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Amendment 1

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Citation 9

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to the Council conclusions of 18 June 2019, 25 March 2020, 14 December 2021 and 13 December 2022 on enlargement and the stabilisation and association process,

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl, David Lega

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 3

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11

Motion for a resolution

— having regard to **the outcomes of** the first intergovernmental conference with North Macedonia of 19 July 2022,

Amendment

— having regard to the first intergovernmental conference with North Macedonia of 19 July 2022 **and EU's Negotiating Framework,**

Amendment 4
David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the UN
Convention on the Rights of Persons with
Disabilities,*

Or. en

Amendment 5
David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Citation 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the UN
Convention on the Rights of the Child,*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Joint Staff
Working Document, accompanying the
Joint Communication to the European
Parliament and the Council “EU Gender
Action Plan (GAP) III: An ambitious
agenda for gender equality and women’s*

*empowerment in EU external action
(2021-2025)”,*

Or. en

Amendment 7

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Special Report 01/2022 of the European Court of Auditors: EU support for the Rule of Law in the Western Balkans: despite efforts, fundamental problems persist, of 10 January 2022,*

Or. en

Amendment 8

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *having regard to the Transparency International 2022 Corruption Perception Index ranking North Macedonia 85 out of 180 countries,*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 33 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

— *whereas the EU has reiterated its full and unequivocal commitment to the EU's membership perspective of North Macedonia and that the future of the country and its citizens lies within the EU;*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. *whereas enlargement is the **most effective EU foreign policy instrument and is a geostrategic investment in long-term peace;***

A. *whereas enlargement is **a headlong rush by the EU, which no longer takes into account the criteria of economic rigor but which uses enlargement as a geopolitical tool to cement the membership of certain countries in the Euro-Atlantic sphere, which aggravates the risk of block logic and the tension in the world;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. *whereas enlargement is the most effective EU foreign policy instrument and is a geostrategic investment in long-term peace;*

A. ***whereas EU enlargement policy substantially supports the promotion of peace and the spread of the EU's fundamental values of respect for***

democracy, human rights, the rule of law and freedom of expression; whereas enlargement is the most effective EU foreign policy instrument and is a geostrategic investment in long-term peace, *security and stability;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas enlargement is the most effective EU foreign policy instrument and is a geostrategic investment in long-term peace;

Amendment

A. whereas enlargement is the most effective EU foreign policy instrument and is a geostrategic investment in long-term peace; *whereas the European integration represents the aspirations of citizens of North Macedonia and serves as a stimulus for reforms and contributes to economic growth and regional cooperation;*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas enlargement *is* the most effective EU foreign policy instrument *and is* a geostrategic investment in long-term peace;

Amendment

A. whereas enlargement *has historically been* the most effective EU foreign policy instrument *to incentivise and encourage fundamental reforms, including in the area of the rule of law, and represents* a geostrategic investment in long-term peace, *democracy, stability and*

security throughout the continent;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas enlargement is the most effective EU foreign policy instrument and is a geostrategic investment in long-term peace;

Amendment

A. whereas ***the rules and values based*** enlargement is the most effective EU foreign policy instrument and is a geostrategic investment in long-term peace, ***democracy, stability and security throughout the continent;***

Or. en

Amendment 15

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the future of the Western Balkan countries lies in the European Union; whereas accession to the EU remains a strategic priority for North Macedonia and its people; whereas structural and repeated postponements in the accession process risk to undermine the commitment of the Western Balkan countries and their citizens towards EU accession;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the effectiveness of the enlargement policy has considerably decreased over the last years due to a failure from the EU side to live up to its promises, notably the unfair and unjustified delay in starting accession negotiations with North Macedonia, as well as due to a lack of genuine political will to advance fundamental reforms by some of the political leaders of the enlargement countries

Or. en

Amendment 17
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the role of the European Union in the region largely depends on consistency in fulfilling obligations towards partner states and meeting jointly set goals;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas enlargement in the Balkans is contrary to the interests of Member states; whereas the study carried out in 2019 by the European Council on Foreign Relations (C.E.F.R.)^{1a}, confirms that the majority of citizens of the Member States do not desire a Balkan integration into the EU;

^{1a} <https://eupinions.eu/de/blog/eu-citizens-remain-against-further-enlargement>

Or. en

Amendment 19

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas EU membership remains one of North Macedonia's strategic priorities; whereas the EU has reiterated its full and unequivocal commitment to the European perspective of North Macedonia and that the future of the country and its citizens lies within the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the percentage of North

Macedonians who would vote for EU membership if a referendum were held has seen a decline since 2014 from 80% to 68%;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas North Macedonia has established itself as a reliable partner and has delivered sustained reforms;

Amendment

B. whereas North Macedonia has established itself as a reliable partner and has delivered sustained reforms; ***whereas the North Macedonia has fully aligned with EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy and sanction's regime towards Russian Federation;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas North Macedonia has established itself as a reliable partner and has delivered sustained reforms;

Amendment

B. whereas North Macedonia has established itself as a reliable partner, ***including in the area of foreign policy,*** and has delivered sustained reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas North Macedonia has maintained a steady and determined pace in advancing EU reforms, with a focus on the fundamentals, and the country should continue keeping up the reform momentum;*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. *whereas democratic transformation, the rule of law and reconciliation play a central role in EU accession;*

C. *whereas democratic transformation, the rule of law and reconciliation play a central role in EU accession **process and each accession country should demonstrate robust irreversible results in democratic resilience and socio-economic transformation;***

Or. en

Amendment 25
Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. *whereas democratic transformation, the rule of law and **reconciliation** play a central role in EU accession;*

C. *whereas democratic transformation, the rule of law and **socio-economic reforms, as well as the adherence to EU values, rules and standards,** play a central*

role in *the* EU accession *process*;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas democratic transformation, the rule of law *and reconciliation* play a central role in EU accession;

Amendment

C. whereas democratic transformation, the rule of law, *adherence to EU rules, values and standards, as well as socio-economic reforms*, play a central role in *the* EU accession *process*;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement;

Amendment

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement; *whereas any hesitancy in moving further in the enlargement process would lead to a growing relevance of third actors that do not share our interests, values, and strategic objective, and that are already active in the region*;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement;

Amendment

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement ***and exposes the need to increase resilience to malign foreign interference into democratic processes, aiming to destabilise the region by sowing discord and provoking tensions and violence;***

Or. en

Amendment 29

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement;

Amendment

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine ***has considerable potential to further destabilise many EU and non-EU countries, especially those in the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership and*** highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement;

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement, ***and has shown that non-enlargement has a massive strategic cost and can undermine security and stability on our continent;***

Or. en

Amendment 31
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement;

D. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine highlights the critical importance of EU enlargement ***for the Western Balkans and the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 32
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the new enlargement momentum sparked by the changed geopolitical reality after the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and the applications for EU membership of some Eastern Partnership countries has prompted the EU to accelerate the long-overdue deliveries to the Western Balkans by starting accession talks with North Macedonia and Albania, and granting the candidate status to Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Amendment 33

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas North Macedonia has been heavily targeted by Russian disinformation and other hybrid attacks, and should strengthen protection of its critical infrastructure, cyber-security, counter-disinformation and energy transition measures;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas malign foreign direct and proxy interference and disinformation aim to sow discord, violence, inter-ethnic tensions and to destabilise North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas negotiations between Kosovo and Serbia have once more failed on the 18th of March 2023; whereas it is incoherent that the EU requires from Serbia to de facto recognize the sovereignty of Kosovo by recognizing official documents produced by Pristina even though five member states still do not recognize the independence of Kosovo;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the fight against corruption, malicious foreign interference, money laundering and organised crime is a European security issue;

Amendment

E. whereas the fight against corruption, malicious foreign interference, money laundering and organised crime is a European security issue, ***crucial for North Macedonia's and other enlargement countries' progress in the EU accession;***

Or. en

Amendment 37

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the fight against corruption, malicious foreign interference, money laundering and organised crime is a European security issue;

Amendment

E. whereas the fight against corruption, malicious foreign interference, money laundering and organised crime is a European security issue; ***whereas those are predominant issues in the Western Balkans;***

Amendment 38
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the fight against corruption, malicious foreign interference, money laundering and organised crime is a European security issue;

Amendment

E. whereas the fight against corruption, malicious foreign interference, money laundering and organised crime is a European security issue, ***linking together external and internal security***;

Amendment 39
Georgios Kyrtsos

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ea. whereas according to the UN report for North Macedonia 2021 “corruption in the country persists and scores against key governance indicators (political stability, rule of law and accountability) remained low”;

Amendment 40
Georgios Kyrtsos

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas according to World Bank's Worldwide Governance indicators North Macedonia performs worse in Control of Corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas each country should be judged on its own merits ***and whereas the accession process should not be misused to settle bilateral disputes;***

Amendment

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

Or. en

Amendment 42
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas each country should be judged on its own merits and whereas the accession process should not be misused to settle bilateral disputes;

Amendment

F. whereas each country should be judged on its own merits and whereas the accession process should not be misused to settle bilateral disputes, ***as this sets a very dangerous precedent for all future accession processes;***

Or. en

Amendment 43
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas each country should be judged on its own merits and whereas the accession process should ***not be misused to settle bilateral disputes***;

Amendment

F. whereas each country should be judged on its own merits and whereas the accession process should ***be comprehensive and driven by shared values without conflicting with the interests of Member States***;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas each country should be judged on its own merits and ***whereas*** the accession process should not be misused to settle bilateral disputes;

Amendment

F. whereas each country should be judged on its own merits and the ***conditionality-based*** accession process should not be misused to settle bilateral disputes;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Fa. whereas the EU is a community of cultural and linguistic diversity, based on solidarity and mutual respect among its peoples;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Matjaž Nemec, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the EU continues to strengthen and intensify its engagement at all levels to support North Macedonia's political, economic and social transformation, including through continued assistance based on tangible progress;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the Prespa Agreement and the Treaty on Good Neighbourly Relations are landmark agreements that represent a model for stability and reconciliation and have improved the spirit of good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas North Macedonia refuses to comply with the Treaty of friendship, good neighbourliness and cooperation, especially regarding hate speech against Bulgaria and recognising mutual history;

Or. en

**Amendment 49
Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Whereas to be part of the EU, North Macedonia has to fully implement their bilateral treaties.

Or. en

**Amendment 50
Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas there has been an increasing number of incidents on ethnic and political grounds, including an attempt to set on fire the premises of the Bulgarian Cultural Club in Bitola in June 2022 and a violent assault against the secretary of the Bulgarian Cultural Club “Tsar Boris III” in January 2023,

Or. en

Amendment 51

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Recital F c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fc. whereas a number of Bulgarian citizens and journalists willing to enter North Macedonia on the occasion of the ceremony for the 151st anniversary of the birth of Gotse Delchev, a shared national hero for both countries, were denied entry into the country at border crossing points,

Or. en

Amendment 52

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Recital F d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fd. whereas following a controversial naming of the Bulgarian Cultural Club in Bitola, which opened in April 2022, North Macedonia amended the Law on Associations and Foundations in November 2022, effectively de-registering the association,

Or. en

Amendment 53

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Recital F e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fe. whereas the Macedonian Cultural Club in Blagoevgrad, which opened in

October 2022, was denied registration by the Bulgarian authorities in February 2023 on the grounds that its alleged political activity is in breach of the Bulgarian Constitution,

Or. en

Amendment 54
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the EU remains the main political and economic partner of the Western Balkan countries;

Amendment

G. whereas the EU remains the main political and economic partner of the Western Balkan countries; *whereas the EU continues to be North Macedonia's biggest trade and investment partner and its largest provider of financial assistance, namely through IPA III, EIP for Western Balkans and Macro Financial Assistance;*

Or. en

Amendment 55
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the EU remains the main political and economic partner of the Western Balkan countries;

Amendment

G. whereas the EU remains the main political and economic partner of the Western Balkan countries; *whereas mis- and disinformation campaigns organised by third parties aim at presenting the EU as an unreliable, uninvolved partner for the Western Balkans countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 56

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the EU remains the main political and economic partner of the Western Balkan countries;

Amendment

G. whereas the EU remains the main political and economic partner of the Western Balkan countries, ***mobilising an unprecedented cross-cutting additional support in the wake of the pandemics and Russia's brutal aggression against Ukraine;***

Or. en

Amendment 57

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas accession negotiations mark a new phase in EU–North Macedonia relations;

Amendment

H. whereas accession negotiations ***are a clear recognition of the progress achieved and*** mark a new phase in EU–North Macedonia relations;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas accession negotiations ***mark*** a new phase in EU–North Macedonia

Amendment

H. whereas ***the long-overdue start of*** accession negotiations ***marks*** a new phase

relations;

in EU–North Macedonia relations;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas accession negotiations mark a new phase in EU–North Macedonia relations;

Amendment

H. whereas ***the opening of*** accession negotiations mark a new phase in EU–North Macedonia relations;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas accession negotiations mark a new phase in EU–North Macedonia relations;

Amendment

Ha. whereas progress towards advancement of accession negotiations will be measured against a set of criteria and requirements laid down in the Negotiating Framework, among which North Macedonia’s commitment to good neighbourly relations and the implementation in good faith of bilateral agreements, including the Prespa Agreement with Greece and the Treaty on Good Neighbourly Relations with Bulgaria of 2017,

Or. en

Amendment 61
Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. *whereas the political leaders in all Member States, as well as in the enlargement countries, need to prove their genuine commitment to enlargement based on the Copenhagen criteria with concrete steps and progress in order to re-energise the whole process, ensuring its continuity, consistency, credibility and impact;*

Or. en

Amendment 62
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. *whereas the accession negotiations should start after the amendment of the Constitution of the Republic of North Macedonia and the inclusion of Bulgarians in its preamble;*

Or. en

Amendment 63
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration,

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration;

which has been underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. *Welcomes* North Macedonia's consistent commitment to *EU* integration, which has *been underpinned by steady* progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, *while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;*

Amendment

1. *Notes* North Macedonia's consistent commitment to *European* integration, which has *unfortunately resulted in limited* progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration, which has been underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Amendment

1. *Warmly* welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration, *despite difficult circumstances due to the unjustified and unfair delays in the enlargement process of the country,* which has been underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Amendment 66

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's **consistent** commitment to EU integration, **which has been** underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Amendment

1. Welcomes ***the start of the accession negotiations process and the holding of the first Intergovernmental Conference, which is a clear recognition of*** North Macedonia's commitment to EU integration, underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Amendment 67

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration, which has been underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law **and** fundamental rights, **while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment**;

Amendment

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration, which has been underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, fundamental rights **and unwavering commitment to European values, reforms and the process of EU integration, as well as good neighbourly relations and inclusive regional cooperation**;

Amendment 68

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration, which has been underpinned by steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Amendment

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent **strategic** commitment to EU integration, which has been underpinned by **solidarity and** steady progress on guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment **with the EU**;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration, which has been **underpinned by** steady progress **on guaranteeing** democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Amendment

1. Welcomes North Macedonia's consistent commitment to EU integration, which has been **based on the** steady progress **in the area of** democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights, while moving towards cross-cutting policy alignment;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Welcomes North Macedonia's progress towards EU accession, but calls on the North Macedonian government to redouble its efforts to implement the necessary reforms, including in the areas of rule of law, justice, and fundamental rights, and to strengthen its cooperation with the EU institutions.

Or. en

Amendment 71

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Compliments North Macedonia on its continuous efforts to strengthen the rule of law, judicial independence and minority rights, counter corruption and organised crime, reform its public administration and consolidate media freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Commends North Macedonia's full alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its *clear-cut* response to *the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures* against Russia and Belarus;

2. Notes the signals from North Macedonia's *in regard to their* alignment with the *EEAS proposals for a* foreign and security policy *for the EU*, including its response to *implement the largely ineffective restrictive-measures* against Russia and Belarus *that many Member States have also implemented*;

Amendment 73

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Commends North Macedonia's full alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus;

Amendment

2. ***Welcomes and strongly*** commends North Macedonia's full ***and consistent*** alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus ***agreed by the Council, as well as its support to the statements of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, fully confirming the country's strategic choice; welcomes North Macedonia's continued active participation in EU missions and operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP); calls upon the EU to involve the country in any schemes that exist to mitigate the potential economic effects of restrictive measures against Russia, such as energy support schemes;***

Amendment 74

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

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security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus;

security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus; ***expresses its full support to North Macedonia's OSCE Chairmanship and its role in contributing to peace and stability and safeguarding the respect for international law; welcomes reforms undertaken so far in the fields of crisis management, the critical infrastructure, cyber defence, participation in the EU and NATO-led missions and the ongoing modernization of armed forces;***

Or. en

Amendment 75

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Commends North Macedonia's full alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus;

Amendment

2. Commends North Macedonia's full ***and consistent*** alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus, ***which clearly demonstrates strong expression of North Macedonia's strategic choice and place in a community of common EU values; underlines the importance of further deepening the cooperation on foreign policy issues;***

Or. en

Amendment 76

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Commends North Macedonia's full alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus;

Amendment

2. Commends North Macedonia's full alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus; **welcomes North Macedonia's continued commitment to Euro-Atlantic security framework;**

Or. en

Amendment 77

Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Urmas Paet, Frédérique Ries, Malik Azmani, Klemen Grošelj, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Commends North Macedonia's full alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus;

Amendment

2. Commends North Macedonia's full alignment with the EU's foreign and security policy, including its clear-cut response to the **Russian** aggression against Ukraine by aligning with the EU's restrictive measures against Russia and Belarus;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Commends North Macedonia for being one of the first nations to enthusiastically send lethal weapons such

as over 30 T-72 tanks and 4 Sukhoi Su-25 ground attack jets to Ukraine in order to defend itself from Russia's illegal and unjustifiable invasion; Commends North Macedonia for levying sanctions against Russia while also closing its airspace to Russian airlines; Appreciates the historical increase in economic and political cooperation between Ukraine and North Macedonia as both countries agreed to allow visa-free travel between them in 2019;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the adoption of an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility amounting to EUR 9 million in support of the army of North Macedonia who is actively contributing to EU missions and operations

Or. en

Amendment 80

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes North Macedonia's continued active participation in the EU missions and operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy;

Amendment 81
Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the holding of the 2023 Chairpersonship of the OSCE by North Macedonia in the challenging global geopolitical context;

Or. en

Amendment 82
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes North Macedonia's 2023 OSCE Chairpersonship, especially in light of the current challenging global geopolitical context;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes North Macedonia's commitment to the 'Clean Network' initiative alongside Bulgaria and Kosovo

in eliminating long term threats to data privacy and security by using only ‘trusted vendors’ in the development of its 5G technology and urges its neighbours to follow this example;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Recognises the important contributions that North Macedonia has made to CSDP Missions EUFOR Althea and EUTM RCA, as well as contributions made to EU battlegroup initiatives;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2c. Recognizes the role of the Special Operations Regiment of the Army of North Macedonia and appreciates their added value in deployment in peacekeeping missions in areas of conflict such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, and Bosnia and Herzegovina; recognises their added value in counter-terrorism, unconventional warfare, counter-drug operations, and hostage rescue;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national ***consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030;***

Amendment

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national ***ability for free thinking, democratic principles and self-governing ;***

Or. en

Amendment 87

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges ***decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030;***

Amendment

3. ***Welcomes the ambition of North Macedonia to move forward in the accession negotiation process based on continuing the reform progress; urges all parties in the National Assembly to continue to work together constructively and to build cross-party consensus, focusing on making concrete steps in the negotiations and maintaining the current reform momentum, as well as building upon a successful start of analytical examination of the EU acquis (screening); welcomes the country's ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030;***

Or. en

Amendment 88

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030;

Amendment

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030; ***calls on the Member States not to further block North Macedonia's path to the EU anymore, to constructively support the country to achieve this objective and to assess the country's progress in light of the Copenhagen criteria;***

Or. en

Amendment 89

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030;

Amendment

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030; ***encourages efforts to convince civil society of benefits of EU membership through programs and educational resources for the public in light of recent discouragement from delays in ascension process;***

Or. en

Amendment 90

Petras Auštrevičius, Ramona Strugariu, Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Urmas Paet, Frédérique Ries, Klemen Grošelj, Katalin Cseh

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030;

Amendment

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, **to work towards strengthening administrative capacities**, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards **fulfilment and** the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership by 2030;

Or. en

Amendment 91

David McAllister

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership **by 2030**;

Amendment

3. Urges decision-makers to foster a national consensus on EU integration, building upon a successful start to the screening process, to work towards the ambitious goal of meeting the criteria for EU membership **as soon as possible**;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Welcomes the 16th meeting of the EU – North Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council which for the first time took place in Skopje on 17 March 2023, as a continued and strong commitment of the European Union to the European perspective of North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Kinga Gál

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the unjustified delays in the accession process; ***stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;***

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the unjustified delays in the accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. ***Expresses concern about the unjustified*** delays in the accession process; stresses the need ***to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;***

Amendment

4. ***Notes the reoccurring*** delays in the accession process; stresses the need ***for the EU Commission to halt all interventions with the aim of EU-accession***

Or. en

Amendment 95
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the unjustified delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the unjustified delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension; ***underscores that the pace of the EU accession should be determined by the progress on the due functioning of democratic institutions, grounded in the rule of law, good governance and fundamental rights;***

Or. en

Amendment 96
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the unjustified delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the unjustified delays in ***the accession process; stresses that structural and repeated postponements in the accession process risk to undermine the EU credibility and therefore the commitment of the Western Balkan countries and their citizens towards*** the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Elena Yoncheva, Ivo Hristov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the **unjustified** delays **in the accession** process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the delays **of the start of the negotiation** process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Expresses concern about** the unjustified delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Amendment

4. **Deeply regrets** the unjustified **and unfair** delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Expresses concern about the**

Amendment

4. **Notes the** delays in the accession

unjustified delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Andrey Kovatchev, David Lega, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the **unjustified** delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Expresses concern about the **unjustified** delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Amendment

4. Expresses concern about the delays in the accession process; stresses the need to strengthen the process's transparency, accountability and inclusiveness, including its parliamentary dimension;

Or. bg

Amendment 102

Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Reminds Member States that the enlargement policy must be driven by objective criteria and not be impeded by unilateral interests, as it has happened in the case of North Macedonia; strongly condemns the misuse of veto powers by some Member States in the Council, which have unfairly delayed the start of accession negotiations with North Macedonia, as well as with Albania; notes with concern that the support for EU membership has dropped significantly in the last years because of the EU's, notably the Council's, inability to deliver on its promises;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. calls the EU to seriously consider the possible security implications in the Western Balkans in view of the developments in Ukraine and the possible influence of Russia and China in the countries of the region; security challenges have increased and fast steps on the EU accession negotiations are more than necessary;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Repeats, against this background, its calls to enhance the EU's capacity to act by reforming decision-making, including through the introduction of qualified majority voting in areas relevant to the accession process, and ensuring the effective functioning of an enlarged union as a whole; calls for abolishing, in particular, the requirement for unanimity when deciding on the start of the negotiation process, as well as the opening and closing of individual negotiating clusters and chapters;

Or. en

Amendment 105

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Encourages the Commission to speed up cross-cutting integration with enlargement countries in the fields of economy and single market, energy and transport, social policy, education, digitalisation, research and innovation, agriculture and rural development, justice and home affairs, civil protection, foreign affairs, security and defence, including cybersecurity;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Generally opposes any further enlargement of the European Union, as its stability, economical and political issues as they result from previous enlargement as well as from the disavowing 2016 "Brexit" referendum do not allow for it;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph -5 (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

-5. Recalls that the rule of law and institutional integrity are the backbone of a democratic transformation, societal resilience and socio-economic cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Compliments North Macedonia for the tangible results in consolidating democracy; urges the country to intensify efforts to improve governance and access

5. Notes some results in consolidating democracy; urges the country to intensify efforts to improve governance and access to justice;

to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Compliments North Macedonia for the tangible results in consolidating democracy; urges the country to intensify efforts to improve governance and access to justice;

Amendment

5. Compliments North Macedonia for the tangible results in consolidating democracy; urges the country to intensify efforts to improve governance and access to justice ***through the implementation of roadmaps on the rule of law and public administration;***

Or. en

Amendment 110

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Compliments North Macedonia for the tangible results in consolidating democracy; urges the country to intensify efforts to improve governance and access to justice;

Amendment

5. Compliments North Macedonia for the tangible results in consolidating democracy; urges the country to ***commit and*** intensify efforts to improve governance and access to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Calls on the North Macedonian government to strengthen its efforts to ensure the rule of law, independence of the judiciary, and fight against corruption and organized crime, in line with EU standards and requirements.

Or. en

Amendment 112

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural reforms, while strengthening decision-making transparency, inclusive consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia, ***including under the auspices of the Jean Monnet Dialogue;***

Amendment

6. Invites policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural reforms, while strengthening decision-making transparency, inclusive consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural reforms, while strengthening decision-making transparency, inclusive

Amendment

6. Invites policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural ***EU-related reforms under a cross-party commitment to the EU integration***, while

consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia, including under the auspices of the Jean Monnet Dialogue;

strengthening *specialised independent institutions*, decision-making transparency, inclusive consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia, including under the auspices of the Jean Monnet Dialogue, *facilitated by the European Parliament; urges lawmakers to implement a pending commitment to revise Sobranie's rules of procedure, to avoid both unjustified delays and the overuse of urgency procedures and to strengthen parliamentary oversight over the intelligence services;*

Or. en

Amendment 114

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Invites policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural reforms, while strengthening decision-making transparency, inclusive consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia, including under the auspices of the Jean Monnet Dialogue;

Amendment

6. Invites policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural reforms, while strengthening decision-making transparency, inclusive consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia (*Sobranie*), including under the auspices of the Jean Monnet Dialogue; *urges all political parties to dedicate more efforts to reduce polarisation and to play a more constructive role;*

Or. en

Amendment 115

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Invites** policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural reforms, while strengthening decision-making transparency, inclusive consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia, **including under the auspices of the Jean Monnet Dialogue**;

Amendment

6. **Proposes to** policymakers to constructively engage in the continued adoption and implementation of structural reforms, while strengthening decision-making transparency, inclusive consultations and the oversight abilities of the Assembly of North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 116 Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. **Reaffirms the need to maintain constructive engagement with and abroad cross-party consensus, especially between government and opposition, on EU-related reforms, by strengthening the capacities of the Assembly of North Macedonia (Sobranie); recalls the important role of the Jean Monnet Dialogue (JMD) in strengthening the ability of political leaders to develop true inter-party dialogue and to build the consensus necessary for generating a democratic parliamentary culture and trust; welcomes the strong cross-party commitment to the process; urges lawmakers to swiftly implement the commitments made under the Jean Monnet Dialogue process;**

Or. en

Amendment 117
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Regrets the proposal of the President of North Macedonia to ban democratically elected Members of the European Parliament from entering the territory of North Macedonia; notes, however that the ban never occurred;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Calls on the authorities to comprehensively address the outstanding electoral recommendations well ahead of the 2024 elections;

7. Calls on the authorities to comprehensively address the outstanding electoral recommendations well ahead of the 2024 elections ***in order to ensure a fair, open, and transparent electoral process; stresses in particular the importance of removing all restrictions and barriers to provide de facto equal opportunities for people with disability to fully participate in elections according to the OSCE recommendations in its Assessment of the Electoral Participation of People with Disabilities and the Election Administration in North Macedonia;***

Or. en

Amendment 119
Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls on the authorities to comprehensively address the outstanding electoral recommendations well ahead of the 2024 elections;

Amendment

7. Calls on the authorities to comprehensively address the outstanding electoral recommendations well ahead of the 2024 elections; ***reiterates its call to promptly review the electoral legislation in a transparent, timely and inclusive manner in line with the outstanding OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and Venice Commission recommendations; stresses, in particular, the importance of removing all restrictions on the electoral rights of people with disabilities;***

Or. en

Amendment 120

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform; welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent, prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations; applauds anti-corruption contribution of independent civil society and the media;

Amendment

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform; ***invites the government to swiftly adopt the new strategy and action plan for the judiciary sector as both expired in 2022; encourages, in particular, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Good Governance Policies to take more diligent steps towards the detection of corruption cases, as well as to increase the communication and outreach with the public about the results obtained;*** welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent,

prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations; applauds anti-corruption contribution of independent civil society and the media;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform; welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent, prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations; applauds anti-corruption contribution of independent civil society and the media;

Amendment

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform; welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent, prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations ***such as the Commission for Prevention of Corruption (SCPC), the Public Prosecution Office***; applauds anti-corruption contribution of independent civil society and the media; ***supports enhanced judicial cooperation in criminal matters under the working arrangement with the EPPO in order to ensure effective investigation and prosecution of crimes against the European Union's budget***;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform; welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent, prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations; applauds anti-corruption contribution of independent civil society and the media;

Amendment

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform **to guarantee the independence, professionalism, transparency and impartiality of the judicial system**; welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent, prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations; applauds anti-corruption contribution of independent civil society and the media;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform; welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent, prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations; applauds anti-corruption contribution of **independent** civil society and the media;

Amendment

8. Encourages the country to increase institutional integrity and intensify its judicial reform; welcomes prosecutions related to the abuse of office and looks forward to systematic action to prevent, prosecute and follow-up on corruption cases; insists on adequate funding for and the effective functioning of independent bodies and agencies and on the consistent implementation of their decisions and recommendations; applauds anti-corruption contribution of civil society and the media;

Amendment 124

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Calls on the EU and the Western Balkan countries to establish a framework for effective cooperation between the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the accession countries; encourages the Western Balkan countries to swiftly conclude bilateral working arrangements with the EPPO in order to facilitate close cooperation and the prosecution of the misuse of EU funds, including through the secondment of national liaison officers to the EPPO;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering; ***in this context, calls on the competent authorities to carry out regular and intensive investigations to prevent delays in the hearings of high-***

profile cases; calls on the authorities to implement the recommendations of the State Audit Office and the State Commission for the Prevention of Corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 126

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

Amendment

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering, ***making a full use of the National Coordination Centre for the Fight against Organised and Serious Crime;***

Or. en

Amendment 127

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

Amendment

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving ***trafficking of illegal third country nationals***, high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

Amendment 128
Georgios Kyrtzos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

Amendment

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime ***in a more consistent and productive way***, through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases involving high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

Amendment 129
Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases ***involving*** high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

Amendment

9. Urges the authorities to effectively fight corruption and organised crime through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions and asset confiscations in cases ***of corruption including*** high-level corruption, organised crime and money laundering;

Amendment 130
Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Underlines the importance of continuing to deliver justice in major lawsuits related to the abuse of office, corruption and terror, including the April 2017 attacks against the Sobranie, illegal wiretapping and extortion; repeats, in this context, its call on Hungary to work with the Macedonian authorities to follow-up on the extradition request for their criminal former Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski, who fled a jail sentence in North Macedonia and was granted asylum in Hungary;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Commends the North Macedonian judicial system's crackdown on upper-level corruption through the conviction in absentia of former Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski for a 5th prison sentence while he is currently living in exile in Hungary after attaining asylum;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls for improving the functioning of the financial inspection, guaranteeing the independence of the State Audit Office, and improving the efficiency of parliamentary oversight of public funds management;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9b. Expresses concern over the election of high-ranking officials in the judicial system such as the Public Prosecutor for Organised Crime and Corruption, as well as members of the Judicial Council and members of the Board of the Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors, as the process lacked transparency and guarantees for independence;

Or. en

Amendment 134

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Deplores the *malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as*

10. Deplores the *inability of* North Macedonia's institutions and citizens *to*

disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

halt the illegal trafficking rout for illegal third country nationals/migrants through the territory of North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

Amendment

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats, *acting in cooperation with the EU, its Member States, and relevant NATO structures; stresses the risks related to mis- and disinformation campaigns organised by third parties aiming at presenting the EU as an unreliable, uninvolved partner for the Western Balkans countries; calls on the European Commission, the EEAS, and North Macedonian authorities to step up joint efforts in fighting such narratives;*

Or. en

Amendment 136
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

Amendment

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats; ***calls on the EEAS and EU Delegation to North Macedonia to intensify efforts in promoting benefits of closer integration and invest in communication campaigns to fight foreign influence;***

Or. en

Amendment 137

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

Amendment

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the ***EU to support the*** authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats; ***calls for a stronger involvement of all stakeholders, including the Parliament of North Macedonia, in tackling foreign interference and disinformation***

Or. en

Amendment 138

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

Amendment

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats ***by enhancing cybersecurity coordination, counter-radicalisation and data protection capabilities and calls for an enhanced EU support in this regard;***

Or. en

Amendment 139

Ioan-Rareș Bogdan

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

Amendment

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to ***develop different tools, including educational ones, to combat online disinformation and manipulative speech, in order to*** considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

Or. en

Amendment 140

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats;

Amendment

10. Deplores the malign foreign interference and hybrid attacks, such as disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks and false bomb threats, directed against North Macedonia's institutions and citizens; invites the authorities to considerably strengthen North Macedonia's resilience against such threats; ***urges the Commission and the EEAS to further support the country in these efforts;***

Or. en

Amendment 141

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Commends North Macedonia's participation in the Global Coalition To Defeat Daesh and the Joint Action Plan on Counter-Terrorism in the Western Balkans; recognizes the efforts made by North Macedonia to combat the financing of terrorism as laid out in the 2021-2023 National Strategy for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism;

Or. en

Amendment 142

Angel Dzhambazki

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Recognises the call by North Macedonia's National Centre for Computer Incident Response for government institutions to increase cyber security measures after multiple attacks over the last few years including attacks on the website of the Education Ministry in 2022, site for public services in 2022, and State Electoral Commission website in 2020;

Or. en

**Amendment 143
Christian Sagartz**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Calls for the further implementation of the Joint Action Plan on Counterterrorism in order to prevent extremism;

Or. en

**Amendment 144
Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10b. Recognises that foreign fighters that return from engaging in terrorist

activity outside of Europe often return to or via the Western Balkans region where they can find funds and sympathy from local communities that help prepare and equip them for attacks throughout Member States. Urges the need to eliminate the environment in the Western Balkans which permits for extremism to grow and terrorist organisations to enhance their operational capability;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Urges caution in regard to Turkish influence and funding through use of its Directorate of Religious Affairs offices set up within North Macedonia known as the Diyanet;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10d. Urges caution regarding Iranian activity in the Western Balkans. Recognises that recent cyber attacks and the foiled plans to attack members of an exiled Iranian opposition group known as the People's Mujahedin of Iran (MEK) in Albania by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force has strongly

negative implications for North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 147
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10e. Urges caution in regard to the large funding of Wahhabist institutions throughout the region whose practices are discreet and may be able to influence and/or radicalise younger and/or rural Islamic communities in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 148
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Welcomes the successful international actions taken against the trafficking of people, narcotics and firearms, and the uncovering of online fraud, which were aimed at dismantling organised crime groups, including those involved in people smuggling, the evasion of justice, money laundering and cybercrime; acknowledges that the country has complied with its commitments on tax cooperation;

11. Welcomes the successful international actions taken against the trafficking of people, narcotics and firearms, and the uncovering of online fraud, which were aimed at dismantling organised crime groups, including those involved in people smuggling, the evasion of justice, money laundering and cybercrime; acknowledges that the country has complied with its commitments on tax cooperation **and tax good governance standards, following its ratification of the OECD multilateral convention on mutual administrative assistance;**

Amendment 149
Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the successful ***international actions taken against the trafficking of people, narcotics and firearms, and*** the uncovering of online fraud, which were aimed at dismantling organised crime groups, including those involved in ***people*** smuggling, the evasion of justice, money laundering and cybercrime; acknowledges that the country has complied with its commitments on tax cooperation;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the successful the uncovering of online fraud, which were aimed at dismantling organised crime groups, including those involved in smuggling ***illegal migrants***, the evasion of justice, money laundering and cybercrime; acknowledges that the country has ***attempted to*** complied with its commitments on tax cooperation;

Amendment 150
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

11a. Welcomes the investigations taken against prolific smuggling rings; stresses that there is a considerable need for further action by local officials and intelligence sharing with EU law enforcement agencies;

Amendment 151
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Notes the importance of cooperating with the EU in the fight against trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling through the ‘Balkan route’

Or. en

Amendment 152
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Encourages North Macedonia to strengthen operations against the trafficking of cultural property which allows organised crime and terrorist groups to attain funding through this highly unregulated global market; Stresses the necessity of ensuring the authenticity of the provenance of art/cultural pieces and the need to work multilaterally across borders to make the international trafficking of these objects more difficult at the source-country level in places such as museums in developing countries where cultural property is usually not itemized into databases and points of transfer at customs checkpoints at the transfer-countries level;

Or. en

Amendment 153
Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. ***Stresses*** the authorities' ***obligation*** to improve the management of public finances and public investment and ensure integrity, transparency and competition in State aid and public tenders, while strengthening safeguards and conditionality using a strategic foreign investment screening process and prosecuting fraud, abuse of office, tax evasion and the circumvention of sanctions;

Amendment

12. ***Calls on*** the authorities to improve the management of public finances and public investment and ensure integrity, transparency and competition in State aid and public tenders, while strengthening safeguards and conditionality using a strategic foreign investment screening process and prosecuting fraud, abuse of office, tax evasion and the circumvention of sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 154
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

12a. Notes the growing risk of increasing influence of China throughout the region; expresses concern that North Macedonia could become increasingly vulnerable to investment from China, risking a backslide in development in the rule of law.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 155
Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully

deleted

Amendment

align with EU visa policy and to limit security risks related to its citizenship-by-investment scheme; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to step up cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 156

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to limit security risks related to its citizenship-by-investment scheme; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to step up cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies;

Amendment

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to limit security risks related to its citizenship-by-investment scheme, ***refraining from systematic granting of citizenship for special economic interest***; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to step up cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies, ***including through an enhanced partnership under the newly-ratified Frontex status agreement, the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats' (EMPACT) and the regional Anti-Smuggling Operational Partnership, in full compliance with fundamental rights; welcomes successful international investigations and police operations against trafficking of people, narcotics and firearms and uncovering of the online fraud cases across Southeast Europe, including the dismantling of a criminal groups related to money laundering and cryptocurrency fraud and urges authorities to strengthen domestic operational and asset recovery capacities;***

Or. en

Amendment 157

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to limit security risks related to its citizenship-by-investment scheme; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to step up cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies;

Amendment

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to limit security risks related to its citizenship-by-investment scheme; ***calls on the authorities to refrain from enabling systematic acquisition of citizenship based on economic interest***; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to step up cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to limit security risks related to its citizenship-by-investment scheme; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to ***step up*** cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies;

Amendment

13. ***While acknowledging progress made***, invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to limit security risks related to its citizenship-by-investment scheme; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to ***continue*** cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to **limit security risks related to** its citizenship-by-investment scheme; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to step up cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies;

Amendment

13. Invites North Macedonia to fully align with EU visa policy and to **immediately end** its citizenship-by-investment scheme; urges the authorities to take further action against criminal trafficking networks and to step up cooperation with the EU's justice and home affairs agencies **while acting fully in line with fundamental rights**;

Or. en

Amendment 160

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Commends the agreements made between the Council and North Macedonia on 24 February 2023 that will allow for Frontex joint operations and the deployment of border management teams to North Macedonia; Acknowledges the importance of these efforts in managing migratory flow, countering illegal immigration, and addressing cross-border crime; highlights the importance of joint-operations between Frontex and North Macedonia in aligning the immigration policy of North Macedonia and the European Union; Acknowledges that the second most used path to Europe followed by migrants was the Western Balkan route consists of travel from Greece and Bulgaria into the Western Balkans

(including North Macedonia) and then on into Serbia and the need of North Macedonia to have the appropriate amount of detention centres;

Or. en

Amendment 161

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Commends the ongoing bilateral and international co-operation on dismantling transnational crime networks, including with international and the EU justice and home affairs agencies, including Eurojust, Europol and Frontex, covering the intensified action against the trafficking of humans, drugs and illegal weapons and danger of radicalisation;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Matjaž Nemec, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Welcomes the conclusion of the Status Agreement between the EU and North Macedonia on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in North Macedonia and looks forward to its entry into force;

Or. en

Amendment 163
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for the adoption of the draft law on the compensation for victims of crime including victims of trafficking in human beings;

Or. en

Amendment 164
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Calls for further progress on public administration **and** encourages the authorities to complete local governance reform;

14. Calls for further progress on **the reforms in the** public administration, **notably to adopt the amendments to the Law on Administrative Servants and the Law on Public Sector Employees, as well as the Law on Top Management Service and the implementation of the reorganisation of the state administration;** encourages the authorities to complete **the** local governance reform **and the decentralisation process;**

Or. en

Amendment 165
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Calls for further progress on public administration and encourages the authorities to complete local governance reform;

Amendment

14. Calls for further progress on public administration, ***free from political and economic interference*** and encourages the authorities to complete local governance reform;

Or. en

Amendment 166

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Calls for*** further progress on public administration and encourages the authorities to complete local governance reform;

Amendment

14. ***Proposes*** further progress on public administration and encourages the authorities to complete local governance reform;

Or. en

Amendment 167

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

14a. Reiterates its calls to the Commission to implement the recommendations of the European Court of Auditors Special Report 01/2022 to ensure the effective rule-of-law impact of financial assistance in the Western Balkans, including in North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 168
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls for the Law on the protection of whistle blowers to be further aligned with the EU acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 169
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Reiterates its deep concerns about reports that the Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Oliver Várhelyi deliberately seeks to circumvent and undermine the centrality of democratic and rule of law reforms in EU accession countries; urges the Commission to initiate an independent and impartial investigation into whether the conduct engaged in and the policies furthered by the Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct for the Members of the Commission and of the Commissioner's obligations under the Treaties; urges the Commission to report the results of such investigation to the Parliament and the Council; condemns the insults directed by Commissioner Várhelyi against the Members of this Parliament during a plenary debate in February 2023 on the

Amendment 170

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its progress towards *eliminating all types of* discrimination and ensuring equality;

Amendment

15. Notes *that* North Macedonia's *legal framework is largely in line with international and European standards, in particular regarding its* commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its progress towards *fighting* discrimination and ensuring equality; *against this background, calls on the authorities to tackle the intersectional discrimination that minorities face through a systemic and effective institutional approach;*

Amendment 171

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes *its progress* towards eliminating all types of discrimination and ensuring equality;

Amendment

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes *all efforts* towards eliminating all types of discrimination and ensuring equality; *regrets the increasing number of instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation towards minorities and other*

vulnerable groups on ethnic and political grounds;

Or. en

Amendment 172

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its progress towards eliminating all types of discrimination and ensuring equality;

Amendment

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its progress towards eliminating all types of discrimination and ensuring equality, ***including under the strategies on Gender Equality and on Equality and Anti-discrimination;***

Or. en

Amendment 173

Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; ***welcomes its progress towards eliminating*** all types of discrimination and ensuring equality;

Amendment

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; ***acknowledges its efforts to eliminate*** all types of discrimination and ensuring equality, ***but finds these insufficient and unconvincing;***

Or. bg

Amendment 174

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes North Macedonia's **commitment to** upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its progress towards **eliminating** all types of discrimination and ensuring equality;

Amendment

15. Notes North Macedonia's **Government efforts in** upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its progress towards **fighting** all types of discrimination and ensuring equality;

Or. en

Amendment 175
Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its **progress** towards eliminating **all** types of discrimination and ensuring equality;

Amendment

15. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to upholding civil liberties and fundamental rights; welcomes its **efforts** towards eliminating **certain** types of discrimination and ensuring equality;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia,

Amendment

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of **women, Roma, the LGBTI+ community and other** vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to

covering crimes related to violence ***against women*** and the safety of journalists ***and*** insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission ***and*** Ombudsman's office;

the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to ***gender-based*** violence and the safety of journalists, ***as well as the adoption of the Law on Compensation of Victims of Crime; highlights, however, the need to further harmonise the Criminal Code with the Istanbul Convention;*** insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission, ***including by guaranteeing its financial independence, and the Ombudsman's office; in this context, calls on the authorities to effectively enforce the decisions of the Anti-Discrimination Commission and follow up on the Ombudsman's recommendations;***

Or. en

Amendment 177
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Amendment

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists, ***as well as the adoption of the Law on Compensation of Victims of Crime; calls on the authorities to fight sexism and gender-based discrimination which particularly affect female journalists;*** and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office ***and to effectively enforce the decisions of the Anti-discrimination Commission and follow-up on the Ombudsman's***

recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 178

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Amendment

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; ***stresses that the Ombudsman concluded that courts' sentences against convicted offenders of rape and domestic violence were overly lenient and did not contribute to a reduction and elimination of severe forms of domestic violence nor provide sufficient protection to survivors***; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse

Amendment

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse,

and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

hate speech and hate crimes and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office; ***welcomes improving reception conditions for asylum applicants and suggests to further strengthen asylum and reception capacities;***

Or. en

Amendment 180

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Amendment

16. Urges the authorities to step up ***the*** protection of ***minorities and other*** vulnerable groups and the ***prevention, identification, investigation and*** prosecution of ***perpetrators of hate speech, hate crimes, as well as*** domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Or. en

Amendment 181

Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Amendment

16. Urges the *North Macedonian* authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of *the increasingly frequent crimes committed against certain communities and engendered by hate speech and acts of hatred, and of* domestic and online abuse, and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Or. bg

Amendment 182

Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Amendment

16. Urges the authorities to step up protection of vulnerable groups and the prosecution of *hate crimes*, domestic and online abuse and to improve services for the victims of violence; welcomes changes to the Criminal Code of North Macedonia, covering crimes related to violence against women and the safety of journalists and insists on the need to strengthen North Macedonia's anti-discrimination commission and Ombudsman's office;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Commends the willingness of the government of North Macedonia to engage in prison reform discussions through their meeting on 16 May 2022 with the President of the European Committee for Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), Alan Mitchell, and the Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), Tomáš Boček; Urges North Macedonia to commit to these reforms in order to assure fair and humane treatment of prisoners in accordance to treaty law and to prevent the conditions often found in prison that group together organized crime members and extremists and allows for malicious connections to be made;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Welcomes the draft law on gender equality and the progress achieved in establishing effective gender equality mechanisms; calls for the adoption of this law and for the allocation of sufficient resources for its implementation, while underlining the need to further strengthen gender mainstreaming mechanisms and fight gender-based discrimination in the country;

Amendment 185
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Strongly condemns the vicious violent attack against Hristijan Pendikov, the secretary of the Bulgarian Cultural Club in Ohrid, who suffered life-threatening injuries; notes that the attack was motivated by hate; regrets the decision of the judiciary to postpone the litigation has been postponed; regrets that one of the assailants is still at large;

Or. en

Amendment 186
Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Regrets the continuous lack of progress in implementing the previous European Parliament recommendations regarding discrimination, hate speech, threats and intimidation against citizens openly expressing their Bulgarian identity and/or ethnic background;

Or. en

Amendment 187
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the North Macedonian government to fully respect and protect human rights, including the rights of minorities, and to ensure that all allegations of human rights abuses are promptly and thoroughly investigated

Or. en

Amendment 188
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls for further improvements in the enforcement of minority rights and for further measures in preventing discriminations and crimes based on origin;

Or. en

Amendment 189
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Regrets the small punishment for hate crimes, such as the burning of the Bulgarian Club in Bitola by Lambe Alabakovski;

Or. en

Amendment 190

Andrey Kovatchev, David Lega, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Urges the relevant bodies to proactively prevent and systematically prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes, threats and intimidation, to thoroughly investigate related attacks and to ensure the safety and security of their targets, such as journalists, people belonging to ethnic communities and other vulnerable groups; strongly urges the media outlets and the authorities of the Republic of North Macedonia to deter from utilizing and publicizing hate speech against EU Member States and its closest neighbours; calls for the government and the judiciary to improve institutional capacity in this area and ensure the increasing hate speech is addressed in accordance with international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Deplores the continuing physical attacks, intimidation, hate speech and political slurs against Bulgarian cultural institutions and members of the Bulgarian community, including by MPs and government officials; calls on the authorities to investigate all cases of such attacks, to punish the perpetrators

appropriately and to improve the safety of cultural institutions; expresses concern about continuous discrediting and targeting of people from the Bulgarian community by media outlets calls on North Macedonia to strengthen human rights institutions, guarantee their independence of the judiciary and follow-up on convictions for hate-crimes.

Or. en

Amendment 192
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Urges the authorities to effectively fight hate motivated crimes through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions;

Or. en

Amendment 193
David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Underlines the importance of removing barriers to the socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disabilities;

17. Stresses the need for further progress to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities; underlines the importance of removing barriers to the socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disabilities, **including by providing adequate resources and infrastructure to uphold necessary social protection and ensure decent living conditions for people with disabilities in North Macedonia;**

encourages North Macedonia to continue its efforts to provide equal access to education to children with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 194

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines the importance of removing barriers to the socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disabilities;

Amendment

17. Underlines the importance of removing barriers to the socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disabilities; *welcomes the progress made in the de-institutionalisation process, including in the resettlement of persons with disabilities to community-based care;*

Or. en

Amendment 195

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Underlines the importance of removing barriers to the socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disabilities;

Amendment

17. Underlines the importance of removing barriers to the socioeconomic inclusion of persons with disabilities *and their equal access to education, health services, public buildings and transport ;*

Or. en

Amendment 196

David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Notes that North Macedonia's government has adopted an action plan to implement the deinstitutionalisation strategy for 2022-2024; deplors the limited progress when it comes to improving the rights to persons with disabilities in general; urges the authorities to finalise the de-institutionalisation promptly;

Or. en

Amendment 197
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Bernhard Zimniok, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Commends North Macedonia's well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion;

18. Warns against a blind promotion of multiculturalism in North Macedonia that would contribute to the fragmentation of the country with border minorities being empowered to form a continuity of their homeland; reiterates that the unitary form of the North Macedonian State must remain unchallenged;

Or. en

Amendment 198
Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. *Commends* North Macedonia's well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion;

18. *Is alarmed at the increasingly frequent ruptures of* North Macedonia's well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion;

Or. bg

Amendment 199
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Commends North Macedonia's well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion;

Amendment

18. Commends North Macedonia's well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion; *encourages ongoing steps to building further trust among communities and the functioning of a multi-ethnic society while recalling the importance of upholding the rights of all communities; encourages the Government to protect and promote cultural heritage, languages and traditions of all communities through an equal, inclusive and non-discriminatory access to education, public service and the media;*

Or. en

Amendment 200
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Commends North Macedonia's

Amendment

18. Commends North Macedonia's

well-established inter-community harmony **and urges** the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to **multiculturalism and inclusion**;

well-established inter-community harmony **in line with the Ohrid Framework Agreement, which is a positive example in the Western Balkan region, and invites** the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to **a functioning multi-ethnic democracy, including through implementing the Strategy “One Society for All”**;

Or. en

Amendment 201

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Commends North Macedonia’s well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion;

Amendment

18. Commends North Macedonia’s well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion **and to continue ensuring that rights of all citizens are protected equally regardless of their ethnicity**;

Or. en

Amendment 202

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Commends North Macedonia’s well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion;

Amendment

18. Commends North Macedonia’s well-established inter-community harmony and urges the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to multiculturalism and inclusion, **including through implementing the Strategy “One Society for All”**;

Amendment 203
Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Commends North Macedonia's well-established inter-community harmony and **urges** the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to **multiculturalism and inclusion**;

Amendment

18. Commends North Macedonia's well-established inter-community harmony and **encourages** the country to sustain its long-standing commitment to **a functioning multi-ethnic democracy**;

Or. en

Amendment 204
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the North Macedonian government to promote inter-ethnic dialogue and cooperation, and to ensure that all communities have equal access to political participation, education, and public service

Or. en

Amendment 205
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the authorities to take further steps to ensure the equality of LGBTI+ persons and stresses the need to continue and accelerate the process of amending the Law on Civil Registry to enable a simplified, transparent and accessible procedure for legal gender recognition based on self-determination, and prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity;

Or. en

Amendment 206

Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl, Christian Sagartz, David Lega

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on the Republic of North Macedonia to fully guarantee equal rights for all ethnic communities in the country, including through appropriate constitutional and legislative amendments and in all relevant legislation, and ensure that no disadvantage shall result for citizens from the exercise of their right to identify themselves as belonging to any ethnic group;

Or. en

Amendment 207

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Welcomes the adoption of the

Strategy for Roma Inclusion for 2022-2030 and calls for its effective implementation; urges the authorities to ensure the inclusion of Roma children in the national education system line with the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, and to immediately end discriminatory practices such as segregated classrooms;

Or. en

**Amendment 208
Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Stresses the need to ensure that all minorities that live in North Macedonia are provided adequate support and live free from intimidation or any kind of discrimination;

Or. en

**Amendment 209
Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Underlines the commitment of North Macedonia to include the Bulgarians in the preamble of its Constitution;

Or. en

Amendment 210
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Welcomes the success of the 3rd Skopje Pride in 2022 and looks forward to its 4th edition; calls on the authorities to take further steps to ensure the equality of LGBTI+ persons, to swiftly adopt a national action plan on LGBTI+ rights and to ensure the allocation of sufficient resources for its implementation; urges all political actors to continue and accelerate the process of amending the Law on Civil Registry, which would ensure swift and unimpeded legal gender recognition on the basis of self-determination;

Or. en

Amendment 211
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Reiterates that guaranteeing the right of the citizens of North Macedonia who identify as Bulgarians, and their inclusion in the Constitution of the Republic of North Macedonia and all relevant legislation, is a pre-condition for the start of the negotiation process for RNM's EU membership;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Deplores the increasing discrimination against citizens of North Macedonia who identify as Bulgarian, which includes, among others, the arson of the independent Bulgarian cultural club “Ivan Mihaylov” in Bitola in June 2022, the shooting against the independent Bulgarian cultural club “Tsar Boris III” in Ohrid in November 2022, the attack against the Bulgarian State Cultural and Information Center in Skopje, which was broken into in March 2023, and most of all, the severe beating of Christian Pendikov in January 2023 who was attacked because of his Bulgarian self-identification as noted by the Prosecutor’s Office in Ohrid, North Macedonia;

Or. en

**Amendment 213
Tineke Strik**
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Is greatly concerned with the stark increase of an anti-gender movement in the country, as well as the spread of misinformation and discriminatory and hateful speech against the LGBTI+ community, particularly against transgender persons in the media and political discourse;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18d. Condemns the consistent practice of pushbacks of migrants in North Macedonia, as reported by investigative media and human rights organisations; regrets the adoption of an Agreement between the EU and North Macedonia on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in North Macedonia, despite the fact that the Commission quoted in its fundamental rights impact assessment multiple reports about systematic pushbacks, sometimes accompanied by physical violence; reiterates its calls for the country to improve access to asylum and reception conditions and to put in place a proper migration management and registration system in full respect for fundamental rights and international standards; calls on both the EU and North Macedonia to guarantee the rights of asylum seekers and refugees; calls upon Frontex to monitor and act in compliance of fundamental rights when deployed in North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 215

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. *Notes the Government of North Macedonia's improving engagement with civil society, while ensuring inclusive consultations and transparency;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 216

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. Notes the Government of North Macedonia's **improving** engagement with civil society, while ensuring inclusive consultations and transparency;

19. Notes the Government of North Macedonia's **efforts to increase** engagement with civil society **and urges the authorities to further improve engagement** while ensuring inclusive consultations and transparency, **in particular through restoring communication and dialogue with the Council for Cooperation between the Government and CSO; encourages public authorities to make funding available and accessible to civil society organizations;**

Or. en

Amendment 217

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19. *Notes* the Government of North Macedonia's **improving** engagement with civil society, **while ensuring** inclusive consultations **and transparency;**

19. **Urges** the Government of North Macedonia **to improve its** engagement with civil society **and to ensure transparency and** inclusive **and**

meaningful consultations in the policymaking processes; urges the authorities to restore the dialogue with CSOs through the Council for Cooperation between the Government and Civil Society; against this background, calls on the government to foster the implementation of the 2022-2024 Strategy for Collaboration with and Development of Civil Society, as well as to ensure sufficient and sustainable funding for civil society organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 218

Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl, David Lega

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes the Government of North Macedonia's improving engagement with civil society, *while* ensuring inclusive consultations and transparency;

Amendment

19. Notes the Government of North Macedonia's improving engagement with civil society, *and underlines the importance of* ensuring inclusive consultations and transparency; *however notes with concern the lack of engagement with civil society representing and defending the rights of the various ethnic communities in the country;*

Or. en

Amendment 219

Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Notes the Government of North Macedonia's improving engagement with

Amendment

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civil society, *while ensuring inclusive consultations and transparency*;

civil society, *and stresses that additional efforts are needed to improve transparency in policy-making and inclusiveness in consultation processes, including in cases where reforms can directly impact on civil society organisations*;

Or. bg

Amendment 220
Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Expresses concern at the fast-track adoption, with no consultation of local stakeholders or inter-parliamentary bodies, of new legislation on the registration of non-governmental organisations, which requires that associations and foundations wishing to use the name, surname, pseudonym, abbreviation or initials of historical figures in their name, to obtain prior authorisation, including retrospectively, from a commission operating without any formally-established criteria*;

Or. bg

Amendment 221
Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Condemns the discriminatory*

changes in legislation adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia in October 2022, which restricts the naming of NGOs, which has been implemented retroactively for existing organisations, and which has been used specifically against two independent Bulgarian cultural centres in the country, out of over 17,000 NGOs in RNM;

Or. en

Amendment 222
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Expresses its concerns about the attacks against Bulgarian cultural clubs and organizations; regrets the adoption of the law on associations and foundations, which aims to limit the creation of new associations of citizens with a Bulgarian identity;*

Or. en

Amendment 223
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom and urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, as well as the public broadcaster's and the media

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regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplors threats and attacks against journalists;

regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplors threats and attacks against journalists ***and demands to bring their perpetrators before justice; acknowledges the updates to the Law on Civil Liability for Insult and Defamation, providing for a framework guaranteeing freedom of expression and professional journalistic standards; warns against selective public funding of the private media that can distort political and media pluralism;***

Or. en

Amendment 224

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom ***and*** urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, ***as well as the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplors threats and attacks against journalists;***

Amendment

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom; urges, ***however,*** the authorities ***to reform the legal framework for media in an inclusive and transparent manner, effectively involving civil society and the association of journalists,*** to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, ***with a view to ensuring the competitive and equitable distribution of public funding and safeguarding fair competition and editorial independence;***

Or. en

Amendment 225

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom and urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, as well as the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplores threats and attacks against journalists;

Amendment

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom and urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, as well as the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplores threats and attacks against journalists; ***calls for an immediate halt in the media that is focused on promoting anti-Bulgarian views.***

Or. en

Amendment 226
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom and urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, as well as the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplores threats and attacks against journalists;

Amendment

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom and urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, as well as the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplores threats and attacks against journalists, ***which affect particularly women journalists and LGBTI+ journalists;***

Amendment 227

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom and urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, as well as the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplores threats and attacks against journalists;

Amendment

20. Acknowledges North Macedonia's enabling environment for media freedom and urges the authorities to ensure transparency of media ownership, financing and political advertising, as well as the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; deplores threats and attacks against journalists, ***including the use of SLAPPs***;

Amendment 228

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Calls on the authorities to adopt a legal framework that protects journalists, human rights defenders and other stakeholders from Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs);

Amendment 229
Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Highlights the unacceptable use in media circles of ‘hate speech’ regarding other countries and peoples, which is incompatible with European values and is hindering the development of good neighbourly relations in the region;

Or. bg

Amendment 230
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Urges the North Macedonian government to promote and protect freedom of the press, media pluralism, and independence of media regulatory bodies, and to ensure that journalists can carry out their work without fear of intimidation or harassment

Or. en

Amendment 231
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Calls for revision of the legal framework governing the media in

accordance with the EU acquis and European standards, in particular by aligning national laws with EU's Audiovisual Media Services Directive;

Or. en

Amendment 232

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the importance of the public broadcaster's and the media regulator's ability to operate independently, impartially and professionally and calls upon the government to allocate sufficient resources to this end; calls for the withdrawal of the amendments to the Law on Audio and Audiovisual Media Services, which aim at removing the active ban on the government's advertising in private media; recalls the need to counter political interference and foreign and home-grown disinformation and manipulative narratives; recalls the need to strengthen investigative journalism, fact-checking and media literacy as means to tackle hate speech, disinformation and foreign interference campaigns; in this context, calls on the Commission to step up its efforts of supporting media plurality in North Macedonia, notably by identifying ways to financially support free and independent media;

Or. en

Amendment 233

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmas Paet, Katalin Cseh, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. *Is concerned about the lack of trust in journalism in North Macedonia, in particular due to the extreme political polarisation and pressure from businessmen on the media sector; deplores the high number of violations of professional and ethical standards by media in North Macedonia with portals being accused of spreading fake news and inciting speech, as highlighted by the Council for Media Ethics of North Macedonia; calls on the Association of Journalists of North Macedonia and its members to fully abide by the industry standards set up in the Journalism Trust Initiative developed by Reporters Without Borders, as the appropriate tool to increase professional journalists credibility and rebuilt society's trust*

Or. en

Amendment 234
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. *Is highly alerted that North Macedonia and the rest of the EU accession countries in the Western Balkans are being hit particularly hard by attacks in the form of foreign interference and disinformation campaigns stemming from Russia and China, such as Russia's interference campaigns during the ratification process of the Prespa Agreement; is alarmed that Hungary and*

Serbia are helping China and Russia with their geopolitical objectives; condemns, in this context, the attempts of media outlets and persons close to the Hungarian government to interfere and meddle with the media and media landscape in North Macedonia with the goal of discrediting the Macedonian government; urges the European Commission to open a dialogue with the Hungarian authorities with regard to this interference and to consider taking necessary steps; calls on the EU to enhance its dialogue with civil society and other relevant stakeholders to coordinate anti-disinformation efforts in the region, with an emphasis on research and analysis and the inclusion of regional expertise; calls on the Commission to build up the infrastructure required to produce evidence-based responses to both short-term and long-term disinformation threats in the Western Balkans; calls on the EEAS to take a more proactive stance, focusing on building the EU's credibility in the region, rather than defending it, as well as in expanding StratCom monitoring to focus on cross-border disinformation threats emanating from Western Balkan countries and their neighbours;

Or. en

Amendment 235

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20d. Strongly condemns threats and attacks against human rights defenders and journalists, in particular against women journalists and journalists belonging to the LGBTI+ community; in

this context, urges all political actors to stop and condemn hate speech, smear campaigns and harassment of independent civil society organisations and calls upon the competent authorities to enforce a zero-tolerance approach regarding intimidation, threats and acts of violence against human rights defenders and journalists and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 236

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Reconciliation and good neighbourly relations

Amendment

Regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations

Or. en

Amendment 237

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Reconciliation and good neighbourly relations

Amendment

Regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations

Or. en

Amendment 238

Nathalie Loiseau, Javier Nart, Petras Auštrevičius, Malik Azmani, Urmaz Paet, Ramona Strugariu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent mutual implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece;

Amendment

21. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent mutual implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece; ***deplores the persistent disinformation campaigns creating distorted and polarised narratives that have marred the period leading to the 2018 referendum on the Prespa Agreement to reduce turnout, such as alleged threats to the Macedonian language, despite clear support for the agreement***

Or. en

Amendment 239

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent mutual implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece;

Amendment

21. Notes North Macedonia's ***long-standing*** commitment to ***multiculturalism and inter-community harmony, underpinned by the Ohrid Framework Agreement, along with fostering of a*** positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent mutual implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece ***along with its pending ratification of the additional memorandums on cooperation;***

Or. en

Amendment 240

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. *Notes* North Macedonia's commitment to positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent mutual implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece;

Amendment

21. *Commends* North Macedonia's commitment to positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent mutual implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece; ***recalls that according to the new enlargement methodology of the Commission, all parties must abstain from misusing outstanding issues in the EU accession process;***

Or. en

Amendment 241

Vangelis Meimarakis, Stelios Kypouropoulos, Maria Spyraiki, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Theodoros Zagorakis, Loucas Fourlas, Eleni Stavrou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent ***mutual*** implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece;

Amendment

21. Notes North Macedonia's commitment to positive diplomacy and good neighbourly relations; reiterates its full support for a consistent ***and bona fide*** implementation of the Treaty of Friendship with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece;

Or. en

Amendment 242

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Commends the country's constructive engagement as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes the tangible progress reached under the Berlin Process *and the* EU-Western Balkans summit in *Tirana*;

Amendment

22. Commends the country's constructive engagement as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes the tangible progress reached under the Berlin Process *on the Freedom of Movement with Identity Cards, on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications, and on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications for Doctors of Medicine, Dentists and Architects and calls on all Western Balkan countries to speed up their implementation; commends the progress reached in the context of the EU–Western Balkans summit in Tirana, the first-ever EU-Western Balkans Summit in the region;*

Or. en

Amendment 243

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Commends *the country's* constructive engagement *as part of* inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes *the* tangible progress reached *under* the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana;

Amendment

22. Commends *North Macedonia's* constructive engagement *in* inclusive regional *and cross-border* cooperation initiatives and welcomes tangible progress reached *on free movement and the mutual recognition of the qualifications in the framework of* the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana; *welcomes regional agreements signed so far and recalls that further integration is*

need complete the creation of the Common Regional Market; expresses support the gradual elimination of roaming charges between North Macedonia and the EU Member states;

Or. en

Amendment 244
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Commends the country's constructive engagement as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes the tangible progress reached under the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana;

Amendment

22. Commends the country's constructive engagement as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes the tangible progress reached under the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana; *stresses on the importance of making full use of all the regional and intergovernmental initiatives that are already existing, notably the Adriatic Ionian Initiative (AII), the Central-European Initiative (CEI), the EUSAIR, and the Berlin Process, creating synergies among them;*

Or. en

Amendment 245
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Commends the country's constructive engagement as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes the tangible progress

Amendment

22. Commends the country's constructive engagement as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes the tangible progress

reached under the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana;

reached under the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana;
welcomes the removal of roaming charges between the Western Balkan states;
welcomes the Roaming Declaration enabling the reduction of the roaming charges between the EU and the Western Balkans as of 1 October 2023;

Or. en

Amendment 246

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Commends the **country's** constructive engagement as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes the tangible progress reached under the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana;

Amendment

22. Commends the **continued** constructive engagement **of North Macedonia** as part of inclusive regional cooperation initiatives and welcomes **its proactive role in** the tangible progress reached under the Berlin Process and the EU-Western Balkans summit in Tirana;

Or. en

Amendment 247

Andrey Kovatchev, Christian Sagartz, David Lega, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Welcomes the agreement at the Tirana Summit on reduced roaming costs; in this respect calls on the authorities, private actors and all stakeholders to facilitate reaching the agreed targets to achieve a substantial reduction of roaming charges for data on 1 October 2023 and further reductions leading to

prices close to the domestic prices by 2027;

Or. en

Amendment 248

Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the North Macedonian government to continue to play an active and constructive role in regional cooperation initiatives, including the Berlin Process and the Regional Cooperation Council, and to work towards resolving outstanding issues with neighbouring countries in a peaceful and constructive manner

Or. en

Amendment 249

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Commends North Macedonia for hosting the meeting of the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue in Ohrid on 18 March 2023, which additionally proves the credibility and reliability of the country vis-à-vis its neighbours, which is key for the stability and prosperity of the Western Balkan region;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Welcomes the reduction of roaming fees between Western Balkans and EU starting in October 2023; in that respect urges the European Commission together with the government of North Macedonia to create a fast-track road map to eliminate roaming charges with all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Commends North Macedonia for hosting the meeting of the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue on 18 March 2023 in Ohrid, confirming that the country nurtures good bilateral relations with its neighbours important for the stability and prosperity of the entire region;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Acknowledges and commends North Macedonia for acting as a neutral host for negotiations between states in the Balkans, helping facilitate peace-building in the region and reconciliation which further strengthens Europe and the European Union

Or. en

Amendment 253

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Warns against attempts to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and deplors all internal and external actions that endanger stability and jeopardise regional reconciliation;

Amendment

23. Warns against attempts to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and deplors all internal and external actions that endanger stability and jeopardise regional reconciliation, **such as the promotion of extremism, hatred and historical revisionism; strongly condemns all provocations, including instances of hate speech, along with acts of vandalism and violence, aimed at inciting intolerance, tensions, destabilising the country, derailing the EU-related reforms and slowing down the EU integration process;**

Or. en

Amendment 254

Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Warns against attempts to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and deplores all internal and external actions that endanger stability and jeopardise regional reconciliation;

23. Warns against attempts to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and deplores all internal and external actions that endanger stability and jeopardise regional reconciliation; ***deplores recent attacks on minority groups and call on the North Macedonia's authorities to prevent such situations in the future;***

Or. en

Amendment 255

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Warns against attempts to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and ***deplores all internal and external*** actions that endanger stability and jeopardise regional ***reconciliation***;

Amendment

23. Warns against attempts ***by ultranationalists and extremists, as well as by third countries***, to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and ***condemns all actions and violence*** that endanger stability and jeopardise regional ***cooperation***;

Or. en

Amendment 256

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Warns against attempts to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and deplores all internal and external actions that endanger stability and jeopardise regional ***reconciliation***;

Amendment

23. Warns against attempts ***by third countries*** to undermine peaceful inter-community and bilateral relations and deplores all internal and external actions that endanger stability and jeopardise regional ***cooperation***;

Amendment 257

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Condemns the hate speech, smear campaigns and threats directed by some extremist Bulgarian politicians and officials against Macedonian citizens, including the death threat against the President Stevo Pendarovski by a Member of this Parliament; strongly condemns the irredentist idea of a “Greater Bulgaria” supported by the Bulgarian far-right, including by Members of this Parliament, which hampers good neighbourly relations between Bulgaria and North Macedonia and contravenes EU values; stresses that the Macedonian history, language and identity should be fully respected by all EU Member States; in this context, invites Bulgaria and North Macedonia to find a compromise on issues related to history and language, while reiterating that this dispute must be settled separately from the accession process of North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 258

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Strongly condemns the attacks

against Bulgarian cultural institutions, in particular the arson attack against the club in Bitola and the shooting against the club in Ohrid; reiterates that the amelioration of bilateral relations is unlikely while such attacks continue to occur;

Or. en

Amendment 259

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Calls for calm, dignity and maturity in bilateral relations, urges regional partners to restore trust and cooperate with mutual respect and in the spirit of good neighbourliness;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 260

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Calls for calm, dignity and maturity in bilateral relations, urges regional partners to restore trust and cooperate with mutual respect *and in the spirit of good neighbourliness*;

24. Notes with concern the recent *backsliding of bilateral relations between North Macedonia and Bulgaria*; calls for calm, dignity and maturity in bilateral relations, urges regional partners to restore trust and cooperate with mutual respect; *recalls that good neighbourly relations and the implementation in good faith of bilateral agreements including the Prespa Agreement with Greece and Treaty on*

Good Neighbourly Relations with Bulgaria of 2017 remain an integral and essential element of the enlargement process;

Or. en

Amendment 261

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls for calm, dignity and maturity in bilateral relations, urges regional partners to restore trust and cooperate with mutual respect and in the spirit of good neighbourliness;

Amendment

24. Calls for calm, dignity and maturity in bilateral relations, urges regional partners to restore trust and cooperate *by resolving bilateral differences in good faith*, with mutual respect and in the spirit of good neighbourliness *by swiftly de-escalating rhetoric, calming down tensions and preventing further provocations*;

Or. en

Amendment 262

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Commends the encouraging progress, albeit on a limited scale and set of issues, within the Joint Multidisciplinary Commission of Experts on Historical and Educational Issues between Bulgaria and North Macedonia on key historical figures for both countries; underlines the importance of consistent commitment from experts from both sides, regardless of political

dynamics and rhetoric, and ensuring steady progress in finding common ground and adopting recommendations on outstanding historical issues;

Or. en

Amendment 263

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries in the spirit the of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 264

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Invites policymakers *and the societies of Bulgaria and* North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries in the spirit *the* of the Treaty *of Friendship*; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

25. Invites *the* policymakers *of* North Macedonia *and Bulgaria* to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries in the spirit of the Treaty *on Good Neighbourly Relations of 2017*; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith; *reiterates that statements or actions*

with a controversial and provocative nature may negatively impact good neighbourly relations and incite animosity between and within societies; warns both countries against politicising efforts and initiatives for restoring civil society dialogue, cultural cooperation, inclusivity and representation; encourages all institutions concerned in both countries to actively contribute to this endeavour, as any frictions and provocative actions risk undermining achieved progress and further delaying the EU accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 265
Željana Zovko

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries in the spirit the of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral *grievances* in good faith;

Amendment

25. Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries in the spirit the of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve *ongoing* bilateral *issues* in good faith; *calls on the Commission to intensify its efforts in facilitating dialogue, and thus pave the way to a viable and sustainable agreement;*

Or. en

Amendment 266
Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries in the spirit the of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

Amendment

25. Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and ***use their shared experiences*** to restore the positive agenda between the two countries, ***enabling a common peaceful and prosperous future in the EU*** in the spirit the of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith ***and in the spirit of compromise***;

Or. en

Amendment 267

Andrey Kovatchev, David Lega, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. ***Invites policymakers and the societies of*** Bulgaria and North Macedonia ***to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries*** in the spirit the of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

Amendment

25. ***Supports the restoration of a positive agenda between*** Bulgaria and North Macedonia in the spirit the of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

Or. en

Amendment 268

Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. ***Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries*** in the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

Amendment

25. ***Supports the restoration of a positive agenda between the two countries*** Bulgaria and North Macedonia in the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

Or. bg

Amendment 269
Andrey Kovatchev, David Lega

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

25. ***Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries*** in the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

Amendment

25a. ***Regrets the fact that apart from a few sporadic instances the two countries have failed to jointly commemorate and/or celebrate shared historical figures/dates in the past years in a consistent manner; the relations between RNM and Bulgaria should be based on deep, mutual respect and appreciation for each other, including consideration and preservation of the common historical heritage;***

Or. en

Amendment 270
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

25. ***Invites policymakers and the societies of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to assume joint responsibility and to restore the positive agenda between the two countries*** in the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship; expresses support for continued diplomatic and societal dialogue to resolve bilateral grievances in good faith;

Amendment

25a. ***Calls for the opening and the publication of all wartime archives;***

reiterates its call, therefore, for the former Yugoslav archives to be opened and, in particular, for access to be granted to the files of the former Yugoslav Secret Service (UDBA) and the Yugoslav People's Army Secret Service (KOS), and for the files to be returned to the respective governments;

Or. en

Amendment 271
Andrey Kovatchev, Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Condemns any attempt to replace historical monuments and/or artefacts, including the destruction of authentic cultural heritage and highlights the importance of a fact-based reading of history; such incidents raise serious concerns, including in the context of the lack of implementation of the 2017 Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 272
Andrey Kovatchev, David Lega, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25c. Recalls the need to open up Yugoslav secret service archives, kept both in Skopje and in Belgrade, in order to vigorously address communist-era crimes across the region; takes the view

that transparent handling of the totalitarian past is a step towards further democratization, accountability and institutional strength in both the country and the Western Balkan region as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 273
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25d. Condemns the closure of the border on 4 February, 2023 by authorities of North Macedonia, which prevented the participation of Bulgarians at the commemoration of a common national hero of Bulgaria and North Macedonia, which constitutes a breach of the 2017 Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 274
Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25e. 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 by listing citizens of Bulgarian identity among the others in the Constitution;

Amendment 275
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include additional communities in the preamble of the North Macedonia's constitution; **deleted**

Amendment 276
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include additional communities in the preamble of the North Macedonia's constitution; **deleted**

Amendment 277
Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26. Supports efforts to reach an **26. Invites further efforts from North**

agreement on constitutional changes that would include additional *communities* in the *preamble of the* North Macedonia's constitution;

*Macedonia's policymakers, both in government and opposition, to fulfil commitments made upon the start of the negotiations process and reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include **and recognise** additional citizens living within the borders of North Macedonia, such as Bulgarians, in the relevant provisions of North Macedonia's constitution, ensuring all recognised minorities stand on an equal footing;*

Or. en

Amendment 278

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include additional communities in the preamble of the North Macedonia's constitution;

Amendment

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes, *in line with the country's commitments* that would include additional communities in the preamble of the North Macedonia's constitution; *calls on the opposition parties to play a constructive role in this regard;*

Or. en

Amendment 279

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include additional communities in the preamble of the North Macedonia's

Amendment

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include *Bulgarian, Croatian and Montenegrin* additional communities in

constitution;

the preamble of the North Macedonia's
constitution;

Or. en

Amendment 280

Andrey Kovatchev, David Lega, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include additional communities in ***the preamble of the*** North Macedonia's constitution;

Amendment

26. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional ***and legislative*** changes that would include additional communities in North Macedonia's constitution ***and all relevant legislation***;

Or. en

Amendment 281

Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. ***Supports efforts to reach an agreement on constitutional changes that would include additional communities in the preamble of the North Macedonia's*** constitution;

Amendment

26. ***Looks forward to the adoption of the relevant amendments to the preamble and the other provisions of the constitution concerning the inclusion of communities of other nationalities, such as the Bulgarian community***;

Or. bg

Amendment 282

Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Strongly urges the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues of Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia, established as a result of the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation, to resume its work; furthermore urges all texts, already agreed by the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission, to be published in the respective languages of Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia, and in English;

Or. en

**Amendment 283
Christian Sagartz**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Welcomes the active cooperation with international organisations; applauds that the agreements on this exchange and mutual protection of classified information were signed with Greece and the US in 2021 and are being negotiated with Belgium, Portugal and Norway;

Or. en

**Amendment 284
Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. *Regrets that in the current parliamentary term, the National Assembly failed to adopt the necessary changes in the constitution as per the French Proposal on EU membership for North Macedonia; calls on the National Assembly to do so without any undue delays;*

Or. en

Amendment 285

Andrey Kovatchev, Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. *Reiterates the need for the work on school history textbooks in Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia to resume as per the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation; the texts should reflect the interpretation of historical facts and figures from the common history of both peoples based on authentic historical documents/sources; this is the foundation on which the two countries should build their relations; the relationship between the future generations of RNM and Bulgaria will be a reflection of the education processes in the two countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 286

Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Urges the EU to support and fund exchange programs for students and pupils between member states and North Macedonia in order to step up further EU integration;

Or. en

Amendment 287

Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Calls on the Republic of North Macedonia to amend its Constitution to include the ethnic communities with Bulgarian, Croatian and Montenegrin identity;

Or. en

Amendment 288

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Urges the authorities to continue to progress on structural reforms that will enable a sustainable recovery and inclusive growth through improved governance, education, digitalisation, social inclusion, formalisation of the economy and upskilling;

27. Urges the authorities to continue to progress on structural reforms that will enable a sustainable recovery and inclusive growth through improved governance, education, digitalisation, social inclusion, formalisation of the economy and upskilling ***along with measures aimed at empowering young, elderly and disabled people and alleviating the risk of poverty and social exclusion of vulnerable groups; drawing upon the findings of the 2021***

national census;

Or. en

Amendment 289

Matjaž Nemeč, Tonino Picula, Andreas Schieder

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Urges the authorities to continue to progress on structural reforms that will enable a sustainable recovery and inclusive growth through improved governance, education, digitalisation, social inclusion, formalisation of the economy and upskilling;

Amendment

27. Urges the authorities to continue to progress on structural reforms that will enable a sustainable recovery and inclusive growth through improved governance, education, digitalisation, social inclusion, formalisation of the economy and upskilling; *calls on North Macedonia to mitigate negative economic consequences of the Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;*

Or. en

Amendment 290

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

27a. Calls on the authorities to improve access to social, education and healthcare services, in particular for women from rural areas, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, as well as people from the Roma and LGBTQI+ communities and other minorities and vulnerable groups;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 291

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Welcomes the draft changes on labour rights and calls for the full alignment of the law on working relations with the EU acquis to effectively guarantee the right for equal pay for equal work, to ensure pay transparency and to enhance the protection from discrimination based on pregnancy and maternity; underlines the need to strengthen the competences and allocate more resources to the State Labour Inspectorate to ensure the effective protection of workers' rights and fight labour discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 292

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Underlines the transformative nature of the substantial EU assistance provided under the IPA and the Western Balkans investment framework, including the energy support package; stresses that funding should be suspended in cases of backtracking or unjustified delays on reforms;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 293

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Underlines the transformative nature of the substantial EU assistance provided under the IPA and the Western Balkans investment framework, including the energy support package; stresses that funding should be suspended in cases of backtracking or unjustified delays on reforms;

Amendment

28. Underlines the transformative nature of the substantial EU assistance provided under the IPA and the Western Balkans investment framework, including the energy support package; stresses that funding should be suspended in cases of backtracking or unjustified delays on reforms, ***especially in the fields of democracy and the rule of law;***

Or. en

Amendment 294

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Invites policymakers to consolidate fiscal governance and strengthen macro-financial stability;

Amendment

29. Invites policymakers to consolidate fiscal governance, ***extend the tax base*** and strengthen macro-financial stability, ***making full use of the latest proposed EUR 100 million loan package under the Macro-Financial Assistance to help cover the country's financing needs in 2023-2024, following on the €160 million package in 2020-2021;***

Or. en

Amendment 295

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Energy, the environment, sustainable development and connectivity

Amendment

Energy, the environment, **biodiversity**, sustainable development and connectivity

Or. en

Amendment 296
Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and welcomes steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification; **applauds** the EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate budgetary support of EUR 80 million for North Macedonia's energy reforms; **urges the authorities to step up efforts to mainstream environmental and climate action across sectors**; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes;

Amendment

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and welcomes steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification; **condemns** the EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate budgetary support of EUR 80 million for North Macedonia's energy reforms; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes;

Or. en

Amendment 297
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and **welcomes** steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification; applauds the EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate budgetary support of EUR 80 million for North Macedonia's energy reforms; urges the authorities to step up efforts to mainstream environmental and climate action across sectors; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes;

Amendment

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and **urges them to take the necessary** steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification **with a view to phasing out fossil fuels**; applauds the EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate budgetary support of EUR 80 million for North Macedonia's energy reforms; **underlines that the emergency funds must be designated to relieve the effects of the energy crisis and calls on the authorities to make the best use of this assistance in order to build a resilient and environmentally friendly energy market in line with the REPowerEU plan**; urges the authorities to step up efforts to mainstream environmental and climate action across sectors; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes; **highlights the importance of ensuring a reliable and clean energy supply and investing in renewables and in the improvement of energy efficiency**;

Or. en

Amendment 298

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and welcomes steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification; applauds **the** EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate budgetary support of EUR 80 million for North

Amendment

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and welcomes steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification; applauds **in this regard the speedy deployment of the €1 billion** EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate

Macedonia's energy reforms; urges the authorities to step up efforts to mainstream environmental and climate action across sectors; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes;

budgetary support of EUR 80 million for North Macedonia's energy reforms; urges the authorities to step up efforts to mainstream environmental and climate action across sectors; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes, ***including under the REPowerEU and joint energy purchases under the EU Energy Platform, through construction of the electricity and gas interconnectors with Greece and contribution to the construction of a floating LNG terminal and a gas power plant in Alexandroupolis;***

Or. en

Amendment 299
Matjaž Nemeč

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and welcomes steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification; applauds the EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate ***budgetary*** support of EUR 80 million for ***North Macedonia's*** energy reforms; urges the authorities to step up efforts to mainstream environmental and climate action across sectors; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes;

Amendment

30. Invites decision-makers to prioritise energy efficiency measures and welcomes steps to accelerate the energy transition and energy diversification; applauds the EU energy support package for the Western Balkans, including immediate ***budget*** support of EUR 80 million for energy reforms ***in North Macedonia and to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the energy crisis;*** urges the authorities to step up efforts to mainstream environmental and climate action across sectors; expresses support for the region's integration into the EU energy market; welcomes the diversification of energy sources and routes;

Or. en

Amendment 300
Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Acknowledges the government's political, cultural, economic and energy ties with Russia and expresses concern regarding the tremendous growth of Russian investment channelled to North Macedonia via third countries that have obscured the true extent of Russia's economic footprint and have created an energy dependency by controlling the single gas route to the country via the TransBalkan Pipeline;

Or. en

Amendment 301
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Invites the competent authorities to review the National and Energy Climate Plan with a view to ensuring policy cohesion and credibility; in this context, encourages the authorities to integrate the recommendations from the consultations with the National Energy Community Secretariat;

Or. en

Amendment 302
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Calls on the North Macedonian government to strengthen its efforts to protect its natural environment and biodiversity, including through the development of a comprehensive national strategy to combat climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote renewable energy

Or. en

Amendment 303
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Welcomes the endorsement of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 304
Christian Sagartz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Calls for the setting up of an energy efficiency fund;

Or. en

Amendment 305

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. Welcomes the announcement of North Macedonia in joining the Alexandroupolis Energy Project and encourages greater cooperation with Member States in improving energy security across the region;

Or. en

Amendment 306

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. Calls on the authorities to effectively transpose and implement the revised Clean Energy for all Europeans package;

Or. en

Amendment 307

Bernhard Zimniok, Harald Vilimsky

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. **Applauds** the advancing energy transition away from coal towards solar and wind power through EU-supported **flagship** projects, including the Oslomej solar power plant and the expansion of the

31. **Is extremely concerned by** the advancing energy transition away from coal towards solar and wind power through EU-supported projects, including the Oslomej solar power plant and the

Bogdanci wind park;

expansion of the Bogdanci wind park **and instead recommends turning to nuclear power solutions;**

Or. en

Amendment 308

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Applauds the advancing energy transition away from coal towards solar and wind power through EU-supported flagship projects, including the Oslomej solar power plant and the expansion of the Bogdanci wind park;

Amendment

31. Applauds the advancing energy transition away from coal towards solar and wind power through EU-supported flagship projects, including the Oslomej solar power plant and the expansion of the Bogdanci wind park; **regrets, however, the reinstatement of the Negotino oil-based power plant, as well as the purchase of diesel generators for district heating solutions;**

Or. en

Amendment 309

Angel Dzhambazki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects;

Amendment

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects; **cautions against fully funding key national infrastructure, telecommunications, and/or other projects using funds or technology provided by**

states who have a malicious interest in compromising the security of North Macedonia or the EU.

Or. en

Amendment 310

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects;

Amendment

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects, *inter alia construction works under the railway Corridor 8-d and the road Corridor 10;*

Or. en

Amendment 311

Sergei Stanishev, Petar Vitanov, Tsvetelina Penkova, Ivo Hristov, Elena Yoncheva

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects;

Amendment

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects, *including Rail and Road Pan-European Transport Corridor VIII;*

Or. en

Amendment 312
Alexander Alexandrov Yordanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects;

Amendment

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects, ***including road and rail transport Corridor VIII***;

Or. bg

Amendment 313
Andrey Kovatchev, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects;

Amendment

32. Notes the need to fill in transport connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects, ***including rail and road corridor VIII***;

Or. en

Amendment 314
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Notes the need to fill in transport

Amendment

32. Notes the need to fill in transport

connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects;

connectivity gaps by improving planning and administrative and operational capacity ***through transparent tender procedures*** and by making progress on new and unfinished core infrastructure projects;

Or. en

Amendment 315

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Urges the authorities to significantly improve the quality of their ex-ante Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) with the meaningful involvement of the concerned local communities, civil society organisations and independent experts; in this context, calls on the authorities to implement and enforce the SEA directive with a view to effectively preventing a negative impact on nature and environment, as well as rooting out corruption in this sector; highlights the need to increase the transparency of relevant procedures for infrastructure projects across eco-sensitive sectors, as well as the importance to increase environmental mainstreaming in different sectoral policies; calls on North Macedonia to boost the prosecution of environmental crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 316

Andrey Kovatchev, Christian Sagartz, Lukas Mandl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Reiterates the importance of improving the public infrastructure within the Western Balkans countries and with the EU Member States; recalls the potential of the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans to enhance regional connectivity through Rail and Highway Corridor VIII to Bulgaria, and gas interconnectors to Greece, Kosovo and Serbia; recalls the importance of developing air connections within the Western Balkans countries and with the EU Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 317

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. Invites the authorities to urgently strengthen their capacity to manage and monitor pre-accession funds;

33. Invites the authorities to urgently strengthen their capacity to manage and monitor pre-accession funds ***in order not to undermine implementation of the flagship projects; underlines that public investments into the infrastructure under a Growth Acceleration Plan for 2022-2026 should boost regional employment and productivity;***

Or. en

Amendment 318

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Calls for further progress on climate protection; urges the Government of North Macedonia to step up efforts on improving air quality and reducing air pollution; welcomes *its* ongoing steps to protect nature, increase recycling rates and modernise and expand *its* waste management system;

Amendment

34. Calls for further progress on climate protection, ***including increasing capacities in the fight against climate change, both in terms of human and financial resources***; urges the Government of North Macedonia to step up efforts on improving air quality and reducing air pollution, ***in particular in urban areas; is highly concerned, in this context, that the country's capital Skopje has often been at the top of the list of the most polluted cities in the world in terms of air quality and urges for compliance with its own emissions legislation***; welcomes *the country's* ongoing steps to protect nature; ***urges the government, however, to further designate more protected areas and to ensure the effective management and financing of the already existing protected areas; urges the authorities to amend the hunting and forest laws to ensure the survival of critically endangered species such as the Balkan lynx, as well as to complete the transposition of the Habitats and Birds Directives; welcomes steps to increase recycling rates and modernise and expand the waste management system, while calling for more efforts in these areas, including by improving the legislation for water protection and adopting the strategic documents for water management***;

Or. en

Amendment 319

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Petras Auštrevičius

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 34**

Motion for a resolution

34. Calls for further progress on

Amendment

34. Calls for further progress on

climate protection; urges the Government of North Macedonia to step up efforts on improving air quality and reducing air pollution; welcomes its ongoing steps to protect nature, increase recycling rates and modernise and expand its waste management system;

climate protection, ***industrial pollution and risk management***; urges the Government of North Macedonia to step up efforts on improving air quality and reducing air pollution; welcomes its ongoing steps to protect nature, increase recycling rates and modernise and expand its waste management system; ***recalls the EU's support to the construction of the Skopje wastewater plant; encourages authorities to move forward with the national waste prevention plan, the law on industrial emissions, improve climate resilience polluter accountability; expresses support to the ongoing modernisation of civil preparedness capabilities of North Macedonia;***

Or. en

Amendment 320

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Calls ***for improved environmental and strategic environmental impact assessments; invites*** the authorities to urgently implement the UNESCO recommendations on preserving the heritage status of the Ohrid region;

Amendment

35. Calls ***on*** the authorities to urgently implement the UNESCO recommendations on preserving the heritage status of the Ohrid region; ***urges the local and national authorities to step up their efforts to protect the biodiversity of the Ohrid region, in close cooperation with the Albanian authorities;***

Or. en