Amendment 28
Patryk Jaki
on behalf of the ECR Group

Motion for a resolution

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Notes that the 2020, 2021 and 2022 rule of law reports do not include the names of the authors who wrote them; calls on the Commission to be fully transparent about the report and disclose the names of the experts who wrote it in the report;

Or. en

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Amendment 29 Patryk Jaki on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the addition of countryspecific recommendations, as a follow-up to the reiterated calls from Parliament and civil society to this end; recalls that the annual reports serve as a basis for informed discussions on the rule of law situation in Member States and in EU institutions; acknowledges that these country-specific recommendations help to target specific issues with a view to achieving real improvements in Member States; deplores, however, the fact that the recommendations are not binding; calls on the Commission to develop the annual rule of law cycle further by assessing the implementation of the country-specific recommendations in the next annual report, with specific benchmarks and a clear timeline for implementation, clearly indicating progress and regression;

Amendment

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11. **Notes** the addition of country-specific recommendations, as a follow-up to the reiterated calls from Parliament and civil society to this end; recalls that the annual reports serve as a basis for informed discussions on the rule of law situation in Member States;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Regrets the fact that many of the recommendations are too vague and lack the specificity required to ensure effective implementation; reiterates the need to set out a timeline for the implementation of the recommendations and to detail the possible consequences in the event of non-compliance;

deleted

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Urges the Commission to initiate the relevant procedures without hesitation or delay, especially when governments show no willingness to comply with the country-specific recommendations;

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Highlights that there have been complaints from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), professional associations of magistrates and Member States about the objectivity of the rule of law reports and the information sources chosen by the Commission for inclusion in the reports;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Stresses the need for country-specific *recommendations* on the national responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and their impact on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights within the Union; calls on the Commission to continue monitoring and reporting on these national processes, including best practices;

Amendment

16. Stresses the need for country-specific *inquiries* on the national responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and their impact on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights within the Union; calls on the Commission to continue monitoring and reporting on these national processes, including best practices;

Or. en

Amendment 34 Patryk Jaki on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Stresses that, in order to prevent foreign interference in the Member States' democracies and sovereignty, as well as meddling with EU democratic institutions, NGOs must make their funding sources public; underlines that, in order to respect the transparency principle and EU citizens' right to know, all EU bodies must disclose and publish a list of all the NGOs they finance;

Or. en

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Amendment 35 Patryk Jaki on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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18a. Reminds the Commission that serious breaches with respect to corruption among members of the government, high-level politicians and the media, as well as to the independence and integrity of judges and prosecutors, have been taking place in Austria for many years without the Commission having taken any concrete actions, as it has with many other Member States^{1a};

Or. en

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¹a https://www.politico.eu/article/austrian-court-convicts-on-heinz-christian-strache-on-corruption-charges/,
https://orf.at/stories/3293604/,
https://democracyreporting.org/en/office/EU/publications/a
ustrian-presidential-elections-and-therule-of-law, and
https://www.politico.eu/article/dutchscandal-serves-as-a-warning-for-europeover-risks-of-using-algorithms/.

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Emphasises that any discussions about sanctions against a Member State must be based solely on objective and technical criteria and not on political considerations or motivations;

Or. en

Amendment 37 Patryk Jaki on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Regrets the fact that the report fails to clearly recognise the deliberate process of backsliding on the rule of law in several Member States; calls on the Commission to make clear that when the Article 2 TEU values are systematically, deliberately, gravely and permanently violated over a period of time, Member States could fail to meet all criteria that define a democracy; recalls that Parliament has already indicated that Hungary has turned into a hybrid regime of electoral autocracy, according to the relevant indices; reiterates the recommendations to the Commission to differentiate between systemic and individual breaches, to avoid the risk of trivialising the most serious breaches of the rule of law and to accompany the country-specific recommendations with deadlines for implementation, targets and concrete actions to be taken;

deleted

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27. Reiterates that the annual rule of law cycle should serve as input for the activation of other instruments to respond to threats or breaches of the rule of law at national level, such as Article 7 TEU, the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation, the rule of law framework, infringement procedures, including expedited procedures, applications for interim procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and actions regarding non-implementation of CJEU judgments, or instruments under EU financial legislation; reiterates its call on the Commission to create a direct link between the annual rule of law reports, among other sources, and the Rule of Law Conditionality Mechanism;

deleted

Or. en