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B9-0219/7

**Amendment 7**

**Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Sven Giegold**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**B9-0219/2021**

**PPE, S&D, Renew, ID, Verts/ALE, ECR, The Left**

Assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the rule of law in Malta

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Acknowledges the progress made, albeit greatly delayed, in some of the investigations in related cases of money laundering and corruption, particularly with regard to the former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister; stresses, however, that the latest testimonies and revelations have brought new suspicious facts and potential criminal acts to light and therefore calls on the Maltese authorities to also launch and advance investigations in these cases without delay;

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges the progress made, albeit greatly delayed, in some of the investigations in related cases of money laundering and corruption, particularly with regard to the former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister; stresses, however, that the latest testimonies and revelations have brought new suspicious facts and potential criminal acts to light and therefore calls on the Maltese authorities to also launch and advance investigations in these cases without delay, ***including possible attempts by public officials to conceal evidence and obstruct investigations and judicial proceedings;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 8**

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Deeply regrets how developments in Malta over the years have led to serious and persistent threats to the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights, including questions as to the freedom of the media, the independence of law enforcement and the judiciary from political interference, and the freedom of peaceful assembly; considers that constitutional guarantees in respect of the separation of powers should be further strengthened; notes that following the implementation of some of the recommendations of the Commission, the Council of Europe and the Venice Commission, the Government of Malta made progress *in relation to the rule of law*; encourages the Government of Malta to continue to pursue endeavours to strengthen its institutions;

9. Deeply regrets how developments in Malta over the years have led to serious and persistent threats to the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights, including questions as to the freedom of the media, the independence of law enforcement and the judiciary from political interference, and the freedom of peaceful assembly; considers that constitutional guarantees in respect of the separation of powers should be further strengthened; notes that following the implementation of some of the recommendations of the Commission, the Council of Europe and the Venice Commission, the Government of Malta made *some* progress; encourages the Government of Malta to continue to pursue endeavours to strengthen its institutions;

Or. en

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**Amendment 9**

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**Motion for a resolution**

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Assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the rule of law in Malta

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

10. Is deeply concerned about some of the Commission's findings in its 2020 Rule of Law Report with regard to Malta, notably 'deep corruption patterns'; welcomes, nonetheless, the launch of the structural reform project; reiterates its call on the Commission to use all the tools and procedures at its disposal to ensure full compliance with EU law vis à vis the efficient functioning of judicial systems, the fight against money laundering, banking supervision, public procurement, and urban planning and development;

10. Is deeply concerned about some of the Commission's findings in its 2020 Rule of Law Report with regard to Malta, notably 'deep corruption patterns'; welcomes, nonetheless, the launch of the structural reform project; reiterates its call on the Commission to use all the tools and procedures at its disposal, ***including infringement procedures***, to ensure full compliance with EU law vis à vis the efficient functioning of judicial systems, the fight against money laundering, banking supervision, public procurement, and urban planning and development; ***believes that the widespread practice of awarding public contracts on the basis of direct orders represents a major corruption risk and must be suspended***;

Or. en

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**Amendment 10**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***10a. Reiterates its call on the Maltese authorities to fully implement all outstanding recommendations by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Venice Commission, Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (Moneyval); considers that the recommendations concerning the national Parliament and MPs, the effect of Constitutional Court judgments and the specialised tribunals should be properly implemented; calls on the Maltese authorities to request the Venice Commission's opinion on compliance with its recommendations; reserves the right to make such a request itself in accordance with Article 3(2) of the Statute of the Venice Commission and paragraph 28 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 11**

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

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Assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the rule of law in Malta

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Acknowledges that the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia triggered reforms to improve the protection of journalists and defend media freedom; stresses, however, that the Maltese authorities should take further demonstrable steps, setting long-term legislative and policy measures that serve to ensure an environment for critical, independent journalism in Malta and the accountability of politicians and officials; calls on the Maltese Government to address existing concerns related to media freedom and the independence of public media from political interference and the increasing use of hate speech on social media;

11. Acknowledges that the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia triggered reforms to improve the protection of journalists and defend media freedom; stresses, however, that the Maltese authorities should take further demonstrable steps, setting long-term legislative and policy measures that serve to ensure an environment for critical, independent journalism in Malta and the accountability of politicians and officials, ***in particular as regards preventing and sanctioning threats, harassment, bullying and the dehumanisation of journalists, publicly or online***; calls on the Maltese Government to address existing concerns related to media freedom and the independence of ***media regulators and public and private*** media from political interference and the increasing use of hate speech on social media;

Or. en

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**Amendment 12**

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**Motion for a resolution**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Is deeply concerned about the harmful impact of citizenship and residence schemes on the integrity of EU citizenship; recalls the recent revelations regarding the lenient interpretation of residence requirements for naturalisation, as well as the role of intermediaries and involvement of public officials; reiterates its call on the Maltese authorities to assure transparency and terminate its investor citizenship and residence schemes rather than modify them; calls on the Commission to issue its reasoned opinion in the relevant infringement case as soon as possible;***

Or. en

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B9-0219/13

**Amendment 13**

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Assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the rule of law in Malta

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. Calls on the Commission to propose EU anti-SLAPP legislation in order to protect journalists from vexatious lawsuits; stresses that when fighting corruption and maladministration, investigative journalism should receive particular consideration and financial or fiscal support as a tool serving the public good; underlines the need for rapid response mechanisms for violations of press and media freedom, as well as the cross-border investigative journalism fund;

13. Calls on the Commission to propose EU anti-SLAPP legislation in order to protect journalists from vexatious lawsuits; ***calls on the Maltese authorities to enact domestic legislation on SLAPP in the meantime***; stresses that when fighting corruption and maladministration, investigative journalism should receive particular consideration and financial or fiscal support as a tool serving the public good; underlines the need for rapid response mechanisms for violations of press and media freedom, as well as the cross-border investigative journalism fund;

Or. en