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Amendment 5

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Amendment

– *having regard to the resolution adopted on 24 May 2018 by Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés (MEDEL) on safeguarding the independence of the Romanian judicial system from secret and unlawful interference of intelligence agencies,*

Or. en

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Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas there is ***an ongoing debate with regard to the role*** of the Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI) and its alleged interference with the activities of the Romanian judiciary, raising questions ***as to the possible extent and modalities of such interference***; whereas the Venice Commission concludes in its opinion of 20 October 2018 that a ‘thorough review of the legal rules on the control of the intelligence services seems necessary’¹;

¹ Venice Commission Opinion No. 924/2018 of 20 October 2018 (CDL-AD(2018)017).

Amendment

K. whereas there is ***growing concern about the impact*** of the Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI) and its alleged interference with the activities of the Romanian judiciary, raising questions ***about the independence of the judiciary and the right to restore one’s reputation in case of acquittal***; whereas the Venice Commission concludes in its opinion of 20 October 2018 that a ‘thorough review of the legal rules on the control of the intelligence services seems necessary’¹; ***whereas the cooperation protocols between the Romanian Intelligence Service and judicial institutions have been signed and implemented, with Romania still subject to monitoring by the European Commission through the Mechanism for Cooperation and Verification***;

¹ Venice Commission Opinion No. 924/2018 of 20 October 2018 (CDL-AD(2018)017).

Or. en

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Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas a petition to revise the **Romanian** Constitution in order to restrict the definition of family to a marriage between a man and a woman **was initiated in May 2016**; whereas numerous human rights groups voiced their concern that the proposal might lead to a breach of international human rights standards and increase homophobic discrimination in Romania; whereas the revision was endorsed in parliament with a two-thirds majority; **whereas the referendum on the matter failed to reach the required 30 % turnout target**;

Amendment

L. whereas **the referendum based on a petition initiated in May 2016** to revise the Constitution in order to restrict the definition of family to a marriage between a man and a woman **failed to reach the required 30 % turnout target**; whereas numerous human rights groups voiced their concern that the proposal might lead to a breach of international human rights standards and increase homophobic discrimination in Romania; whereas the revision was endorsed in parliament with a two-thirds majority;

Or. en

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Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas the *EU* is committed to respect freedom and pluralism of the media, as well as the right to information and freedom of expression *as enshrined in Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and in Article 10 of the ECHR*; whereas the public watchdog functions of the media are crucial for upholding these rights and for the protection of all other fundamental rights;

Amendment

N. whereas the *European Union* is committed to respect freedom and pluralism of the media, as well as the right to information and freedom of expression; *whereas whistleblowing is an essential part of investigative journalism and press freedom and, according to the Commission communication of 23 April 2018 on strengthening whistleblower protection at EU level (COM(2018)0214), in the majority of Member States, whistleblowers are only protected in very limited situations*; whereas the public watchdog functions of the media are crucial for upholding these rights and for the protection of all other fundamental rights;

Or. en

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Recital O

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O. whereas Reporters without Borders have drawn attention to the *attempts to turn Romanian media into political propaganda tools, and have raised concern about political censorship in the media*²;

² <https://rsf.org/en/romania>

Amendment

O. whereas Reporters without Borders have drawn attention to the *declining media situation in numerous European countries*²;

² <https://rsf.org/en/romania>

Or. en

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Amendment 10

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Recital Q

Motion for a resolution

Q. whereas the reports of violent intervention by the Romanian police during the protests on 10 August 2018 have raised serious concerns as regards proportionality of the use of force and breaches of the fundamental rights of protesters, ***resulting in ongoing investigations of Romanian law enforcement authorities***;

Amendment

Q. whereas the reports of violent intervention by the Romanian police during the protests ***that took place*** on 10 August 2018, ***despite the organisers' withdrawal of accountability***, have raised serious concerns as regards proportionality of the use of force and breaches of the fundamental rights of protesters;

Or. en

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Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Condemns the *violent and* disproportionate intervention by *the* police during the protests in Bucharest in August 2018;

Amendment

3. Condemns the disproportionate intervention by police *forces following violence* during the protests in Bucharest in August 2018; *awaits the results of the ongoing investigations by the Romanian law enforcement authorities;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Romanian authorities to put in place safeguards in order to assure a transparent and legal basis for any institutional cooperation and avoid any interference that **upsets** the checks and balances system; calls for parliamentary control over the intelligence services to be reinforced;

Amendment

4. ***Questions the legitimacy of the cooperation protocols signed between the Romanian Intelligence Service and judicial institutions;*** calls on the Romanian authorities to put in place safeguards in order to assure a transparent and legal basis for any institutional cooperation and avoid any interference that ***circumvents*** the checks and balances system; calls for parliamentary control over the intelligence services to be reinforced; ***urges the Romanian authorities, including the Romanian President, to take a public stand in denouncing these protocols;***

Or. en