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Recommendations for reform of the European Parliament’s rules on transparency, integrity, accountability and anti-corruption (2023/2034(INI))
Amendment 1  
Heidi Hautala  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  

Motion for a resolution  
Citation -1 (new)  

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment  
— having regard to its resolution of 9 June 2016 for an open, efficient and independent European Union administration\textsuperscript{1a} and resolution of 15 January 2013 with recommendations to the Commission on a Law of Administrative Procedure of the European Union,\textsuperscript{1b} 

\textsuperscript{1a} Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0279  
\textsuperscript{1b} (2012/2024(INL)), OJ C 440, 30.12.2015, p. 17–23  

Or. en

Amendment 2  
Heidi Hautala  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  

Motion for a resolution  
Citation -1 a (new)  

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment  
- a having regard to its resolution of 14 September 2017 on transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institution,  

Or. en

Amendment 3  
Clare Daly  

Motion for a resolution
Amendment 4
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution
— having regard to its report of 22 February 2022 on the shrinking space for civil society in Europe, 3a

3a Texts adopted, P9_TA(2022)0056

Amendment 5
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
— having regard to Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC) laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community,
Amendment 6
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment
— having regard to its resolution of 16 February 2023 on the establishment of an independent EU ethics body,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment
— having regard to its resolution of 8 March 2022 on the shrinking space for civil society in Europe,

Or. en

Amendment 8
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 9
Anna Bonfrisco

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Amendment

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from the S&D group in the Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states; 
whereas there is no other scandal that has ever reflected as badly on the public image of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of an extremely worrying scheme of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that

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Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states; Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Amendment 11
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

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Amendment 12
Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

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parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Amendment 13
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Amendment 14
Andreas Schieder, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are serious allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;
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whereas these suspicions relate to influence from Qatar and there are allegations that Morocco may also be involved, as well as other states;

Amendment 15
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

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Amendment
A. whereas ongoing investigations led by the Belgian authorities have uncovered suspicions of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation involving, to date, three sitting Members of the European Parliament and one former Member, all from a single political group in Parliament, as well as one accredited parliamentary assistant (APA); whereas the current Brussels corruption scandal highlights the systemic nature of corrupted and manipulated decision-making in the EU;

Amendment 16
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Aa. whereas interference and corruption are not limited solely to representatives of foreign interests but are
a widespread phenomenon that must, with a view to safeguarding the integrity of the EU's democratic process, the reputation and work of the institutions and the EU as a whole, be countered as vigorously as possible;

Or. it

Amendment 17
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

\[A a.\] whereas MEPs must act solely in the public interest and conduct their work with integrity, openness, diligence, honesty, accountability and respect for the EP’s reputation; whereas MEPs must be independent and exercise their voting rights freely;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

\[A a.\] whereas there have been subsequent revelations of non-declared trips by members, potentially influencing their position and that of the Parliament, involving notably Qatar, Morocco, Bahrain, Mauritania, the United Arab Emirates and Azerbaijan;

Or. en
Amendment 19
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas citizens' trust in the integrity and independence of European institutions is the foundation of the European political system;

Amendment 20
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A b. whereas, following Qatargate, 104 trips payed by third countries were declared, 69 of which were submitted late, compared to an average of 4 trips reported per month previously; whereas no sanctions were issued;

Amendment 21
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

B. whereas, as the only institution elected by direct universal suffrage by EU citizens, Parliament has a duty to provide the highest levels of integrity and
transparency; whereas Members of the European Parliament represent the EU's citizens and are accountable to them; whereas sanctions against Members who fail to fulfil their obligations under their mandate must be sufficiently dissuasive; whereas Parliament worked with the Belgian authorities and swiftly took some steps to improve transparency and accountability for MEPs; whereas those steps can be further improved and bolstered; whereas the enlarged mandate of the ING2 Special Committee should be seen as a starting point in a broader process of reforming the internal rules of the European Parliament and the EU in general with the aim of providing greater transparency and integrity in their work and ensuring democratic scrutiny by citizens;

Or. it

Amendment 22
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

Amendment
B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff by fully cooperating with the Belgian authorities; whereas this unprecedented corruption scandal gravely damaged the public perception of the European Union in general and of Parliament in particular; whereas this scandal should be seized as an opportunity for Parliament to drastically review its working methods and its Rules of Procedure in order to regain public trust, to lead by example for other European and national institutions and to provide a model for an accountable
and ethical parliamentary democracy;

Amendment 23
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

Amendment

B. whereas the European Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff; whereas the magnitude of the scandal has shown numerous loopholes in the European Parliament’s integrity and transparency rules and their enforcement; whereas much ambition is required to swiftly introduce significant reforms of the European Parliament’s internal procedures, as well as to push the European institutions to implement a much more stringent regulatory framework;

Amendment 24
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

Amendment

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff; whereas not all of the measures proposed have been implemented yet, while others are yet to be discussed and adopted to strengthen the integrity, transparency and accountability of EU institutions;
Amendment 25  
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélie Beigneux

Motion for a resolution  
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

Amendment

B. whereas Parliament reacted with proposals that are merely technical in nature and in reality do not seek a real solution to tackle the systemic corruption present in the EU institutions;

Amendment 26  
Aurélie Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Balázs Hidvéghi

Motion for a resolution  
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Parliament reacted swiftly to the suspicions of corruption affecting several MEPs and its staff;

Amendment

B. whereas Parliament has yet to set up a special committee of inquiry to shed light on the Qatargate scandal;

Amendment 27  
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution  
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ba. whereas whistleblowers play a decisive role in exposing and preventing threats or harm to the public interest and in safeguarding society's welfare;
whereas the EU has adopted a directive for the protection of individuals who report breaches of EU law\(^1\); whereas that directive applies to neither officials nor accredited parliamentary assistants, who are subject to the EU Staff Regulations\(^2\), which do not provide sufficient protection for whistleblowers;


\(^2\) Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

Amendment 28
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

B a. whereas it is necessary to ensure that members of the European Parliament act without any undue influence from interest representatives, and that paid activities for Members of the European Parliament, gifts or travel invitations, the creation of expectations for future employment following the end of a Member’s mandate or an official’s termination of service, and undue use of information or contacts should all be strictly regulated;
Amendment 29
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

B a. whereas there are attempts to trivialise the events of the Brussels corruption scandal and to deflect responsibility to outside actors without acknowledging the systemic internal deficiencies in the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

B a. whereas undermining citizens' trust in European institutions can significantly affect the perception of the European Union as a whole and endanger European values;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution  Amendment

B a. whereas it is important to ensure that democratic processes are not captured by private and external interests and that citizens' rights are fully
respected;

Amendment 32
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas Article 298 TFEU provides that in carrying out their missions, the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union shall have the support of an open, efficient and independent European administration, and that, in compliance with Staff Regulations and the Conditions of Employment adopted on the basis of Article 336, the European Parliament and the Council, acting by means of regulations in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, shall establish provisions to that end;

Amendment 33
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas the code of conduct for Members of the European Parliament with respect to financial interests and conflicts of interest is monitored by an Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members, composed of five MEPs; whereas the working methods and mandate of the Advisory Committee have proved to be insufficient;
Amendment 34
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Amendment

B b. whereas the European political system is particularly vulnerable in the run-up to elections;

Amendment 35
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)

Amendment

B c. whereas the shortcomings of the current EU ethics framework derive largely from the fact that it relies on a self-regulatory approach and lacks adequate human and financial resources and competences to verify information; whereas an independent ethics body is essential for restoring trust in the European institutions and their democratic legitimacy;

Amendment 36
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital B c (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B c. whereas the “Measures on Strengthening Integrity, Independence and Accountability” as adopted by its Conference of Presidents on 8 February 2023 are only a first step and more ambition is needed in its implementation in order to ensure the highest standards of transparency;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital B d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B d. whereas the decision taken by the EP Bureau on 13 March 2023 limiting the cooling-off period for former members to only 6 months was not taken in a consensual manner, with a margin of majority of only one vote, the final decisive vote being that of the EP President;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital B e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B e. whereas the INGE I Report already highlighted a serious lack of legally binding rules and enforcement of the EU’s lobbying register, that former high-level European politicians and civil
servants are hired or co-opted by foreign authoritarian state-controlled national or private companies and that it is practically impossible to track lobbying coming from outside the EU;

Amendment 39
Andreas Schieder, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist Islamic organisations;

Amendment
C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar and Morocco go beyond the European Parliament and also affect other European Institutions such as the European Commission, national politicians and influential voices in some Member States;

Amendment 40
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist

Amendment
C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the Commission and the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers;
Islamic organisations;

Amendment 41
Anna Bonfrisco

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist Islamic organisations;

Amendment

C. whereas the suspicions of corruption linked to Qatar go beyond Parliament and also affect the European Trade Union Confederation, as well as national politicians and influential voices in some Member States, such as researchers; whereas Qatar has regularly been identified as a state that finances the spread of radical ideology and extremist Islamic organisations; whereas the Qatar Charity has financed 140 mosques, including 47 in Italy alone;

Amendment 42
Beata Szydlo, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Nicola Procaccini

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

C a. whereas the Qatargate-scandal damaged European Parliament's perception worldwide as an important institution fighting for human rights, against corruption and championing the values and highest possible ethical standards;

Amendment

C a. whereas the Qatargate-scandal damaged European Parliament's perception worldwide as an important institution fighting for human rights, against corruption and championing the values and highest possible ethical standards;
Amendment 43
Andreas Schieder, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations lobby extensively within Parliament;

Amendment
D. whereas rules on lobbying in the EU focus mainly on face-to-face contact and do not take into account the whole ecosystem of different types of lobbying that exists in Brussels; whereas countries such as China and Russia, but also Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Serbia and Turkey, have invested heavily in lobbying efforts in Brussels;

Amendment 44
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations lobby extensively within Parliament;

Amendment
D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations and others, including US Christian fundamentalist organisations, lobby extensively within Parliament;

Amendment 45
Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

D. whereas certain Islamist organisations supported by Qatar and Turkey have requested European funds; whereas these organisations lobby extensively within Parliament;
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Amendment 46
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party on at least one occasion;

Amendment

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party; whereas a Member of the European Parliament, that explicitly deals with foreign policy, sits on an Emirati advisory board and receives a generous yearly remuneration for that;

Amendment 47
Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Nicola Procaccini

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party on at least one occasion;

Amendment

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party on at least one occasion; whereas there was a case of an MEP being regularly and directly remunerated by the UAE-based
Amendment 48
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a European political party on at least one occasion;

Amendment

E. whereas the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been suspected of seeking to influence European decision-makers; whereas money originating in the UAE has been lent to a national political party on at least one occasion;

Amendment 49
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

F. whereas some foreign states have looked for unconventional ways to interfere in the EU’s affairs by using the newest methods made possible by contemporary technological developments, as well as resorting to economic and energy coercion and illegal financing;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 50
Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth
Amendment 51
Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

F b. whereas measures to reduce elite capture from the institutions are insufficient and do not prevent former Members of Parliament, former senior officials or former senior civil servants from working for governments, dependent entities or companies in strategic sectors in countries considered at risk of foreign interference;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth

Motion for a resolution
Recital F c (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F. whereas the existence of a cooling-off period applicable to former Members of Parliament, former senior officials or former Union civil servants constitutes a major obstacle for those who aspire to work for governments, dependent entities or companies in strategic sectors in countries considered to be at risk of foreign interference, and whereas applying it would reduce the presence of European elites in those environments and the risk of interference;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine;

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number, intensity and
interference has increased following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine; potential danger of such interference have increased vastly following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine; whereas the U.S. government detected an increase in Russian covert political financing since 2014; whereas according to EEAS Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine dominates observed foreign information manipulation and interference activities;

Amendment 55
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine;

Amendment

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased in the months before and following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine;

Amendment 56
Maite Pagazaurtundúa

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but the number of instances of such interference has increased following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine;

Amendment

G. whereas interference with EU and national institutions has existed for many years but its impact and severity needs to be better assessed following Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine;
Amendment 57
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

G a. whereas Russia’s and China’s diplomatic channels regularly serve as enablers and multipliers of foreign information manipulation and interference operations deployed across wide range of topics;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Maite Pagazaurtundúa

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

G a. Whereas the fight against corruption in Ukraine is also a way to protect the country from Russian interference;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital G b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

G b. whereas Russia systematically works on undermining and dividing international support for Ukraine and on
sowing doubt who the aggressor is by spreading lies about its war of aggression;
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia seeks out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to use them as players within the EU institutions with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation; whereas Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism;

Amendment

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia seeks out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to use them as players within the EU institutions and in the national discourse within Member States with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation; whereas Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism;

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Or. en

Amendment 62
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas Russia seeks out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to use them as players within the EU institutions with a view to legitimising its positions and proxy governments, lobbying

Amendment

H. whereas, in its resolution of 9 March 2022, Parliament identified Russia and China as the primary sources of foreign interference in Europe; whereas various states, including Russia, seek out contact with political parties, figures and movements in order to legitimise their positions and lobby for their own interests; whereas a pro-Russia hacker group was
for sanctions relief and mitigating the consequences of its international isolation; whereas Russian-backed groups launched a cyberattack on Parliament following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism; reported to have claimed responsibility for launching a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack on the European Parliament's website following the adoption of a resolution recognising Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism;  


Amendment 63  
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula  
Motion for a resolution  
Recital I  

Motion for a resolution  

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia;  

Amendment  

I. whereas several political parties represented in the European Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia; whereas far right and right-wing extremist parties from Austria, France and Italy have signed cooperation agreements with Russian President Vladimir Putin’s United Russia party and face media allegations of being willing to accept political funding from Russia; whereas other European far right and right-wing extremist parties such as the Germany, Hungary, as well as the in the UK also reportedly have close contact with the Kremlin, and have also worked as so-called ‘election observers’ in Kremlin-controlled elections, for example in Donetsk and Lugansk in eastern Ukraine, to monitor and legitimise Russian-sponsored elections; whereas findings about the close and regular contacts between Russian officials and
representatives of a group of Catalan secessionists in Spain, as well as between Russian officials and the largest private donor for the Brexit Vote Leave campaign, require an in-depth investigation, and are part of Russia’s wider strategy to use each and every opportunity to manipulate discourse in order to promote destabilisation;

Amendment 64
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia;

Amendment
I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia; whereas according to the U.S. intelligence review Russia has secretly funnelled hundreds of millions euros to foreign political parties and candidates in more than two dozen countries since 2014 in an attempt to shape political events beyond its borders; whereas Kremlin-linked forces have also used shell companies, think tanks and other means to influence political events; whereas Russian political financing was sometimes overseen by Russian government officials and legislators, and was executed by government bodies; whereas Russia has used cryptocurrency, cash and gifts to shape political events in other countries;

Amendment 65
Sunčana Glavak
Motion for a resolution
Recital I

I. whereas several political parties represented in Parliament have sought financial support from entities outside Europe, including from Russia; emphasizes the importance of transparency in this context;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 66
Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Nicola Procaccini

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

I a. Whereas there are significant vulnerabilities in the European Parliament's decision-making process, which have been exploited by third countries such as Qatar, Morocco and Russia; whereas the lack of accountability to citizens is a common element of those vulnerabilities;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 67
Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with Russian citizenship and known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation

Amendment


creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference; creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference; whereas in the past Parliament allowed a daughter of a member of Putin’s closest circle to serve in the EP as an intern;

Amendment 68
Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution
Amendment
J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with Russian citizenship and known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;

J. whereas the European Parliament must, in all circumstances, respect the fundamental rights and reputation of staff members and must refrain from making unsubstantiated allegations against them publicly and without an opportunity for rebuttal, under conditions liable to be deemed harassment or defamation;

Amendment 69
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Motion for a resolution
Amendment
J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with Russian citizenship and known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;

J. whereas cases of staff members at Parliament with proven links to the authorities of non-EU countries could potentially carry the risk of foreign interference;
Amendment 70
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital J

Amendment
J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with Russian citizenship and known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;

Motion for a resolution

Amendment
J. whereas there are still cases of staff members at Parliament with known links to the Russian authorities; whereas such a situation creates a blatant risk of malign foreign interference;

Amendment 71
Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Amendment
J a. whereas it is necessary to strengthen the cooperation in the fight against interference, including corruption, between the European institutions and the Member States where they are located, whereas these Member States must adopt appropriate legislation to tackle these phenomena; whereas, in this context, cooperation between the intelligence services, the police services and the judicial institutions is essential and must be strengthened;

Amendment 72
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J a. whereas Azerbaijan has conducted large-scale influence operations, involving strong suspicions of corruption, against members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; whereas Azerbaijan has managed to avert probes into its election and whitewash its human rights record;

Amendment 73
Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

J a. whereas allegedly criminal group connected with Russian intelligence was trying to reach Ukrainian interns in the European Parliament and coerce them into ending sensitive data from Members' offices by threatening to harm their relatives back in Ukraine;

Amendment 74
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European way of life;

K. whereas civil society organisations (CSOs) are non-profit making organisations independent of public institutions and commercial interests, whose activities contribute to the
realisation of the EU values set out in Article 2 TEU and fundamental rights; whereas many CSOs struggle to survive and have problems with funding, which can seriously hinder their effectiveness and their ability to fulfil their mandate; whereas many CSOs receive funding from outside the EU; whereas foreign funding has been the target of legal and political attacks in some Member States; whereas restrictions imposed on CSOs receiving foreign funding is contrary to Union law, namely Article 63 TFEU on the free movement of capital and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union; whereas in case C-78/18\textsuperscript{5a}, the CJEU ruled that the law referred to it violated free movement of capital and freedom of association;

\textsuperscript{5a} Judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 18 June 2021, European Commission v Hungary, ECLI:EU:C:2020:476.

Amendment 75
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European way of life;

Amendment

K. whereas the ability of interest group representatives to influence decision-making in the European Parliament by way of arguments is a vital part of European democracy; whereas on the other hand, inappropriate means of influencing, bribery and other criminal offences are unacceptable; whereas some organisations trying to lobby the European Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European democratic process; Considers
that corruption of public representatives - notably illegal activities generated by paid lobbying - constitutes a profound attack on the democracy, and should be met with zero tolerance and the utmost vigilance;

Amendment 76
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European way of life;

Amendment
K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues, such as women’s sexual and reproductive rights, and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU, including from Russia and US-based far-right groups, and intend to influence the European way of life;

Amendment 77
Heidi Hautala on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital K

K. whereas some organisations focusing on social issues and lobbying within Parliament receive funding from outside the EU and intend to influence the European way of life;

Amendment
K. whereas some organisations lobbying within Parliament intend to interfere in European democracy;
Amendment 78
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital K a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

K a. whereas ethics standards already exist within the EU institutions, but are very fragmented and rely solely on a self-regulatory approach; whereas the creation of an independent ethics body could contribute to strengthening trust in the EU institutions and their democratic legitimacy;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital K b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

K b. whereas the internal monitoring and alert mechanisms of the EU institutions have dramatically failed to detect the ongoing corruption and foreign interference; whereas the existing safeguards and sanction mechanisms have proven ineffective in deterring the aforementioned criminal behaviour;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital K c (new)
Motion for a resolution  

Amendment

K c. whereas, in view of the growing distance between the EU and its citizens, the EU institutions must strive for the highest possible standards of transparency, accountability and integrity; whereas these principles are key and complementary components in promoting good governance within the EU institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 81  
Heidi Hautala  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution  
Recital K d (new)

Motion for a resolution  

Amendment

K d. whereas non-transparent, one-sided interest representation can lead to a risk of corruption and may pose a significant threat and serious challenge to the integrity of policy-makers and to public trust in the EU institutions; whereas corruption has significant financial consequences and constitutes a serious threat to democracy, the rule of law and public investment;

Or. en

Amendment 82  
Heidi Hautala  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution  
Recital K e (new)
Ke. whereas in numerous cases the information provided on Members’ side jobs, declares work as ‘consultant’, ‘economic activity’, ‘freelancer’, ‘retired lawyer in activity’, ‘owner of a consultancy company’, ‘member of a supervisory body’, ‘non-regular advocacy’ and whereas this is not sufficient to judge whether a conflict of interest might arise and poses an unacceptable risk of conflicts of interest and possibly corruption;

Amendment 83
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital K f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K f. whereas no financial penalty has ever been imposed for a breach of the Code of Conduct of Members despite at least 26 breaches having been documented in the annual reports of the Advisory Committee on the Conduct of Members;

Amendment

K g. whereas Article 41 CFREU defines the right to good administration as the right of every person to have his or
her affairs handled impartially, fairly and within a reasonable time by the institutions, and whereas Article 298 TFEU stipulates that, in carrying out their missions, the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the Union shall have the support of an open, efficient and independent European administration;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was significantly strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021\(^6\), which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

Amendment

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021\(^6\), which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest; whereas the measures recently introduced by the inter-institutional agreement on Transparency Register require stronger ambition by the European Parliament in ensuring proper implementation, enforcement and oversight of all transparency standards; whereas the register’s scope does not include former MEPs, nor representatives of non-EU states; whereas the Transparency Register has not yet been rendered mandatory by individual decisions of the signatory institutions; whereas the Transparency Register shall be subject to a review no later than July 2025 only;

\(^6\) Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May

Amendment 86
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was significantly strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

Amendment

L. whereas the mandatory EU Transparency Register was strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas all paid outside activities create the risk of conflicts of interest; whereas two resolutions of the Parliament on 16 February 2023 have called for a ban on Members of the European Parliament performing paid side jobs or activities on behalf of organisations or individuals covered by the scope of the Transparency Register, in order to limit potential conflicts of interest; whereas this measure has yet to be implemented;


Or. en
Amendment 87
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was significantly strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021\(^6\), which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

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Amendment

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was significantly strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021\(^6\), which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the transparency register can and needs to be bolstered; whereas compulsory inclusion in the transparency register would make it possible to reduce, in particular, the risk of foreign influence and corruption phenomena; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;

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Or. it

Amendment 88
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital L

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was significantly strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement

Amendment

L. whereas the EU Transparency Register was strengthened following the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May
of 20 May 2021, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;


2021, which set high standards of transparent and ethical interest representation in the EU while still remains not formally mandatory, allows for too many meetings in all institutions to remain without transparency and was still found containing numerous inaccurate entries; whereas the register serves to increase the transparency of foreign influence but cannot deter foreign interference; whereas not all paid outside activities lead to conflicts of interest;


Or. en

Amendment 89
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

L a. whereas all EU institutions tasked with maintaining relations with third countries and conducting EU’s foreign policy need to allocate further resources and strengthen their efforts to fight against foreign interference in democratic processes in EU partner countries, including through strengthening strategic communication;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth
Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

L a. whereas the registration of representatives of foreign interests in the Union's Transparency Register relating to companies in strategic sectors and their governments can undermine and corrupt European interests and its rule of law and requires particular vigilance in our institutions;

Amendment 91
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

L a. whereas mandatory disclosure of conflict of interest could be a potential tool to strengthen the integrity of the European parliament;

Amendment 92
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Recital L b (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

L b. whereas full transparency of lobbying activities could additionally support lobbying as an indispensable segment of the European democratic environment;
Amendment 93
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by repressive governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions;

Amendment

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas extensive use of these technologies by the public authorities of several EU Member States has been uncovered, including the targeting of Members of the European Parliament; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions; whereas there is a need to tackle the production of surveillance technologies within the EU and their export to countries outside the EU;

Amendment 94
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by repressive governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on

Amendment

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by repressive governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on
the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions;

Amendment 95
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Amendment

M. whereas the use of targeted surveillance technology by repressive governments worldwide to track political opponents or monitor regime critics is on the rise; whereas typically vulnerable groups, such as human rights defenders, civil society activists and political opponents, are among the main targets, including within the EU; whereas the EU toolkit needs to be strengthened and better tailored to the challenges that global spyware and surveillance tools pose to EU institutions; and individuals;

Amendment 96
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital N
N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some NGOs;

N. whereas INGE I and INGE II have brought to light strategies and actors, who try to interfere in European affairs; whereas both committees made far reaching proposals on how to deal with malign interference; whereas there is still a need for a comprehensive strategy against foreign interference that takes into account both the complexity and the multi-dimensional nature of the attacks as well as an articulated and multipolar geopolitical analysis;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some NGOs;

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level; whereas in the Transparency Register (Annex II), NGOs are required to provide their main sources of funding by category; whereas this is not the case for commercial interest representatives, nor their intermediaries, who merely have to provide an estimate of annual costs for lobbying;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Anna Júlia Donáth, Nathalie Loiseau
Motion for a resolution

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some NGOs;

Amendment

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level and NGOs;

Amendment 99
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital N

Motion for a resolution

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some NGOs;

Amendment

N. whereas more clarity is needed regarding foreign interference, be it through foreign officials or through interest representatives at EU level, including interference perpetrated in cooperation with some unregistered NGOs;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital N a (new)

Motion for a resolution

N a. whereas the Transparency Register does not cover the public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies;

Amendment

N a. whereas the Transparency Register does not cover the public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies;

Or. en
Amendment 101
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded NGOs could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Amendment

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded Lobby- and Consultancy Agencies, Foundations, NGOs or Think Tanks could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded NGOs could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Amendment

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for interest representatives funded from outside the EU or by unclear sources could help to trace foreign and illegitimate interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Or. en

Amendment 103
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded NGOs could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;
O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded NGOs could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for lobbying and interest groups could serve the purpose of tracing interference, including foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Amendment 104
Anna Júlia Donáth, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital O

Motion for a resolution

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded NGOs could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

O. whereas strengthening the transparency requirements for foreign-funded entities could serve the purpose of tracing foreign interference; whereas the requirements should not stigmatise legitimate foreign funding;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 105
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution

P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

P. whereas all interest groups such as consultancies, law firms and other commercial interest representatives must be subject to ambitious and equivalent scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules and controls; whereas the internal rules of the Parliament should be reinforced, while waiting for the establishment of an independent ethics body and a proper reform of the Transparency Register, granting its
secretariat sufficient human and financial resources, in line with the position of the Parliament, in order to effectively perform its tasks;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Amendment

P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

P. whereas Lobby and Consultancy Agencies, Foundations, NGOs and Think-Tanks must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules, with particular regard to proportionality criteria and by avoiding cumbersome procedures, especially for small and non-profit NGOs; considering that any potential enhanced disclosure requirements should be weighed against the need to protect certain vulnerable individuals and groups;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Amendment

P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

P. whereas as other external actors seeking to influence the legislative and decision-making process of the European Union or taking part in activities within the European Parliament NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules, in particular with regard to financing;
Amendment 108
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

  Motion for a resolution
  P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

  Amendment
  P. whereas NGOs, like all other representatives of interests active in the EU institutions, must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

Or. it

Amendment 109
Morten Løkkegaard, Petras Auštrevičius, Sandro Gozi, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

  Motion for a resolution
  P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

  Amendment
  P. whereas interest representatives, including NGOs, must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

  Motion for a resolution
  P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

  Amendment
  P. whereas all interest representatives must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence
rules; and transparency rules;

Amendment 111
Anna Júlia Donáth, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Recital P

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

P. whereas NGOs must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

P. whereas all entities must be subject to scrutiny, due diligence and transparency rules;

Amendment 112
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital P a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

P a. whereas the Brussels corruption scandal highlights how NGOs that function in a completely non-transparent manner have taken the EU decision-making hostage in the past years; whereas the scandal has proved that some of these NGOs are, in reality, front organisations involved in criminal deals and activities;

Amendment 113
Beata Szydło, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Rob Rooken, Nicola Procaccini

Motion for a resolution
Recital P a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P a. whereas numerous informal friendship groups supporting particular countries exist in the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital P b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P b. whereas several NGOs involved in the EP’s work are in fact political manipulators that produce politically biased reports based on double standards against certain Member States; whereas these are then copy-pasted into European Union positions and documents; whereas such politically motivated documents have been used by the European Parliament and the European Commission to exert pressure on certain Member States with different political positions;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital P c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

P c. whereas the EU has left the doors wide open to non-transparent, shady NGOs and has given them millions of European taxpayers’ money without demanding even the minimum level of transparency from them;
Amendment 116
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélie Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital P d (new)

Motion for a resolution

P d. whereas in 2018 the European Court of Auditors (ECA) already drew attention to the fact that the European Commission’s funds to NGOs cannot be properly monitored, since there are no effective oversight mechanisms available; whereas according to ECA, between 2014 and 2017 11.3 billion euros of EU taxpayers’ money was allocated to NGOs while it was clear that the European Commission did not have sufficiently detailed information on how the money was spent1a;

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Or. en

Amendment 117
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélie Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital P e (new)

Motion for a resolution

P e. whereas Fight Impunity, one of the NGOs involved in the Brussels corruption scandal, has never filed an account in its three-year-old existence, despite Belgian law requiring non-profit organisations to file yearly account; whereas Fight Impunity has been one of
the most influential human rights NGOs in Brussels and has advised the European Parliament’s Subcommittee on Human Rights on several occasions, without being listed in the Parliament’s transparency register;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélia Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Recital P f (new)

Motion for a resolution Amendment

P. f. whereas the NGO ‘No Peace Without Justice’, which is also in the middle of the corruption scandal, has received millions of euros from the European Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q

Motion for a resolution Amendment

Q. whereas urgency resolutions must be adopted in line with Parliament’s guidelines and scope and should never be misused by anyone, namely for any agenda other than the urgent need to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of those facing an imminent threat in non-EU countries;

Q. whereas urgency resolutions must be adopted in line with the European Parliament’s guidelines and scope and should be continued to be used to address the urgent need to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of those facing an imminent threat in non-EU countries; whereas urgency resolutions must remain an essential tool of the EP human rights policy.

Or. en
Amendment 120
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q

Q. whereas urgency resolutions must be adopted in line with Parliament’s guidelines and scope and should never be misused by anyone, namely for any agenda other than the urgent need to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of those facing an imminent threat in non-EU countries;

Amendment
Q. whereas resolutions related to third countries (including urgencies, resolutions under EP Rule 132, and own-initiative country or region-specific reports) must be adopted in line with Parliament’s guidelines and scope;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Recital Q a (new)

Q a. whereas sensitive votes on trade and cooperation agreements have to be under special scrutiny, as they have the potential to attract special attention from the respective counterparts in the negotiations.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 122
Andreas Schieder, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 (new)
Denounces in the strongest terms the alleged attempts by Qatar to influence Members, former Members and staff of the European Parliament through acts of corruption, which constitute serious foreign interference in the EU’s democratic processes; Reiterates its deep shock and condemnation of the allegations of corruption and states its zero tolerance for corruption in any shape and form; insists that the magnitude of the ongoing investigations require the European Parliament and the EU institutions to react with strong and immediate measures;

Amendment 123
Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 (new)

-1. Denounces in the strongest terms the alleged attempts by Qatar to influence Members, former Members and staff of the European Parliament through acts of corruption, which constitute serious foreign interference in the EU’s democratic processes; calls for sanctions against involved third States if the facts are proven;

Amendment 124
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph -1 a (new)
 Amendment 125
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Notes that rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

1. Notes that current anti-money laundering rules were instrumental in triggering the attention of national authorities for the current corruption scandal; notes that both, the Commission and the Parliament should have had occasions when the alert mechanisms could have become aware of parts of the networks behind the alleged current scandal but a lack of implementation of current rules led to missing this opportunity; notes that while rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions, transparency and accountability are essential tools to prevent corruption and ensure trust in European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be
systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights the urgent need to ensure that Parliament equips itself with strong measures to fight in defence of democracy, transparency and accountability and against corruption, and that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

Amendment 126
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

1. Notes that rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

1. Notes that, with a view to retaining citizens' trust in the institutions' work and in the EU in general, the institutions must operate with absolute transparency and completely free of conflicts of interest; stresses, therefore, the need to ensure the highest standards of integrity and to establish rules strong enough to prevent, tackle and sanction any undue interference and corruption phenomena that involve MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; calls for the Code of Conduct for Members of the European Parliament to be revised, for sanctions that are sufficiently dissuasive to be brought in and for rules on whistleblowers to be introduced that are in step with the European standards set in the Whistleblower Directive; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be
reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting undue interference and corruption at every level.

Or. it

**Amendment 127**
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 1**

**Motion for a resolution**

1. *Notes* that rules *cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of* MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

**Amendment**

1. *Believes* that rules *addressing* MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of the European Parliament and other European institutions *should be inspired by the highest level of transparency, integrity and accountability*; insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing conflicts of interest, enhancing transparency, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

Or. en

**Amendment 128**
Aurélie Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud

**Motion for a resolution**
**Paragraph 1**

**Motion for a resolution**

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1. **Notes that rules cannot fully replace the individual responsibility of MEPs, former MEPs, political group staff, APAs, and officials of Parliament and other European institutions;** insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed; highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting foreign interference;

**Amendment**

1. **Insists that potential loopholes in the institutions’ rules and procedures that facilitate unlawful behaviour need to be systematically detected and thoroughly closed by effective reforms and control capacities;** highlights that some existing mechanisms need to be reviewed with the aim of preventing, deterring and detecting interference, including foreign interference;

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**Amendment 130**

Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélie Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

1 a. Notes with concern that in December 2022, the worst corruption scandal in decades broke out in Brussels surrounding the EU institutions, with the European Parliament and the European Commission heavily implicated in the scandal; deplores any attempt to trivialise the scandal and the systemic corruption present in the EU institutions, and to deflect responsibility to outside actors;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélie Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

1 b. Notes that most of the proposals by the EP so far are merely technical in nature and in reality do not seek a real solution to tackle the systemic corruption present in the EU institutions; is of the opinion that profound changes are needed in the whole of the EU decision-making process which is at present completely disconnected from European voters;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Balázs Hidvéghi, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Jean-Paul Garraud, Aurélie Beigneux

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

1 c. Notes with deep concern that systemic corruption deeply affects the European institutions; is of the opinion
Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

2. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament’s Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament’s rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are at the centre of Parliament’s internal reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament⁷; considers that this freedom of the mandate must not preclude the Union’s obligations to ‘observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, who shall receive equal attention from its institutions’, that ‘every citizen shall have the right to participate in the democratic life of the Union’, that ‘decisions shall be taken as openly and as closely as possible to the citizen’ and that ‘the Union’s institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible’ (Article 9 and 10(3) of the TEU and Article 15(1) of the TFEU);

Amendment

2. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament’s Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament’s rules and procedures; notes that these proposals are an important first step of Parliament’s internal reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament⁷;
Amendment 134
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

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2. Welcomes and fully supports the 14 points endorsed by Parliament’s Conference of Presidents following a proposal by President Metsola to reform Parliament’s rules and procedures; calls for these points to be translated into effective action as soon as possible; notes that these proposals are a good starting point for an even more substantial reform process within Parliament; believes, however, that the 14 points offer solutions which are still limited and continue to be based on the idea of Parliament applying the existing rules itself; believes that an independent external contribution is needed in every stage of the reform process; underlines that any measure taken should be compatible with the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament7;

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Amendment 136
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament;

committed to ensure that ambitious internal reforms addressing Members will take into account the freedom of mandate set out in Article 2 of the Decision of the European Parliament of 28 September 2005 adopting the Statute for Members of the European Parliament;

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Amendment 137
Aurélie Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Amendment 138
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)
Amendment 139
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

2 a. Regrets that the 14 points endorsed by the EP’s Conference of Presidents do not cover all of the proposals from the resolution on Suspicions of corruption from Qatar and the broader need for transparency and accountability in the European institutions; recommends in particular a dedicated vice-president be put in charge of integrity and fighting corruption and interference in the Parliament, including foreign interference;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. calls for the establishment of a special committee to look more closely into further reforms that could be introduced in the medium to long term with a view to monitoring and ensuring integrity and transparency in Parliament's work and to ensure that the recommendations adopted by that committee are applied correctly;

Or. it

Amendment 141
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament’s decisions; wholly supports Parliament’s full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs’ commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Amendment

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament’s decisions; wholly supports Parliament’s full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines the need to firmly tackle every form of corruption, including by imposing sufficiently effective and dissuasive sanctions against those responsible for corrupt acts and for influence campaigns; points out, with a view to preventing interference and conflicts of interest, that the EU legislative framework for combating corruption needs to be updated, and calls for the proposal for a directive against corruption at EU level to introduce harmonised and up-to-date standards on how to define the offence of
corruption and set sufficiently effective and dissuasive sanctions; calls, further, for the establishment of a European Anti-Corruption Authority with effective oversight and monitoring powers and effective powers to coordinate with the relevant bodies operating at national and international level;

Amendment 142
Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs and former MEPs from the S&D Group and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament’s decisions; wholly supports Parliament’s full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions and despite the parliamentary work carried out by the INGE and ING2 committees; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs’ commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Or. fr
Amendment 143
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament’s decisions; wholly supports Parliament’s full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place while internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions failed; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs and assistant under investigation so far have seriously damaged the public perception of the European Union in general and of the Parliament in particular; recalls its commitment to implement all measures to further increase independence, transparency and accountability of public institutions and their elected representatives, Commissioners and officials; notes that these reforms are of the utmost importance for both promoting the trust of citizens and ensuring the proper functioning of democratic institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3
3. Recalls its consternation and serious concern about the alleged acts of corruption, money laundering and participation in a criminal organisation by MEPs, former MEPs and an APA in exchange for influence over Parliament’s decisions; wholly supports Parliament’s full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs’ commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Amendment 145
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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Or. en
full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the three MEPs under investigation are not representative of Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs’ commitment to protecting and defending European democracy; decisions; wholly supports the European Parliament’s full cooperation with the ongoing criminal investigations; notes that the suspected cases of corruption took place despite internal monitoring and the alert mechanisms of the EU institutions; underlines that the criminal behaviour and intentions demonstrated by the MEPs under investigation are not representative of the European Parliament as a whole, since a very large majority of MEPs comply with the existing rules and are fully committed to serving on behalf of EU citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs’ commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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citizens; recalls that the current efforts to further strengthen the existing rules are testament to the seriousness of MEPs’ commitment to protecting and defending European democracy;

Amendment 147
Sabine Verheyen, Norbert Lins, Daniel Caspary, Monika Hohlmeier, Ralf Seekatz, Axel Voss, Marion Walsmann, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Marlene Mortler, Christine Schneider

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

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Or. en
Amendment 148
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3 a. Calls for a mandatory disclosure of Conflict of Interest for all MEPs and EP’s staff; notes that all their financial and other interests that could influence their decision making should be publicly available on a single online platform;

Or. en

Amendment 149
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Regrets that recommendations from the INGE I Report for the EU institutions to reform the Transparency Register, including by introducing more stringent transparency rules, mapping of foreign funding for EU-related lobbying, and ensuring an entry which allows for the identification of funding from foreign governments, have not been implemented yet;

Or. en

Amendment 150
Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Rob Rooken, Nicola Procaccini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)
Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 a. Underlines that all MEPs involved in a corruption scandal of this magnitude were members of a single political Group, which was also most vocal in attacking EU Member States for alleged violations of democracy and rule of law, rising suspicions about double standards and purely political motivation of such attacks;

Or. en

Amendment 151
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4 b. Urgently calls on member states to harmonise their electoral laws on foreign interference and the ban on foreign funding of political parties and foundations;

Or. en

Amendment 152
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Reinforcing the security culture within Parliament in order to combat foreign interference more effectively

Reinforcing the integrity culture within the European Parliament in order to combat foreign interference more effectively

Or. en
Amendment 153  
Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis, Vladimír Bilčík  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 5  

Motion for a resolution  

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;  

Amendment  

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament, like all other European institutions, is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff when they take up their duty within Parliament, making them aware they are potential targets of foreign state and non-state actors; calls for regular refresher trainings on security issues to all staff members, particularly around mid-term; notes that this should include digital security training;  

Or. en  

Amendment 154  
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau, Bart Groothuis, Abir Al-Sahlani  

Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 5  

Motion for a resolution  

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Amendment  

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world and the conduct of the EU’s external relations; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security, interference and ethical standards training for all MEPs, APAs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;
Amendment 155
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Amendment

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the co-legislator role attributed to it in the Treaties and the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. it

Amendment 156
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Amendment

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the integrity culture within the European Parliament; recalls that the European Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular integrity and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. en
Amendment 157
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Amendment

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs, their offices and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. en

Amendment 158
Benoît Lutgen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Amendment

5. Highlights the need to reinforce the security culture within Parliament; recalls that Parliament is a regular target of interference attempts, as a result of the impact that its positions have on the wider world; calls, therefore, for **compulsory** proper and regular security and interference training for all MEPs and staff; notes that this should include digital security training;

Or. en

Amendment 159
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Welcomes the decision to establish compulsory training for MEPs and APAs on whistleblowers; is concerned, however, that Parliament officials, APAs and political group staff do not enjoy the same standards of protection provided by the Whistleblower Directive; calls for the levels of protection provided in the directive to be applied to EU institution workers too, in particular, to protect them from any reprisals and to make it possible for them to reveal wrongdoing publicly;

Amendment

5a. Recommends that the parliamentary services draw attention to the risks of security and foreign interference when MEPs, parliamentary officials, APAs and political group staff take up their duties; asks that they sign a separate commitment to respect the rules and recommendations on security and the fight against interference when taking up their duties;

Or. en
Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5 a. Calls for a mandatory training on transparency, ethics and anti-corruption for all MEPs and parliamentary staff; recommends for such a training to be updated regularly and include case studies and best practices from other European institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 162
Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Calls on the Member States and their banking authorities to cooperate closely to ensure the application of these principles and to combat foreign financial interference;

Or. fr

Amendment 163
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups’ staff; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, political groups’ staff and to consider instances when the security clearance is needed for APAs; notes that
foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly; such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

Amendment 164
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups’ staff; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

Or. en

Amendment 165
Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups’ staff who are given access to classified information; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

Or. en
trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly; security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly;

Amendment 166
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

6. Recommends an appropriate security clearance process for Parliament officials, APAs and political groups’ staff; notes that such security clearances are particularly necessary when dealing with foreign affairs, security and defence or trade issues; calls, therefore, for appropriate cooperation with national security services to ensure that such security clearances are processed swiftly; and in a non-discriminatory manner;

Amendment 167
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

7. Calls for Parliament’s services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically deleted
exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive⁸;


Amendment 168
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

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7. Calls for Parliament’s services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive⁸;

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Amendment 169
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

7. Calls for Parliament’s services to perform an open-source screening of trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; reminds that such verification should be standardised to check an applicant’s claims on their resume; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive; 8

Amendment 170
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Javier Zarzalejos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for Parliament’s services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive;

Amendment

7. Calls on Parliament’s services to explore options on how to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff, Parliament staff, external contractors and traineeship candidates for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, especially if they are third country nationals; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive;

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Amendment 171
Benoît Lutgen, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Calls for Parliament’s services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive;

Amendment

7. Calls for Parliament’s services to screen trainees, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive;

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vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive⁸;

and on the basis of clearly defined criteria before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive⁸;

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Amendment 172
Sabine Verheyen, Norbert Lins, Daniel Caspary, Monika Hohlmeier, Ralf Seekatz, Axel Voss, Marion Walsmann, Karolin Braunsberger-Reinhold, Marlene Mortler, Christine Schneider

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

7. Calls for Parliament’s services to screen *trainees*, APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive⁸;

7. Calls for Parliament’s services to screen APAs, political group staff and Parliament staff for possible vulnerability to non-European influence before they take up their duties, as well as after their employment; is of the opinion that staff working in certain sensitive fields should be considered politically exposed persons pursuant to the definition in the Anti-Money Laundering Directive⁸;

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Amendment 173
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, Benoît Lutgen, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 a. Calls on national authorities to work towards common procedures and timeframe when giving security clearance to EP Members and staff, as well as any security screening related to the EU institutions; asks for a continued cooperation of the security authorities in the Member States;

Amendment 174
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Encourages each MEP and political group to pursue a thorough open source screening of candidates joining their offices;
Amendment 175
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament’s administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Amendment

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament’s administration to exclude any non-EU companies from such contracts if there is a reasonable reason to be believe it may expose Parliament to security risks or lack of protection of personal data; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Amendment 176
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament’s administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU private companies and providers that have been flagged by any EU institution or Member State as a potential security risk

Amendment

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament’s administration to exclude any non-EU private companies and providers that have been flagged by any EU institution or Member State as a potential security risk
companies or states, such as Russia and China; in the past from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Amendment 177
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8
Amendment

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on Parliament’s administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Amendment 178
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8
Amendment

8. Recalls that, to ensure the proper and safe functioning of the European Parliament, private contractors are hired to perform maintenance on its buildings, IT systems and cameras; calls on the
administration to exclude any non-EU private companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

European Parliament’s administration to exclude any non-EU private or public-owned companies from such contracts; calls, in this regard, for particular attention to be paid to companies owned by non-EU companies or states, such as Russia and China;

Amendment 179
Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

8 a. Welcomes recent decision to ban Tik-Tok from all the devices used by staff and Members of the European Parliament in their official capacity; likewise, underlines a need for a comprehensive check of all kinds of software used in the institutions (for emails, communication, data storage etc.) in order to exclude providers from autocratic states, especially Russia and China;

Amendment 180
Anna Júlia Donáth, Sandro Gozi, Maïte Pagazaurtundúa, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any

Amendment

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for a comprehensive EU
representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

**lobbying act which sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;**

Or. en

Amendment 181
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of **NGOs**, lobbyists and **non-EU countries**, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

9. Considers that access to the European Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of **non-EU countries**, lobbyists and **NGOs**, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

Or. en

Amendment 182
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for **sanctions against** any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for **restrictions to be applied to** any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;
Amendment 183
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access;

Amendment

9. Considers that access to Parliament buildings by visitors, including representatives of NGOs, lobbyists and non-EU countries, should be controlled more strictly; requests its Secretary-General to swiftly submit new proposals in this regard; calls for sanctions against any representatives and lobbyists from non-EU countries and NGOs that abuse their privileged access rights;

Amendment 184
Markus Pieper, Sabine Verheyen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9 a. Highlights the recent breaches of transparency and corruption in connection with the NGOs “Fight Impunity” and “No Peace Without Justice”; observes that in some cases the work of NGOs is used to finance illegal activities and influence Parliament’s decision-making on behalf of third parties; reiterates that the rules of access to the premises of the European Parliament for stakeholders and NGOs needs to be revised; highlights that non-registered stakeholders and NGOs should have no right to be heard in Parliament;
calls for automated mandatory transparency checks by the administration and corresponding controls by the committee secretariats;

Amendment 185
Markus Pieper, Sabine Verheyen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

9 b. Notes that the current guidelines for the 2021 Interinstitutional Agreement to register NGOs and stakeholders are insufficient; stresses the need for a thorough pre-check within the registration in the transparency register to disclose all funding sources; notes that funding from EU funds must be traceable from the direct recipient to the final beneficiary when funds are passed on in a chain; calls to revise the guidelines for the registration in the transparency register to disclose all incoming and outgoing funds, including the transfer of funds from one NGO and stakeholder to another;

Amendment 186
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament’s premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the

Amendment

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament’s premises; deplores the fact that this rule has not been applied thoroughly and calls
event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP’s office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit; for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP’s office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit; considers that this entry conditions should not apply to staff of other EU institutions, bodies and agencies, as well as journalists, who have a specific regime to access Parliament;
under certain conditions, should be possible;

Amendment 188
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament’s premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP’s office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

Amendment

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament’s premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP’s office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; commits to implement the proposal to create an entry log compliant with data protection standards for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time, purpose of the visit, identification of the Members, Members’ staff, groups’ staff or administrative units they meet, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

Amendment 189
Beata Szydło, Ryszard Czarnecki, Jorge Buxadé Villalba, Rob Rooken, Nicola Procaccini

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

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accompanied while on Parliament’s premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP’s office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;

Amendment 190
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

10. Recalls that any visitors must be accompanied while on Parliament’s premises; calls for the strict enforcement of appropriate restrictive measures in the event of non-compliance, such as preventing the relevant staff member or MEP’s office from granting access to visitors for a limited period of time; welcomes the proposal to create an entry log for all persons aged 18 years old and above who visit Parliament, indicating information such as the date, time and purpose of the visit, their contact details and the person responsible for them during the visit;
Amendment 191
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10 a. Calls for a thorough evaluation of the issuance of family access cards, calls for a review of the criteria for issuance on the basis of relevant documents, calls for family access card holders over the age of 18 to be subject to the Entry Log process;

Amendment 192
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; expects an immediate review of rule 123 of its rules of procedure, followed by a change also of article 6 of its Code of Conduct

Amendment 193
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løjkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11
11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; 

**Amendment**

Insists that former MEPs and former staff should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else; 

Or. en

Amendment 194
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; 

**Amendment**

Considers that former MEPs should have the right to grant entry to one person for the sole purpose of accompanying them; 

Or. en

Amendment 195
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

11. Welcomes the reform of the access rules for former MEPs and former staff, in particular the announcement of a new daily access badge to replace the current badges; 

**Amendment**

Invites the EP to consider removing the access badge granted to former staff; 

Or. en
insists that former MEPs and former staff should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else;

insists that former MEPs should no longer have the right to grant entry to anyone else;

Amendment 196
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

Amendment

12. Notes that a number of ‘revolving door’ cases have taken place that have involved senior institution officials, former commissioners and MEPs; believes that this phenomenon poses a clear risk to the integrity and reputation of the institutions and must be tackled more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage; calls for the cooling-off period established for former MEPs to come with a transitional allowance and not to be limited to six months, taking into account, among other matters, that Parliament’s legislative activities are limited in the six months immediately following the elections;

Amendment 197
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent

Amendment

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent
conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage; stresses the necessity of harmonising cooling-off periods between the institutions, by taking the example of the most stringent rules; underlines that the Code of Conduct of the Commission provides a two-year cooling-off period while the Parliament is currently implementing a six-month period;

Amendment 198
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

Amendment

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage; calls on former politicians now working for foreign companies which are linked the regimes of high risk countries, to resign; urges a ban on the practice of elite capture and revolving doors;

Amendment 199
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

Amendment

12. Notes that foreign and other illegitimate influence has taken the form of offering well paid positions to former Members, representatives of Member States and high ranking EU officials;
notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

12. Notes that the EU institutions should treat potential cases of ‘revolving doors’ more stringently in order to prevent conflicts of interest and avoid reputational damage;

calls for the issue of elite capture to be addressed in the Commission's annual Rule of Law reports;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzì, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

12a. emphasises that Members should not hold positions or have other occupations, whether paid or unpaid, that could constitute a conflict of interests with their parliamentary mandate; considers that second jobs are one of the situations most likely to lead to conflicts of interest; calls for more stringent rules in that respect and for effective monitoring of their implementation; believes that MEPs' declarations of financial interests should be more detailed to make it possible for
the public to scrutinise how their representatives work and to shed light more easily on potential conflicts of interest;

Or. it

Amendment 202
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. **Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body;** considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; **restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;**

Amendment

13. **Insists to urgently and immediately set up - at the latest before the summer recess 2023 - an Ethics Body with a mandate to scrutinise the EU institutions and agencies, with the necessary financial means and staff to fully carry out its tasks, before the end of the parliamentary term;** considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold the **European Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; Considers the introduction a “cooling-off period” for MEPs at the end of their respective mandates essential and believes that the period should be set at 24 months, when taking up lobbying activities and for the duration of the transitional allowance when taking up new employment; regrets in this regard the decision taken by the EP Bureau on 13 March 2023 limiting the cooling-off period for former members to only 6 months; highlights that the decision was not taken in a consensual manner; expects that the review of art. 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members will be
conducted with a more ambitious approach by indicating a longer cooling-off period limitation than just 6 months;

Or. en

Amendment 203
Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Anna Júlia Donáth, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

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Or. en

Amendment 204
Aurélie Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Or. fr

Amendment 205
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Benoît Lutgen, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; recalls that any such body must respect the separation of power between the institutions and will not in any capacity replace police, prosecutors and judges; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis and be recommendatory in nature, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-
non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period; EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Amendment 206
Clare Daly

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Or. en
Amendment 207
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ and former MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six to twenty-four months cooling-off period for MEPs as long as they are entitled to receive the transitional allowance and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period and commits to start the procedure to amend the Statute for Members with this aim;

Or. en

Amendment 208
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Iskra Mihaylova, Bart Groothuis, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case

Amendment

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case
basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period;

considers that compliance to this cooling-off period should be monitored by the aforementioned EU ethics body once it is established;

Amendment 209
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzi, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

13. Reiterates its call for the swift establishment of an independent EU ethics body; considers that the body’s mandate should include scrutiny, on a case-by-case basis, of MEPs’ intentions to work for any non-EU government or entity controlled by a non-EU government after the end of their term; calls on MEPs to uphold Parliament’s values and standards and not to accept employment by authoritarian, non-democratic governments or related state-owned entities after the end of their term; restates its intention to establish a six-month cooling-off period for MEPs and stresses that this period should start immediately following the end of their term and that MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during this period; stresses that former MEPs should be prohibited from lobbying Parliament during the cooling-off period following the end of their term;
period;

Amendment 210
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

13 a. **Considers that the Statute of Members of the European Parliament, 20 years after its last amendment, should be subject to legislative revision, with particular regard to the issues of side-jobs and cooling-off periods;**

Amendment 211
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

13 a. **Calls on the European Parliament to establish a mechanism to protect whistle-blowers who report corruption, fraud, or other wrongdoing within the institution;**

Amendment 212
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)
13 b. Believes that, until the Ethics Body takes on its formal role, it is imperative to reform, upgrade and strengthen the Parliament’s Advisory Committee on the Code of Conduct for Members to ensure a more effective and transparent system of stricter sanctions against Members and former Members working for outside interests, if MEPs were found not complying with ethics, rules and obligations; expects a change to Art. 7 and 8 of the Code of Conduct for members;

Amendment 213
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

13 b. Calls for strengthening of the role of the Ombudsman who should be given greater powers to investigate complaints of irregularities within the European parliament, including allegations of corruption and fraud;

Or. en

Amendment 214
Andreas Schieder, Nacho Sánchez Amor, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Mercedes Bresso, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 c (new)

13 c. Suggests introducing the practice of referring systematic or severe failures
to comply with disclosure obligations, within the deadline, to the Advisory Committee; suggests that the Advisory Committee could also have a proactive role in signalling to the President other problematic situations, for instance by having own-initiative powers to conduct internal investigations; believes the Advisory Committee should be able directly to deal with complaints files by individuals (or if learning of potential breaches from other sources, e.g. media) and not act solely on the request of the EP President;

Or. en

Amendment 215
Laura Ferrara, Sabrina Pignedoli, Maria Angela Danzì, Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Mario Furore, Tiziana Beghin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

14. Recommends that European agencies proactively monitor the professional activities of their senior staff members in order to strengthen their internal procedures and controls concerning potential revolving-door situations, in line with the European Court of Auditors’ 2021 recommendations⁹;

Amendment
14. Recommends that EU institutions and agencies and other EU bodies proactively monitor the professional activities of their staff members in order to strengthen their internal procedures and controls concerning potential revolving-door situations, in line with the European Court of Auditors’ 2021 recommendations⁹;

⁹ As set out in the report of 27 October 2022 entitled ‘Annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2021’.

Or. it

Amendment 216
Vladimír Bilčík, Lukas Mandl, David Lega, Sunčana Glavak, Benoît Lutgen, Andrey Kovatchev, Sabine Verheyen, Javier Zarzalejos

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

15 a. Highlights the need to increase investment in the IT infrastructure of the European Parliament; including hiring top-level IT specialists; considers such efforts to be necessary to ensure the independence of the EP;

Or. en

Amendment 217
Aurélia Beigneux, Nicolaus Fest, Balázs Hidvéghi, Jean-Paul Garraud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament’s name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy;

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament’s name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy; affirms that the support and promotion of Islamist organisations by the Parliament and other European institutions – including through conferences and communication campaigns – undermines their legitimacy, their reputation and the European way of life;

Or. fr

Amendment 218
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Anna Júlia Donáth, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Iskra Mihaylova, Vladimír Bilčík

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament’s name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy; affirms that the support and promotion of Islamist organisations by the Parliament and other European institutions – including through conferences and communication campaigns – undermines their legitimacy, their reputation and the European way of life;
16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament’s name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy;

16. Urges more action to ensure that Parliament’s name is not misused by external actors to create a false image of legitimacy, as it already happened in the past with the fake EU magazine « EP Today »;

Amendment 219
Maïté Pagazaurtundúa, Sandro Gozi, Anna Júlia Donáth, Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution
Amendment

16 a. Calls for the establishment and application of objective criteria to define countries at risk for the purpose of conducting foreign interference operations and that, as part of these criteria, the following be assessed: (a) a programme of intellectual property theft directed against the Union and its Member States, (b) legislation compelling national non-state actors to engage in intelligence activities, (c) a systematic violation of human rights, (d) a revisionist policy of the existing international legal order, (e) the application of an authoritarian ideology extraterritorially, (f) the detection of interference activities or conflicts of interest in the European Institutions; calls for special monitoring by the EU Transparency Register of registered interest representatives from countries considered to be at risk on the basis of these objective criteria;

Amendment 220
Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Notes that it is extremely important that only media with transparent ownership and proven adherence to the highest professional standards in journalism have access to reporting from the European Parliament and following plenary sessions to ensure that citizens have access to accurate and unbiased information about political processes and decisions

Or. en

Amendment 221
Nathalie Loiseau, Abir Al-Sahlani, Morten Løkkegaard, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Iskra Mihaylova

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Calls for the reform of the rules that obliges MEPs to use the European Parliament’s logo when they organize an event inside the EP premises as the EP exercises no control on the content of such events and may unintentionally give some legitimacy to dubious statements or guests;

Or. en