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Amendment 6

György Schöpflin

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

Jelko Kacin

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
European integration process of Serbia

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the progress achieved by Serbia in the reform process and ***calls on the Council to grant*** Serbia candidate country status ***at the meeting in March, given*** that the Serbian authorities have met the conditions outlined at the December 2011 Summit; welcomes in this respect the agreement between Belgrade and Pristina on inclusive regional cooperation reached on 24 February; underlines the utmost importance of implementation in good faith of the agreements reached;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the progress achieved by Serbia in the reform process and ***the European Council decision to grant*** Serbia candidate country status ***taken at its meeting on 1-2 March 2012 which signals*** that the Serbian authorities have met the conditions outlined at the December 2011 Summit; welcomes in this respect the agreement between Belgrade and Pristina on inclusive regional cooperation reached on 24 February; underlines the utmost importance of implementation in good faith of the agreements reached;

Or. en

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Amendment 7

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Paragraph 2

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2. Is of the opinion that, provided that the key **priority** outlined by the Commission in its Opinion **is satisfactorily acted upon** and that the reform process continues, accession negotiations should be opened with Serbia as soon as **possible**, thereby demonstrating the EU commitment to the country's EU perspective; welcomes the considerable progress made by Serbia towards meeting the political Copenhagen criteria, as recognised by the European Council, and recalls that further progress in the European integration process is dependent on continuing the progress in this area, and in particular guaranteeing democracy and the functioning of democratic institutions, upholding the rule of law, respect for human rights, protection **of** minorities, maintaining good-neighbourly relations and regional cooperation, including peaceful resolution of bilateral issues, as well as improving the functioning of the market economy;

2. Is of the opinion that, provided that the key **priorities** outlined by the Commission in its Opinion **are met** and that the reform process continues, accession negotiations should be opened with Serbia as soon as **all criteria are met**, thereby demonstrating the EU commitment to the country's EU perspective; welcomes the considerable progress made by Serbia towards meeting the political Copenhagen criteria, as recognised by the European Council, and recalls that further progress in the European integration process is dependent on continuing the progress in this area, and in particular guaranteeing democracy and the functioning of democratic institutions, upholding the rule of law, respect for human rights, **consistent implementation of adopted legislation in the field of national minority** protection **throughout its territory and to all national** minorities, maintaining good-neighbourly relations and regional cooperation, including peaceful resolution of bilateral issues, as well as improving the functioning of the market economy;

Or. en

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Amendment 8

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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2a. Recalls also that respect for and protection of minorities are important elements of the EU accession criteria; concurs with the European Commission that the implementation by Serbia of the legal and institutional framework for protecting minorities needs to be improved; welcomes therefore the intention of the Commission, as stated in its Declaration to the minutes of the Council of 28 February 2012, to monitor closely Serbia's efforts in this regard and looks forward to its report;

Or. en

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Amendment 9

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Paragraph 11

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11. Draws attention to the many reported irregularities, in particular in the fields of privatisation and public procurement, and calls for more active engagement on the part of law enforcement agencies to ensure their thorough investigation and that the perpetrators are brought to justice; in this respect draws attention to the utmost importance of compiling a thorough and complete record of public property in order to provide a secure and predictable business environment, to ensure continuity of restitution of private property without any kind of discrimination, especially on ethnic grounds, and to prevent illegal **acquisition** of public assets by private interests; welcomes the fact that the Act on Rehabilitation which has been adopted solves controversial issues concerning collective guilt and that individual responsibility prevails in this law; calls on the government to guarantee efficiency and non-discrimination in the process of implementation of the Act on Restitution and the Act on Rehabilitation;

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Amendment 10

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Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Welcomes the functioning of the democratically elected national minority councils, which represent national minorities in the fields of education, culture, media and official language use; notes, however, the importance of the full implementation of the competencies of these minority self-governing bodies and the necessity of adequate budgetary subsidies guaranteed by the Law on National Minority Councils; notes the complaints about the irregularities in the preparation process and the legal requirements for the establishment of the councils, as well as the complaints about the violation of the guaranteed competencies of national councils by some ministries and local municipalities, and calls on the authorities to respond to them; welcomes those decisions of the Serbian Administrative Court which have upheld the cases brought by the National Council of the Hungarian National Minority arising from the violation of the competencies of the National Council by local authorities;

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Or. en

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Amendment 11

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Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Welcomes the agreement reached between Serbia and Macedonia on the free movement of citizens in addition to the agreements already signed by Serbia with Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and hopes that such agreements, which improve bilateral relations and enhance opportunities for the people concerned, can be extended to all countries in the region;

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Or. en