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European year of intercultural dialogue 2008: respect and promote cultural diversity in Europe and develop an active European citizenship

Proposal for a decision (COM(2005)0467 – C6-0311/2005 – 2005/0203(COD))

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendments by Parliament

Amendment by Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop and Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 6
Recital 5, indent 4

- by enabling Europe to make its voice better heard in the world and to forge effective partnerships with neighbouring countries, thus extending the zone of stability and democracy beyond the Union and thereby influencing the wellbeing and security of European citizens and all those living in the European Union.	- by enabling Europe to make its voice better heard in the world and to forge effective partnerships with neighbouring countries, thus***, in convergence with the objectives of the UN's Alliance of Civilisations,*** extending the zone of stability and democracy beyond the Union and thereby influencing ***worldwide*** wellbeing and security***, in general***, and that of European citizens and all those living in the European Union***, in particular***.

Or. es

Justification

The objectives of the European year of intercultural dialogue 2008 call for compatibility with the framework offered by the UN's Alliance of Civilisations for all other initiatives inspired by similar concerns.

Amendment by Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop and Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 7
Recital 6

Intercultural dialogue is an important dimension in many Community policies and instruments in the fields of education, youth, culture, citizenship and sport, combating discrimination and social exclusion, lifelong learning, combating racism and xenophobia, policy on asylum and the integration of immigrants, audiovisual policy and research. At the same time it is an increasing factor in the European Union's external relations, particularly with regard to the candidate countries, the countries of the western Balkans and the partner countries of the European neighbourhood policy.	Intercultural dialogue is an important dimension in many Community policies and instruments in the fields of education, youth, culture, citizenship and sport, combating discrimination and social exclusion, lifelong learning, combating racism and xenophobia, policy on asylum and the integration of immigrants, audiovisual policy and research. At the same time it is an increasing factor in the European Union's external relations, particularly with regard to the candidate countries, the countries of the western Balkans and the partner countries of the European neighbourhood policy***, and from the viewpoint of achieving, in line with UN policy, an Alliance of Civilisations***.

Or. es

Justification

The European year of intercultural dialogue 2008 needs, in the context of the EU's external relations, to take account of the objectives of the UN's Alliance of Civilisations.

Amendment by Martine Roure

Amendment 8
Recital 7

Building on this diversified basis of Community experiences and initiatives, involving each citizen and European society as a whole in an intercultural dialogue approach is a fundamental step.	Building on this diversified basis of Community experiences and initiatives, involving each citizen and European society as a whole in an intercultural dialogue approach is a fundamental step. ***The***

promotion of learning 'intercultural civility' must contribute to this. 'Intercultural civility' is the complement to and a necessary condition for the implementation of true equality of opportunity for all.

Or. fr

Justification

Arising from the methods and tools evolved by intercultural communication, the development of 'intercultural civility' is now a key condition for intercultural dialogue. Fruitful dialogue cannot take place unless citizens from different cultures share a certain number of basic codes encouraging mutual respect and learning from each other. The development of intercultural civility in the EU represents a major asset for its competitiveness, just as it also offers the citizen a key skill to be acquired in the context of creating true equality of opportunity for all.

Amendment by Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop and Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 9
Recital 11

It will also be important to ensure complementarity between the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and all external aspects of promoting intercultural dialogue initiatives developed within appropriate frameworks, including with those EFTA countries which are party to the EEA agreement, the countries of the western Balkans and the partner countries of the European neighbourhood policy. It will be also important to ensure complementarity with any other initiative of cooperation with third countries, in particular developing countries, relevant for the objectives of intercultural dialogue of the European Year of Intercultural dialogue.	It will also be important to ensure complementarity between the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and all external aspects of promoting intercultural dialogue initiatives developed within appropriate frameworks, including with those EFTA countries which are party to the EEA agreement, the countries of the western Balkans and the partner countries of the European neighbourhood policy. It will be also important to ensure complementarity with ***the Alliance of Civilisations initiative and to cooperate with the High Level Group set up for that purpose at the UN, as well as with*** any other initiative of cooperation with third countries, in particular developing countries, relevant for the objectives of intercultural dialogue of the European Year of Intercultural dialogue.

Or. es

Justification

The European year of intercultural dialogue 2008 needs, in the context of the EU's external relations, to take account of the objectives of the UN's Alliance of Civilisations.

Amendment by Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop and Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 10
Recital 11a (new)

(11a) ***It is necessary to ensure the convergence of the European year of intercultural dialogue, within the framework of the UN's Alliance of Civilisations, with all other initiatives, partial, regional or sectoral, that are inspired by similar concerns: the Barcelona Process, the G8 initiative for the greater Middle East, the various bodies for interreligious dialogue, or, in the cultural field, the work of UNESCO.***

Or. es

Justification

The objectives of the European year of intercultural dialogue 2008 call for compatibility with the framework offered by the UN's Alliance of Civilisations for all other initiatives inspired by similar concerns.

Amendment by Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop and Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 11
Article 9

For the purposes of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, the Commission may cooperate with appropriate international organisations.	For the purposes of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, the Commission may cooperate with appropriate international organisations***, and, in particular, the UN and its High Level Group for the Alliance of Civilisations.***

Or. es

Justification

The Commission should take account of the need for the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 to cooperate with the objectives of the UN's Alliance of Civilisations.

Amendment by Antonio Masip Hidalgo, Bárbara Dührkop Dührkop and Javier Moreno Sánchez

Amendment 12
Article 10(4)

The Commission shall also ensure complementarity with any other initiative of cooperation with third countries, in particular developing countries, relevant for the objectives of intercultural dialogue of the European Year.	The Commission shall also ensure complementarity with ***the Alliance of Civilisations initiative and shall cooperate with the High Level Group set up for that purpose at the UN and with*** any other initiative of cooperation with third countries, in particular developing countries, relevant for the objectives of intercultural dialogue of the European Year.

Or. es

Justification

The European year of intercultural dialogue 2008 needs, in the context of the EU's external relations, to take account of the objectives of the UN's Alliance of Civilisations.