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AMENDMENTS

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Amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards holders of Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Kordinaciona uprava)

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 1
Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 a) Considering that the issuance of passports by Serbia's Coordination Directorate to residents of Kosovo treats municipalities within Kosovo as under Serbia's jurisdiction, which is a violation of Kosovo's sovereignty and contrary to the agreements made in the dialogue for normalization between Kosovo and Serbia; Calls upon the European Parliament and the Council to respect the sovereignty of Kosovo and to ensure that any amendments to Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 do not undermine the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Kosovo.

Or. en

Amendment 2
Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 b) Noting concerns regarding the security elements of KU (Serbia's Coordination Directorate) passports, including risks of incorrect data and false information about residence, which pose a risk to the EU's migration and security policies; Urges the Commission to undertake a thorough security assessment of KU passports to ensure they meet the EU standards for security and data accuracy before considering them for visa-free travel.

Amendment 3

Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 c) Acknowledging that recognizing KU passports could legitimize Serbia's illegal and parallel structures in Kosovo, which the EU has called to abolish as part of the EU-facilitated dialogue process; Calls for a review of the proposal to ensure that it does not contribute to legitimizing parallel structures that undermine the rule of law and governance in Kosovo.

Or. en

Amendment 4

Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 d) Aware that holders of KU passports may possess dual passports, allowing them potentially to circumvent the 90-day limit for visa-free stays in the EU by alternating between two passports; Recommends the implementation of safeguards within the visa liberalization monitoring reports and follow-up measures to prevent the abuse of the visa-free regime through the use of dual passports.

Or. en

Amendment 5
Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 e) Observing the ambiguity regarding the repatriation or readmission of KU passport holders, which raises questions about their country of return in case of need; Demands clear guidelines and agreements on the repatriation and readmission procedures for holders of KU passports to ensure effective cooperation between EU Member States and the relevant authorities. These amendments aim to ensure that the proposed regulation change is thoroughly evaluated in light of concerns related to sovereignty, security, the integrity of EU visa policy, and the EU's broader relationship with both Serbia and Kosovo. The goal is to foster dialogue, respect for international law, and the careful consideration of the complex geopolitical context surrounding this issue. Expanding on the concerns raised, here are additional amendments focusing on the complexities and implications of recognizing Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (KU passports) for citizens residing in Kosovo.

Or. en

Amendment 6
Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 f) Whereas recognizing KU passports undermines the integration efforts of the Serb community within Kosovo and the

legitimacy of Kosovo's government structures; Calls for measures to support the integration of the Serb community in Kosovo, including encouraging the use of Kosovo-issued documents to strengthen the cohesion and territorial integrity of Kosovo.

Or. en

Amendment 7
Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 g (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 g) Considering that accepting KU passports may affect the dynamics of the normalization process between Serbia and Kosovo, potentially impacting regional stability; Urges the European Union to reaffirm its commitment to facilitating a sustainable and peaceful resolution between Serbia and Kosovo, ensuring that any amendments to visa regulations contribute positively to this process.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 9 h (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 h) Aware that the proposal might set a precedent that impacts the integrity of the EU's visa liberalization policy and its agreements with other countries; Requests a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the proposed amendment on existing visa liberalization agreements

and the potential for creating undesirable precedents.

Or. en

Amendment 9

Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9 i (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 i) Recognizing the importance of dialogue in addressing the challenges posed by the issuance of KU passports and the need for cooperation between Serbia, Kosovo, and the European Union; Encourages enhanced dialogue and cooperation between all parties, with the aim of finding mutually agreeable solutions that respect the rule of law, human rights, and the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Or. en

Amendment 10

Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9 j (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 j) Noting the lack of precise address location in KU passports, which complicates the identification process and could undermine security checks within the EU; Calls upon the European Commission to work with Serbian and Kosovo authorities to ensure that all travel documents meet international standards for security and identification, including accurate residence information.

Amendment 11

Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 9 k (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(9 k) Considering the importance of maintaining the security of the EU's external borders and the common visa policy in light of the adoption of the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS); Demands that any changes to visa policies, including the recognition of KU passports, are fully compatible with the EU's security frameworks, including ETIAS, to safeguard the security of EU member states. These additional amendments aim to provide a comprehensive approach to addressing the proposal to recognize Serbian passports issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate for visa-free travel. They reflect a commitment to uphold the principles of sovereignty, security, regional stability, and the integrity of the EU's legal and policy frameworks.

Or. en

Amendment 12

Lukas Mandl

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Regulation (EU) 2018/1806

Annex II

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Serbia (**including holders of Serbian**

Serbia (*)'

*passports issued by the Serbian
Coordination Directorate (in Serbian:
Kordinaciona uprava)) (*)'*

Or. en