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AMENDMENT

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Draft recommendation

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Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania

Proposal for a 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. Given numerous reports of irregular returns and ill-treatment of migrants from Albania to Greece, that led to the issuance of SIRs by the Fundamental Rights Officer of Frontex and also reported in the Commission's fundamental rights assessment, this could lead to a high risk of Frontex officers being complicit directly or indirectly to chain refoulement, through their support to operations.