credibility of the EU's enlargement policy;***

Or. en

Amendment 231
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Draft motion for a resolution

20. Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

Amendment

20. Considers that EU negotiations can only positively influence efforts towards resolving bilateral disputes while also generating ***momentum and leverage as regards*** much-needed reforms, particularly in respect of the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 232
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

20a. Reiterates its position that outstanding international problems should be addressed as early as possible during the accession process in a constructive manner and in a spirit of good neighbourly relations through an intensive and open dialogue in the spirit of the common European future and, preferably, before the start of accession

negotiations;

Or. el

Amendment 233
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the *agreement with Greece on* eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; *encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;*

Amendment

21. Commends the *Greek government's initiative which has which resulted in* eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of *European programmes*, education, culture, energy and internal affairs; *underlines the fact that maintaining good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation, including a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution, under the auspices of the UN, remains essential in the process of the country's accession to the EU; reiterates its full support for the current UN process regarding the name issue, which remains the key framework for a solution as both parties recognise; stresses the importance of demonstrating a commitment to good neighbourly relations, in particular on the basis of friendship, mutual respect, a constructive dialogue and a genuine desire to dispel misunderstandings and overcome hostility; recalls that a constructive approach to relations with neighbouring EU Member States remains important while gestures, controversial actions and statements which negatively impact good neighbourly relations must be avoided;*

Or. el

Amendment 234
Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the ***agreement with Greece*** on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; ***encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;***

Amendment

21. Commends the ***Greek initiative which resulted*** on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; ***underlines the fact that maintaining good neighbourly relations, including a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, under the auspices of the UN, remains essential; reiterates its full support to the UN process, which remains the key framework for a solution as it is recognised by both parties; recalls that a constructive approach to relations with neighbouring EU member states remains important while avoiding gestures, controversial actions and statements which negatively impact on good neighbourly relations; asks for more concrete results in terms of cooperation in order to establish good neighbourly relations between the three sides (Athens, Sofia and Skopje); reiterates its concern over the use of historical arguments in the current debate with neighbours;***

Or. en

Amendment 235
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the ***agreement with Greece*** on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture,

Amendment

21. Commends the ***Greek initiative which resulted*** on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education,

energy and internal affairs; *encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;*

culture, energy and internal affairs; *underlines the fact that maintaining good neighbourly relations, including a negotiated and mutually acceptable solution to the name issue, under the auspices of the UN, remains essential; reiterates its full support to the UN process, which remains the key framework for a solution as it is recognised by both parties; recalls that a constructive approach to relations with neighbouring EU Member States remains important while avoiding gestures, controversial actions and statements which negatively impact on good neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

Amendment 236 Eduard Kukan

Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome *the current stalemate*, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; *notes that cooperation is the best confidence building measure; in this respect welcomes the recent initiatives and visits of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs in the respective countries and encourages further constructive discussion in high political level;* invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to *support the spirit of cooperation and* develop new initiatives to overcome *remaining differences*, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a

mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 237

Ivo Vajgl, Javier Nart, Jozo Radoš, Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, María Teresa Giménez Barbat

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the ***Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR)*** to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; ***welcomes the high-level consultations of the two Foreign Ministers in the respective capitals and the creation of a joint task force aimed at overseeing the implementation of the measures;*** encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the ***High Representative/Vice President (HR/VP) and the Commission*** to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Tanja Fajon

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament; ***welcomes the official return visit of Foreign Minister Poposki to Athens on 17 December 2015, the first bilateral visit of a Macedonian Foreign Minister to Greece in 15 years; invites both sides to build upon the outcome of this meeting with a view to enrich bilateral cooperation and strengthen mutual trust;***

Or. en

Amendment 239
Eleni Theocharous

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives; ***in the context of***

current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

the UN procedure to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament; ***considers that a mutual acceptable solution on the name should not falsify but respect Greek history and European civilization without creating fertile ground for irredentist trends and state of political instability;***

Or. en

Amendment 240
Jasenko Selimovic

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament; ***condemns the involvement of other states in the country's foreign and security policy, and rest assured that the people of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are best suited to choose their own future;***

Or. en

Amendment 241
Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; ***considers the recent mutual visits of foreign ministers as a positive sign***; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 242
Miroslav Poche

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) ***and the Commissioner responsible for EU enlargement negotiations*** to develop new

with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 243

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Draft motion for a resolution

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Amendment

21. Commends the agreement with Greece on eleven confidence-building measures mainly in the fields of education, culture, energy and internal affairs; encourages both governments to use the momentum and take concrete steps towards further enhancing mutual trust including on the name issue; invites the Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) to develop new initiatives to overcome the current stalemate *in line with the ruling of the International Court of Justice of 5 December 2011*, to work, in cooperation with the two countries and the UN Special Representative, towards a mutually acceptable solution on the name issue and to report back to the Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 244

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Supports, in this regard the proposal by UN envoy Nimetz of a composite name with geographical qualifier as long as Macedonian nationality, identity, culture and language are not affected;

Or. en

Amendment 245

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Welcomes the recent meeting between the Foreign Affairs Ministers of Greece and Macedonia held in Athens where the parties expressed readiness to work on further improving the bilateral climate and to engage in constructive dialogue including the implementation of the confidence building measures adopted earlier;

Or. en

Amendment 246

Sergei Stanishev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Reiterates its concern over the use of historical arguments in the current debate with neighbours, and welcomes any efforts towards joint celebrations of common historical events with

*neighbouring EU Member States;
considers that this could contribute to a
better understanding of history and good
neighbourly relations;*

Or. en

Amendment 247
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation; *notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;*

Amendment

22. Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation; *believes that regional cooperation is an essential element in the EU accession process bringing stability and prosperity to the region and should be a priority for the government; calls on the government to focus on transnational projects such as the Pan-European Transport Corridors, the railway link Sofia-Skopje and other infrastructural projects with Member States including border-crossing points, which will greatly stimulate the economic development in the entire region;*

Or. en

Amendment 248
Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained

Amendment

22. Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained

although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; *invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;*

although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits;

Or. en

Amendment 249
Andrey Kovatchev

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the country's *constructive role in regional and international* cooperation; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained *although* negotiations on a treaty on friendship, *good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits*; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the country's *willingness to participate in high-level visits with neighbouring countries as means to foster regional* cooperation; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria, *such as the long overdue restoration of the Bulgarian military cemeteries and the need to jointly celebrate common historical figures and events* have remained; *reiterates the importance of finalizing the* negotiations on a treaty on friendship *and good neighbourliness with Bulgaria*; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Sofia Sakorafa

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. ***Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Amendment

22. ***Underlines the importance of regional cooperation in line with the European Agenda and European principles, and calls for further progress in this regard***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Or. el

Amendment 251
Nikos Androulakis

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. ***Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; ***invites*** the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Amendment

22. ***Underlines the importance of regional cooperation***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; ***calls*** the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Amendment 252**Manolis Kefalogiannis, Maria Spyraiki****Draft motion for a resolution****Paragraph 22***Draft motion for a resolution*

22. ***Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Amendment

22. ***Underlines the importance of regional cooperation in line with the European agenda and European values and calls for further progress in this regard***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Or. en

Amendment 253**Eleni Theocharous****Draft motion for a resolution****Paragraph 22***Draft motion for a resolution*

22. ***Welcomes the country's*** constructive role in regional and international cooperation; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of

Amendment

22. ***Calls upon FYROM to intensify its efforts and play*** constructive role in ***the*** regional and international cooperation ***and fully respect history and civilisation of its neighbouring countries***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a

alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Or. en

Amendment 254
Jozo Radoš

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Draft motion for a resolution

22. Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Amendment

22. Welcomes the country's constructive role in regional and international cooperation, ***as well as the successful outcome of the 2015 Vienna Summit and the recent adoption of the IPA 2015 package that includes funding of two important infrastructure projects: the reconstruction of existing rail network in Macedonia and the investments into the power transmission system Bitola-Ohrid-Albania; having that in mind, Macedonian authorities are called upon to swiftly implement 'soft measures' agreed during the Western Balkans Summit in Vienna in 2015 (e.g. simplifying/aligning border crossing procedures, railway reforms, information systems) before the next Western Balkans Summit in 2016 in France***; notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the

integrity of the Rome Statute;

Or. en

Amendment 255

Tunne Kelam

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Invites the government to improve the overall level of alignment with the EU foreign policy and adopt the remaining EU declarations and Council Decision since the rate of alignment (68%) has remained low; invites the government to comply with the EU Common Positions on the integrity of the Rome Statute;

Or. en

Amendment 257

Tunne Kelam, Sandra Kalniete

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 c (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Encourages the further integration with NATO and hopes for accession negotiations to be opened soon;

Or. en

Amendment 258
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 d (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22d. Notes that open issues in relations with Bulgaria have remained although negotiations on a treaty on friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation continued coupled with a number of high-level visits; calls for a swift conclusion of the treaty, based on the 1999 declaration; strongly encourages joint celebrations of events and figures of the common history and the establishment of expert committees on history and education; believes that the introduction of educational materials free of ideological interpretations of history and hate speech, the academic cooperation and the promotion of positive attitudes in young people towards their neighbouring countries will have a positive impact and improve the mutual understanding; calls on the authorities not to mistreat and violate the political, social and cultural rights of citizens of the country, who openly identify themselves as Bulgarians; regrets that Bulgaria is often negatively portrayed in media, history books and films sponsored by the government in Skopje, which damages the bilateral

relations;

Or. en

Amendment 259

Sergei Stanishev

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 e (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22e. Strongly encourages the authorities and civil society to take appropriate measures for historical reconciliation in order to overcome the divide between and within different ethnic and national groups, including citizens of Bulgarian identity;

Or. en

Amendment 260

Andrej Plenković

Draft motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 f (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22f. Welcomes the country's active participation in the Western Balkans 6 connectivity agenda by endorsing the agreement on the regional core transport network and other commitments taken by the Berlin process; notes the establishment of the National Investment Committee and encourages the country to continue producing mature project pipelines within the transport network for the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Andrej Plenković

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 g (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22g. Calls on the Commission and the Council to include Macedonia in the EU macro-regional strategies for the cooperation in South East Europe; congratulates for the successful completion of the Macedonian Presidency of the Central European Initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 262
Richard Howitt

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 h (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22h. Following data and analysis of the Eurostat and other international organisations, indicating serious migration trends, especially among the young people, recommends to evaluate the national strategy for networking, cooperation and reduction of outflow of highly educated and professional staff 2013-2020, as well as to provide records and statistics on these trends;

Or. en

Amendment 263
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 i (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22i. Notes with concern the increasing brain drain, especially among the young people; recommends to evaluate the national strategy for networking, cooperation and reduction of outflow of highly educated and professional labour force for 2013–2020, as well as to make records and statistics of these trends publicly available;

Or. en

Amendment 264

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 j (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22j. Urges the country's Agency for Youth and Sport to acknowledge the role, support and establish a permanent mechanism for cooperation with the National Youth Council of Macedonia; welcomes the process of creating a National Youth Strategy 2016-2025 and emphasizes the need to allocate proper funding for its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 265

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 k (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22k. Notes with concern the challenges in the country's educational system and emphasizes the need for a comprehensive analysis in this aspect; recommends a strategic planning of future reforms and legislative changes with the involvement of the relevant student movements and organizations, enabling them to fully exercise their rights within that process;

Or. en

Amendment 266

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 l (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22l. Points out that significant efforts are needed in the field of environment and in particular in the area of air quality; expresses concern, in this regard, at the persisting high pollution index in Skopje and several other towns with 20 times higher concentration of PM10 particles than the allowed limits that pose serious risks to health and calls on the Macedonian authorities to take adequate measures to tackle both the emergency and the relevant structural problems;

Or. en

Amendment 267

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 m (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22m. Expresses concern at the planned construction of 17 small and the two large hydropower stations of Lukovo Pole and Boskov Most; points out that the implementation of the nature protection acquis and the Natura 2000 network has yet to start; calls, in this regard, for respecting the recommendation of the Bern Convention's Standing Committee (No. 184(2015)) by suspending the implementation of all government projects within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park until a Strategic Environmental Assessment is completed based on specific in situ research, in full compliance with the EU environment legislation including the involvement of local communities and other stakeholders in the decision-making process;

Or. en

Amendment 268

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 n (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22n. Regrets that energy targets have not been met with regard, in particular, to energy efficiency and the use of renewables and calls for the swift adoption of the relevant action plans;

Or. en

Amendment 269

Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 o (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22o. Points out that the current targets of emissions reduction are inadequate compared to the ones of the EU and the commitments adopted at the COP21 in Paris; urges, in this regard, Macedonia to review its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of emissions reduction target making it more ambitious in line with the average EU commitments on climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 270
Tamás Meszerics, Igor Šoltes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 p (new)

Draft motion for a resolution

Amendment

22p. Welcomes the plan to upgrade and modernize parts of the railroad network and encourages the Macedonian authorities to continue and further improve public transport in cooperation with the neighbouring countries;

Or. en