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Draft motion for a resolution
Eva Joly, on behalf of the Committee on Development
(PE512.301v01-00)

Caste-based discrimination
Amendment 1
Alf Svensson

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

- having regard to recent recommendations on the topic of caste-based discrimination by UN treaty bodies and UN special procedures mandate holders,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Eva Joly, Keith Taylor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas caste-based discrimination, recognized also as discrimination based on work and descent, is a form of discrimination prohibited by international human rights law as proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Labour Organization Convention No. 111;

A. Whereas caste denotes a socio-religious context, as in Asia where those who fall outside the caste system are considered "impure" and "untouchable" by nature, but whereas more broadly, caste denotes a system of rigid social stratification into ranked groups defined by descent and occupation; whereas discrimination based on work and descent, as the more encompassing term preferred by the UN, is a form of discrimination prohibited by international human rights law as proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the
Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the International Labour Organization Convention No. 111;

Amendment 3
Eva Joly, Keith Taylor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

A a. Whereas in June 2011 Githu Muigai, the UN Special Rapporteur on Racism stressed that it is essential to avoid establishing any hierarchy among the different manifestations of discrimination, even if they may vary in nature and degree depending on the historical, geographical and cultural contexts, including "the Roma community in Europe and victims of caste systems in Africa, Asia and the Middle East";

Amendment 4
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas caste-based discrimination exists in numerous countries across the globe, affecting an estimated 260 million people, the highest number of victims are found in South Asia;

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in other areas including Africa and the Middle East;

Amendment 5
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas, despite the efforts of Governments and increasingly of the international agencies, caste-based discrimination affected people continue to suffer from severe forms of social exclusion, poverty, violence, segregation, physical and verbal abuse linked to prejudices and a notion of purity and pollution;

Amendment

F. Whereas despite the efforts of Governments and increasingly of some international agencies, certain castes continue to suffer from severe forms of social exclusion, poverty, violence, segregation, physical and verbal abuse linked to prejudices and a notion of purity and pollution;

Amendment 6
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas untouchability practices remain widespread and take on modern forms; whereas affected communities face restricted in political participation and serious discrimination in the labour market;

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Amendment 7
Michael Cashman, Alf Svensson, Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

G a. Whereas in a few countries like India, mandatory affirmative action has to an extent contributed to the inclusion of Dalits in the public sector, the lack of protective measures for non-discrimination in the market and the private sector adds to exclusion and growing inequalities;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1 a. Considers that identity cards should avoid references to caste as these are contrary to equality and social mobility.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Eva Joly, Keith Taylor
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1 a. Welcomes the report by Githu Muigai, the UN Special Rapporteur on
Racism, and stresses that all victims of caste discrimination throughout the world should receive the same attention and protection; more broadly, underlines that all forms of racism and discrimination should be addressed with the same emphasis and determination, including in Europe;

Amendment 10
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

3. Remains alarmed at the persistently large number of reported and unreported cases of atrocities and untouchability practices in caste-affected countries, including in India, and the widespread impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of crimes against Dalits and other victims of caste-based human rights violations;

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3. Remains alarmed at the persistently large number of reported and unreported cases of atrocities and untouchability practices in caste affected countries, including in India, and the widespread impunity enjoyed by perpetrators of crimes against Dalits and other victims of caste-based human rights violations; recalls that in certain countries perpetrators of such discrimination do exist in high levels of government;

4. Reiterates its serious concern on the violence against Dalit women and other women from similarly affected
communities in societies with caste systems, multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination based on caste, gender and religion affecting Dalit women and women from minority communities, leading to forced conversions, abductions, forced prostitution, and sexual abuse by men of dominant castes;

Or. it

Amendment 12
Alf Svensson

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Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 13
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination based on caste, gender and religion affecting Dalit women and women from minority communities, leading to forced conversions, abductions, forced prostitution, and sexual abuse by persons of dominant castes;
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7. Calls for the recognition by the European Commission of caste as a ground of discrimination which must be tackled together with other grounds of discrimination, such as ethnicity, race, religion, gender or sexuality, in EU efforts to fight all forms of discrimination; calls on the EU to consider people affected by caste-based discrimination as an identifiable group in the EU policies and programmes;

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7. Calls for the recognition by the European Commission of caste as a distinct form of discrimination rooted in the socio-religious context which must be tackled together with other grounds of discrimination, based i.e. on ethnicity, race, descent, religion, gender or sexuality, in EU efforts to fight all forms of discrimination; calls on the EU to consider people affected by caste-based discrimination as an identifiable group in the EU policies and programmes;

Amendment 14

Eva Joly, Keith Taylor on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Paragraph 14

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14. Encourages the EEAS to strengthen policy and human rights dialogues and promote joint initiatives to eliminate caste discrimination with governments of affected states, including India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Yemen Sri Lanka and Mauritania, as well as Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia;

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Or. en
Amendment 15
Adam Bielan

Motion for a resolution
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Amendment 16
Michael Cashman, Alf Svensson, Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

**Motion for a resolution**
15 a. Recommends the EU to promote non-discriminatory and inclusive policies and procedures in business operations with caste affected countries, including Affirmative Action for Dalits and similarly affected people in the market and private sector;

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