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AMENDMENT

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Draft recommendation

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Conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro

Draft decision

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Amendment 1
Cornelia Ernst

Draft legislative resolution
Paragraph 1

Draft legislative resolution

1. **Gives** its consent to the conclusion of the agreement;

Amendment

1. **Refuses to give** its consent to the conclusion of the agreement;

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Justification

This upgrading of the Frontex Status Agreement through this new status agreement is one further step into the EU's general approach on further externalising border surveillance to prevent asylum-seekers from reaching the European Union, which the shadow is concerned about. In addition, while the Article 44 of the Constitution of Montenegro as well as the Law on International and Temporary Protection of Foreigners guarantees access to the territory for people seeking international protection, the UN committee against Torture highlighted in June 2022 concerns that "in practice, asylum seekers do not always have effective access to the asylum procedure due to insufficient procedural safeguards" and that "the issue of chain refoulement is of particular concern". This could lead to a high risk of Frontex officers being complicit directly or indirectly to chain refoulement, through their support to operations.