Amendment 7
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Joint motion for a resolution
PPE, S&D, Renew, Verts/ALE, ECR
Human rights violations by private military and security companies

Joint motion for a resolution
Recital G

G. whereas the Wagner Group is a web of paramilitaries and businesses that have been linked by overlaps in ownership and logistics networks; whereas the Wagner Group stands out from other PMSCs on several counts, such as its reported connections to the highest echelons of the Russian State, its reported presence in numerous states, the scale of its operations, with an estimated 10 000 employees, and the gross human rights violations which have been documented and of which it has been accused; whereas Russian law prohibits the use of mercenaries under Article 359 of its Criminal Code;

Amendment

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Or. en
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Amendment 8
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Joint motion for a resolution
Recital J

J. whereas on 11 April 2012, President Putin stated in his speech to the Russian Duma that ‘a group of private military companies would be an efficient tool to accomplish national goals without directly involving the Russian State’; whereas the Wagner Group’s denomination is being phased out to avoid public scrutiny and put distance between it and Mr Prigozhin and President Putin, and the group is being replaced by other entities under different names; whereas the Kremlin, via this construct and because the Wagner Group has no legal status, is trying to maintain plausible deniability regarding the actions and crimes committed by the group;

J. whereas the Kremlin’s use of PMSCs builds on the Soviet Union’s long history of operating proxy forces abroad by sending thousands of military specialists in the guise of ‘advisors’ to many conflicts worldwide, while officially denying Russian involvement; whereas on 11 April 2012, President Putin stated in his speech to the Russian Duma that ‘a group of private military companies would be an efficient tool to accomplish national goals without directly involving the Russian State’; whereas the Wagner Group’s denomination is being phased out to avoid public scrutiny and put distance between it and Mr Prigozhin and President Putin, and the group is being replaced by other entities under different names; whereas the Kremlin, via this construct and because the Wagner Group has no legal status, is trying to maintain plausible deniability regarding the actions and crimes committed by the group;

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Amendment 9
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Joint motion for a resolution
Recital K

K. whereas in Ukraine, the use of PMSCs may be aimed at concealing military interference, avoiding casualties among regular military troops and thereby hiding the human costs of military aggressions from the Russian public;

Amendment
K. whereas in the context of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the use of PMSCs such as the Wagner Group, E.N.O.T Corp, the Cossacks and others may be aimed at concealing military interference, avoiding casualties among regular military troops and thereby hiding the human costs of military aggressions from the Russian public;

Or. en
Amendment 10
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on all states using the services of the Wagner Group and its affiliates, particularly the Central African Republic, to cut all ties with the group and its employees; calls on all states to face up to their responsibilities in the enforcement of international law, and to investigate the reported human rights violations and prosecute companies established on their soil when they engage in activities that violate international law; supports, in this regard, the efforts of human rights groups and individuals to hold the Wagner Group members accountable for crimes committed in Ukraine, Syria, Libya and the Central African Republic;
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Amendment 11
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Joint motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

15. Urges the Russian authorities to withdraw all mercenaries from eastern Ukraine and Crimea;

Amendment
15. Urges the Russian authorities to withdraw all mercenaries from eastern Ukraine and Crimea; supports the efforts of the Ukrainian authorities to bring members of the Wagner Group operating in Crimea and Donbas before a Ukrainian court and calls on Interpol to cooperate closely in these and other similar cases;

Or. en