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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**  
(PE569.833v01-00)

on the 2015 Report on Albania

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**Amendment 1**  
**Philippe Juvin**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 2 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to Albania's accession to  
the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation  
(NATO) on 1 April 2009,**

Or. fr

**Amendment 2**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**— having regard to the Final Declaration  
by the Chair of the Vienna Western  
Balkans Summit of 27 August 2015 as  
well as the Recommendations of the Civil  
Society Organisations for the Vienna  
Summit 2015,**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Philippe Juvin**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 8 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the 2015/2016 Amnesty  
International report on the state of  
human rights in the world,**

**Amendment 4**  
**Georgios Epitideios**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

A. whereas Albania has made *steady* progress on its path to EU accession;

*Amendment*

A. whereas Albania has *failed to make the necessary* progress on its path to EU accession;

Or. el

**Amendment 5**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

A. whereas Albania has made *steady* progress on its path to EU accession;

*Amendment*

A. whereas Albania has made *some* progress on its path to EU accession;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

A. whereas Albania has made steady progress on its path to EU accession;

*Amendment*

A. whereas Albania has made steady progress on its path to EU accession; *whereas it has made considerable reform efforts; whereas the reforms, however, do not always have a visible impact on civil*

*society;*

Or. it

**Amendment 7**  
**Philippe Juvin**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas (potential) candidate countries are judged on their own merits and the quality of the necessary reforms determines the timetable for accession;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas challenges still persist and need to be addressed swiftly and efficiently in order to make further progress on its path to EU accession;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas consistent adoption and full

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implementation of reforms on the five key priorities *as well as sustained political commitment* are essential to further advance in the EU accession process;

implementation of reforms on the five key priorities are essential to further advance in the EU accession process;

Or. it

**Amendment 10**  
**Nikos Androulakis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ba. whereas the protection of religious freedom, cultural heritage and the administration of property according to the rule of law are fundamental values of the European Union;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

C. whereas *fair play* between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

*C. whereas constructive and sustainable political dialogue on EU-related reforms, conducted in a spirit of cooperation and consensus between major political forces, is vital to further progress in the EU accession process; whereas such dialogue between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;*

Or. en

## Amendment 12

Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Marietje Schaake, Javier Nart

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Recital C

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

C. whereas *fair play* between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

##### *Amendment*

C. whereas *the promotion of a spirit of dialogue, cooperation and compromise* between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

Or. en

## Amendment 13

Cristian Dan Preda

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Recital C

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

C. whereas *fair play* between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

##### *Amendment*

C. whereas *dialogue, negotiation and willingness to compromise* between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

Or. en

## Amendment 14

Miroslav Poche

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Recital C

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

C. whereas fair play between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

##### *Amendment*

C. whereas fair play between government and opposition is vital *not only* for a successful and sustainable reform process, *but also for deepening relations between the EU and Albania;*

**Amendment 15**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

C. whereas fair play between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

*Amendment*

C. whereas fair play between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process; ***whereas, however, the Albanian political system is still highly polarised;***

Or. it

**Amendment 16**  
**David McAllister**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

C. whereas fair play between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

*Amendment*

C. whereas ***a constructive dialogue and*** fair play between government and opposition is vital for a successful and sustainable reform process;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ca. whereas there exists political consensus and wide public support for the***

*EU integration process in Albania and whereas the success of the reform agenda strongly depends on the existence of a democratic political environment in the country;*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Marielle de Sarnez**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas *in order to open accession negotiations*;

*Amendment*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas;

Or. fr

**Amendment 19**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform *and* the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas in order to open accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

D. whereas sustained progress, *particularly* in the *areas of* rule of law, judicial reform, the fight against corruption and organised crime, *administrative, electoral and judicial reform and human rights*, is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas in order to open accession negotiations;

Or. cs

**Amendment 20**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas in order to open accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas in order to open accession negotiations; ***whereas the EU has put the rule of law at the core of its enlargement process;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas in order to open accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas in order to open accession negotiations ***and to consolidate its democratic transition;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas in order to open accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

D. whereas sustained progress in the rule of law, judicial reform and the fight against corruption and organised crime is of crucial importance in the reform process; whereas Albania needs to intensify reform efforts in these areas ***as well as in other key priorities*** in order to open accession negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Philippe Juvin**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Da. whereas the EU has highlighted the need to strengthen economic governance, the rule of law and public administration capacity in all of the Western Balkan countries;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 24**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Da. whereas the EU has placed the rule of law at the core of its enlargement policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital D b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Db. whereas the EU has highlighted the need to strengthen economic governance, the rule of law and public administration capacities in all of the Western Balkan countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Georgios Epitideios**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to ***maintain the reform momentum and to*** swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

Or. el

**Amendment 27**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress

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concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and to *swiftly proceed* with a *substantial* judiciary reform;

concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and to *continue* with *the* judiciary reform; *calls on the authorities to treat social exclusion and poverty eradication as further priorities in the reform process*;

Or. it

## **Amendment 28**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes Albania's *steady* progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain *the reform momentum* and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

##### *Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's *some* progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain *reforms* and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

Or. en

## **Amendment 29**

**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and to swiftly proceed with a

##### *Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum, *to accelerate the*

substantial judiciary reform;

*implementation of the reforms* and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform *package continuing its engagement with the Venice Commission*;

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform; *insists on the importance of proper and timely implementation of these reforms*;

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and *calls on major political parties* to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**David McAllister**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government to maintain the reform momentum and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's steady progress concerning the reforms on the key priorities which are required for opening accession negotiations; encourages the government ***and the parliament*** to maintain the reform momentum and to swiftly proceed with a substantial judiciary reform;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1a. Calls for the accession negotiations with Albania to be abandoned immediately, given the findings set out in this report;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 34**  
**James Carver**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on all political forces to contribute

*Amendment*

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to a more constructive political dialogue to support the reform process; strongly believes that sustainable cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for *Albania's EU reform process*; *welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the EU-related reform process more inclusive*; *urges to further enhance Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the acquis*;

to a more constructive political dialogue to support the reform process; strongly believes that sustainable cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for *Albania*;

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on all political forces to *contribute to a more* constructive political dialogue *to support the reform process*; strongly believes that *sustainable* cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for *Albania's EU reform process*; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the EU-related reform process more inclusive; urges to further enhance Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the acquis;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on all political forces to *join a* constructive political dialogue *with the purpose of accelerating reform processes in Albania*; strongly believes that *long-term* cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for *meeting the requirements laid down regarding accession to the* EU; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the EU-related reform process more inclusive; urges to further enhance Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the acquis;

Or. cs

**Amendment 36**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on all political *forces to contribute to a more constructive political dialogue* to support the reform process; strongly believes that sustainable cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for Albania's EU reform process; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the EU-related reform process more inclusive; urges to further enhance Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the acquis;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on all political *parties to make further efforts to bring about genuine political dialogue and work in constructive cooperation* to support the reform process; strongly believes that sustainable cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for Albania's EU reform process; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the EU-related reform process more inclusive; urges to further enhance Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the acquis;

Or. hr

**Amendment 37**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on all political forces to contribute to a more constructive political dialogue *to support the reform process*; strongly believes that sustainable cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for Albania's EU reform process; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the EU-related reform process more inclusive; urges to further enhance Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the acquis;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on all political forces to contribute to a more constructive political dialogue *that allows for the adoption and implementation of the key reforms*; strongly believes that sustainable cooperation between government and opposition in Parliament is essential for Albania's EU reform process; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the EU-related reform process more inclusive; urges to further enhance Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the acquis;

**Amendment 38**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on all political forces to contribute to a more constructive political dialogue to support the reform process; strongly believes that *sustainable* cooperation between government and opposition *in Parliament* is essential for Albania's *EU* reform process; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the *EU-related* reform process more inclusive; urges *to* further *enhance* Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation and compliance with the *acquis*;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on all political forces to contribute to a more constructive political dialogue to support the reform process; strongly believes that cooperation between government and opposition is essential for Albania's reform process *for EU accession*; welcomes the establishment and work of the National Council for European Integration (NCEI) which is expected to make the *accession-related* reform process more inclusive; urges further *enhancement of* Parliament's capacity to monitor the implementation *of*, and compliance with, the *acquis*;

Or. it

**Amendment 39**

**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*2a. Strongly underlines the importance of genuine political cooperation among all political parties, which needs to be sustained by a true commitment towards constructing a democratic political culture which includes openness to dialogue, negotiation, compromise and the complete exclusion of boycott and radicalism;*

*Amendment*

**Amendment 40**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

3. Commends the government and opposition parties alike for **a** unanimous adoption in Parliament of the legislation on the exclusion of criminal offenders from appointment and election to public office (so-called de-criminalisation law); calls for **a** thorough implementation in spirit and in letter of this legislation **which will** enhance citizens' trust in their political representatives and in public institutions;

*Amendment*

3. Commends the government and opposition parties alike for **constructive cooperation and** unanimous adoption in Parliament of the legislation on the exclusion of criminal offenders from appointment and election to public office (so-called de-criminalisation law); calls for **swift adoption of by-laws in the Parliament and** thorough implementation in spirit and in letter of this legislation; **strongly encourages the Parliament to lead by example in implementing the laws in order to** enhance citizens' trust in their political representatives and in public institutions;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Cătălin Sorin Ivan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

3. Commends the government and opposition parties alike for a unanimous adoption in Parliament of the legislation on the exclusion of criminal offenders from appointment and election to public office (so-called de-criminalisation law); calls for a thorough implementation in spirit and in letter of this legislation which will enhance citizens' trust in their political

*Amendment*

3. Commends the government and opposition parties alike for a unanimous adoption in Parliament of the legislation on the exclusion of criminal offenders from appointment and election to public office (so-called de-criminalisation law); calls for a thorough **and systematic** implementation in spirit and in letter of this legislation which will **deeply** enhance citizens' trust in

representatives and in public institutions;

their political representatives, *in political mechanisms* and in public institutions;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 42**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

3. Commends the government and opposition parties alike for a unanimous adoption in Parliament of the legislation on the exclusion of criminal offenders from appointment and election to public office (so-called de-criminalisation law); calls for a thorough implementation in spirit and in letter of this legislation which will enhance citizens' trust in their political representatives and in public institutions;

###### *Amendment*

3. Commends the government and opposition parties alike for a unanimous adoption in Parliament of the legislation on the exclusion of criminal offenders from appointment and election to public office (so-called de-criminalisation law); calls for a thorough implementation in spirit and in letter of this legislation which will enhance citizens' *and the business community's* trust in their political representatives and in public institutions;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 43**

**Tanja Fajon**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, *such as* politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, *insufficient*

###### *Amendment*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to *a comprehensive and thorough* judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, *including* politicisation and limited

*resources* and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court *and* Constitutional Court;

accountability, a high level of corruption, *inefficient mechanisms of control* and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors, *reduced influence of the executive on the judiciary* as well as to the impartiality of the High Court, Constitutional Court *and High Council of Justice, including by duly taking into account the observations of the Venice Commission*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 44**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 4**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

4. **Welcomes** Albania's commitment to judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the

##### *Amendment*

4. **Takes note of** Albania's commitment to judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; ***insists on the fact that the Albanian justice system should be fully independent, efficient and fair***; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation, ***poor inter-institutional cooperation*** and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; ***stresses the need to increase transparency and to implement the relevant recommendations made by the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) in its fourth-round***

impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

*evaluation report on corruption prevention in respect of judges and prosecutors*; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**David McAllister**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to **judicial** reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to **a comprehensive and thorough reform of the justice system** and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources, **inefficient mechanisms of control** and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court **based on the recommendations of the Venice**

*Commission;*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens *and the business community* in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to judicial reform and strongly encourages *it* to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, *collusion and criminal infiltration of political machinery*, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

Or. it

**Amendment 47**

**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform *has done so far* and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to judicial reform and strongly ***strongly*** encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation, ***independence*** and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, ***issues of professionalism and competence***, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform ***in the preparation of the reform and appreciates close cooperation with the Venice Commission (CoE)***; ***calls on all parties to respect the Venice Commission's recommendations and take them as bases for an agreement on the reform; encourages further cooperative and consensual attitude on the way to adopt this reform*** and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of ***courts, especially*** the High Court and Constitutional Court;

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes Albania's commitment to

judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

judicial reform and strongly encourages to swiftly continue the preparations for this crucial reform in order to foster the trust of citizens and the business community in the justice system; underlines the need to address the current shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system, such as politicisation and limited accountability, a high level of corruption, insufficient resources and the overall length of judicial proceedings, ***as well as the lack of clear professional criteria for the appointment and promotion of judges and the lack of a regulatory framework that can genuinely ensure the independence of the judiciary***; commends the work that the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Judicial Reform has done so far and calls on all parties to work towards a compromise on essential changes in the judiciary, which are relating inter alia to the full independence and accountability of judges and prosecutors as well as to the impartiality of the High Court and Constitutional Court;

Or. bg

**Amendment 49**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Notes that the independence of the judiciary, while granted through the constitution, needs to be strengthened in practice; notes that high-level corruption, selective justice and political interference are issues that have to be addressed;***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Georgios Epitideios**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations;**

**deleted**

Or. el

**Amendment 51**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and to take into account these conclusions when **considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations;**

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and **its enforcement and to take into account these conclusions when reporting in a comprehensive and detailed manner on Albania's progress on the key priorities, a sustained, comprehensive and inclusive implementation of which has to be ensured; asks the Commission to commit itself to publishing the annual Progress Reports with a specific and fixed timetable;**

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced *its judicial* reform and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

5. Encourages the Commission to ***work on establishing a system of monitoring the implementation of the judicial reform and*** report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced ***in this*** reform and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and to take into account these conclusions ***as well as the progress on the implementation of the five key priorities*** when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations; ***recommends, furthermore, to closely monitor progress with the judiciary reform;***

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial ***and administrative*** reform, ***as well as reform in the areas of rule of law, human rights and the fight against corruption and organised crime***, and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations;

Or. cs

**Amendment 55**  
**Marielle de Sarnez**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations;

*Amendment*

5. Encourages the Commission to report to the Parliament and Council as soon as Albania has sufficiently advanced its judicial reform and to take into account these conclusions when considering recommending the opening of accession negotiations; ***approves of the Commission's commitment to mark a pause in the enlargement process in order to consolidate what has been achieved by the EU of 28;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 56**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of *the Ombudsman's Office*; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government *which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government*;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy, *efficiency* and resources of *human rights structures, such as the office of the Ombudsman*; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government; *notes that substantial efforts are needed to clarify the functions and responsibilities of the newly created local government units and to increase their financial and administrative capacity*;

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management

reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide *better* services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and *fight* corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide *access to quality public* services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future *EU* accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and *eradicate* corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

Or. cs

## **Amendment 58** **Manolis Kefalogiannis**

### **Draft motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 6**

#### *Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight

#### *Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight

corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government; ***reminds that national minority representatives have challenged the local government boundary changes, maintaining that the new system violates their rights and international norms; in relation to local self-government, stresses the importance of continued, close dialogue with stakeholders including representatives of civil society and persons belonging to minorities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Nikos Androulakis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight

corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government; ***reminds that national minority representatives have challenged the local government boundary changes, maintaining that the new system violates their rights and international norms; stresses the importance of continued, close dialogue with stakeholders including representatives of civil society and persons belonging to minorities;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 60**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 6**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for ***an*** efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to

##### *Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens, ***to comply with public interests as defined by law and perceived by citizens,*** and to prepare for efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise

improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

Or. it

### **Amendment 61**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 6**

#### *Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and

#### *Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and

resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

resources of the Ombudsman's Office; ***calls for appropriate budget allocations for the two new Commissioners on Children and the Prevention of Torture***; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

Or. en

## **Amendment 62** **Eduard Kukan**

### **Draft motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 6**

#### *Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for

#### *Amendment*

6. Welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 public administration reform strategy and its action plan for 2015-17 as well as the 2014-20 public financial management reform strategy; stresses the need for a professional and transparent civil service in order to provide better services to the citizens and to prepare for an efficient conduct of future accession negotiations; ***notes the efforts towards more user related public administration***; urges the government to pursue its efforts to enhance administrative capacities, depoliticise public administration and fight corruption in the civil service as well as to improve recruitment procedures based on merit and performance; calls for a full and effective implementation of the Law on Civil Service and the new Law on Administrative Procedures; calls for enhancing the authority, autonomy and resources of the Ombudsman's Office; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 decentralisation strategy and of the law on local self-government which increases the

consultation between central and local government;

administrative and financial capacities of local government units and provides for consultation between central and local government;

Or. en

### **Amendment 63** **Eduard Kukan**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 7**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, **adopt a** law on the protection of whistle-blowers, **enforce** anti-corruption legislation and **enhance** the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

##### *Amendment*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, **public private partnership concessions**, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, **welcomes adoption of the** law on the protection of whistle-blowers, **calls on strict enforcement of** anti-corruption legislation and **enhancing** the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

Or. en

### **Amendment 64** **Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 7**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

*Amendment*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government ***which represent an obstacle to Albania's democratic, social and economic development***; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases ***and organised crime*** on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; ***stresses the need to strengthen the investigative capacity of law enforcement agencies and to conduct proactive and effective investigations by amending the Criminal Procedure Code in relation to interceptions and surveillance, time limits for investigations, and admissibility of evidence before a court***; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

Or. en

**Amendment 65**

**Tanja Fajon**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public

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7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public

procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to ***monitor and review the action plan thoroughly***, improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions, ***improve transparency and control of political party finances***; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

Or. en

**Amendment 66**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against

*Amendment*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against

corruption and organised crime as well;

corruption and organised crime as well;  
*calls on the authorities to make civil society aware that the weight of corruption invariably has to be borne by public spending, at the expense of social entitlements and welfare provision;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 67**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 7**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

###### *Amendment*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; *calls on strengthening local governments in the field of urban planning;* welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 68**

**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

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*Draft motion for a resolution*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

*Amendment*

7. Continues to be concerned about widespread corruption particularly in education, healthcare, judiciary, public procurement, construction and spatial planning, and local government **and public service**; welcomes the adoption of the 2015-20 national anti-corruption strategy and the 2015-17 action plan; calls on competent authorities to improve the track record of investigation, prosecution and conviction in corruption cases on all levels, adopt a law on the protection of whistle-blowers, enforce anti-corruption legislation and enhance the independence of and cooperation between anti-corruption institutions; strongly believes that progress in judicial reform will substantially enhance the fight against corruption and organised crime as well;

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes **recent** operations against drug traffickers **but** notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of

*Amendment*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes **previous** operations against drug traffickers **stressing that drug trafficking and the continued cultivation and trafficking of cannabis in particular, remains a cause for serious concern, and calls on Albania to strengthen its efforts in the fight against narcotics, including by stepping**

investigation, prosecution and conviction;

*up threat assessments and international cooperation*; notes that trafficking, *in general*, remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions, *in Albania and within the region in the framework of regional cooperation* on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims, *especially minors*, and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Nikos Androulakis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers *but* notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

*Amendment*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers; notes, *however*, that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; *calls on Albania to strengthen its efforts in the fight against narcotics, including by stepping up threat assessments and international cooperation*; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

Or. en

**Amendment 71**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime **but** remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

*Amendment*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime **which has led to a number of successful large scale law enforcement operations, also in cooperation with the authorities of neighbouring countries and EU Member States;** remains **nevertheless** concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**David McAllister**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime **but** remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers

*Amendment*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime **that has led to a number of successful law enforcement operations;** remains **nevertheless** concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to

but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

Or. en

### **Amendment 73** **Philippe Juvin**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 8**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

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8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction; ***calls for efforts to be stepped up regarding the uncontrolled proliferation and illicit trafficking of weapons, many of which end up illegally in EU countries; is concerned at the very high incidence of firearm murders in Albania (5.86 deaths per 100 000 inhabitants);***

Or. fr

**Amendment 74**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

*Amendment*

**8. *Is concerned about the high level of organised crime, particularly drug trafficking and production of narcotics; notes that suspicious money laundering transactions have doubled in 2014 in comparison to 2013;*** notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes

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recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

*indictments; calls for the allocation of adequate resources to the police and prosecution services to fight organised crime*; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

Or. en

## **Amendment 76** **Miroslav Poche**

### **Draft motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 8**

#### *Draft motion for a resolution*

8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction;

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8. Notes the government's commitment in the fight against organised crime but remains concerned about the low number of final convictions; stresses the need to further develop cooperation between prosecution and police and to ensure effective judicial follow-up; welcomes recent operations against drug traffickers but notes that trafficking remains a significant problem for Albania; calls for a stronger cooperation between law enforcement institutions on human trafficking, better protection and redress to the victims and an improved record of investigation, prosecution and conviction; *feels it necessary to establish records of pro-active investigations, prosecutions, money laundering operations, final judgments in organised crime cases, which will facilitate negotiations in this area;*

Or. cs

**Amendment 77**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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Or. it

**Amendment 78**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

***8a. Notes that while equality between women and men is an important issue, it is undermined by the poor functioning of national mechanisms to address gender equality and gender-based violence;***

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Takes note of the assessment and recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR concerning the electoral process following the June 2015 local elections; welcomes the establishment of an ad hoc parliamentary committee on electoral reform in **December 2015** and encourages effective implementation of these recommendations also in view of preparing and conducting upcoming elections; is concerned about the overall politicisation of the electoral process and calls on the competent authorities to address inter alia the procedural shortcomings including electoral disputes, the independence of electoral commissions, alleged cases of vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process;

*Amendment*

9. Takes note of the assessment and recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR concerning the electoral process following the June 2015 local elections; welcomes the establishment of an ad hoc parliamentary committee on electoral reform in **January 2016** and encourages effective implementation of these recommendations also in view of preparing and conducting upcoming elections; is concerned about the overall politicisation of the electoral process and calls on the competent authorities to address inter alia the procedural shortcomings including electoral disputes, the independence of electoral commissions, alleged cases of vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process;

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Takes note of the assessment and recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR concerning the electoral process following the June 2015 local elections; welcomes the establishment of an ad hoc parliamentary committee on electoral reform in December 2015 and encourages effective implementation of these recommendations also in view of preparing

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and conducting upcoming elections; is concerned about the overall politicisation of the electoral process and calls on the competent authorities to address inter alia the procedural shortcomings including electoral disputes, the independence of electoral commissions, alleged cases of vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process;

and conducting upcoming elections; is concerned about the overall politicisation of the electoral process and calls on the competent authorities to address inter alia the procedural shortcomings including electoral disputes, the independence of electoral commissions, alleged cases of vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process; ***is concerned about political polarisation, as well as the manner and atmosphere in which the administrative elections took place in 2015, in which individuals involved in pending court cases or, worse still, previous offenders, also participated; welcomes the agreement between government and opposition, leading to the establishment of an ad hoc committee on the 'decriminalisation' of the institutions;***

Or. it

## **Amendment 81**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 9**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

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vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process;

vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process; *notes that the Central Election Commission (CEC) needs to establish clear internal responsibilities for overseeing party finances and go beyond purely formal checks of statements by the political parties;*

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Takes note of the assessment and recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR concerning the electoral process following the June 2015 local elections; welcomes the establishment of an ad hoc parliamentary committee on electoral reform in December 2015 and encourages

*Amendment*

9. Takes note of the assessment and recommendations of the OSCE/ODIHR concerning the electoral process following the June 2015 local elections, ***when issues of group voting and procedural irregularities were noted by international observers***; welcomes the establishment of

effective implementation of these recommendations also in view of preparing and conducting upcoming elections; is concerned about the overall politicisation of the electoral process and calls on the competent authorities to address inter alia the procedural shortcomings including electoral disputes, the independence of electoral commissions, alleged cases of vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process;

an ad hoc parliamentary committee on electoral reform in December 2015 and encourages effective implementation of these recommendations also in view of preparing and conducting upcoming elections; is concerned about the overall politicisation of the electoral process and calls on the competent authorities to address inter alia the procedural shortcomings including electoral disputes, the independence of electoral commissions, alleged cases of vote buying and voter intimidation in order to enhance public confidence in the electoral process;

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

10. Welcomes the adoption of a parliamentary resolution on the role of civil society in the country's democratic development and notes improving cooperation between state institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) including their participation in meetings of the NCEI; recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, ***also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings;***

*Amendment*

10. Welcomes the adoption of a parliamentary resolution on the role of civil society in the country's democratic development and notes improving cooperation between state institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) including their participation in meetings of the NCEI; ***commends the adoption of the roadmap on civil society and encourages its smooth implementation;*** recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making;

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

10. Welcomes the adoption of a parliamentary resolution on the role of civil society in the country's democratic development and notes improving cooperation between state institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) including their participation in meetings of the NCEI; ***believes that the representatives of national minorities also need to be included in the dialogue with the state institutions;*** recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs ***and the representatives of national minorities*** in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society ***and the representatives of national minorities*** and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings;

Or. bg

**Amendment 87**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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cooperation with CSOs in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings; *is concerned regarding the new law on VAT which has created administrative burden for CSOs regardless of their size, level of activity and source of funding; calls on the authorities to reduce administrative burden for CSOs and review tax rules and other relevant regulations with a view on facilitating private donations;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 88**

**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jasenko Selimovic**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 10**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

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10. Welcomes the adoption of a parliamentary resolution on the role of civil society in the country's democratic development and notes improving cooperation between state institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) including their participation in meetings of the NCEI; recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings; *calls on the authorities to encourage CSOs to actively participate in the overview of the whole electoral process;*

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

10. Welcomes the adoption of a parliamentary resolution on the role of civil society in the country's democratic development and notes improving cooperation between state institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) including their participation in meetings of the NCEI; recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings;

*Amendment*

10. Welcomes the adoption of a parliamentary resolution on the role of civil society in the country's democratic development and notes improving cooperation between state institutions and civil society organisations (CSOs) including their participation in meetings of the NCEI; recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs ***and inform stakeholders and the wider public in a comprehensive and timely manner of the progress being made in the EU integration process*** in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings;

Or. hr

**Amendment 90**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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the NCEI; recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs in order to strengthen democracy through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings;

the NCEI; recommends to institutionalize cooperation with CSOs in order to strengthen democracy, *human rights and civil liberties* through participation and raise transparency in decision-making, also by defining consultation mechanisms between NCEI and the National Council for Civil Society and by inviting CSOs to parliamentary hearings;

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*10a. Urges the Albanian government to dedicate particular attention to improving the perspective of youth and to invest in modernizing and reforming the education system in order to increase employability and professional perspectives particularly for young people; emphasizes the need to transform the current brain drain into a brain circulation which supports mobility while at the same time giving high potentials for sufficient career prospects in Albania; welcomes the IPA assistance dedicated to education, employment and social policies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**10a. Reiterates its call on the competent authorities to proceed with delivering justice for the victims of the events of 21 January 2011;**

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Nikos Androulakis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. **Commends *the*** climate of religious tolerance in the country, the ***good*** cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; ***invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue and not to make an opposite impression by referring to individual cases of lack of cooperation in its annual reporting;***

11. **Notes Albania's commitment on promoting and safeguarding a** climate of religious tolerance ***and respect of freedom of religion*** in the country, the cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony ***and the protection of religious sites and heritage;***

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

11. Commends ***the*** climate of religious tolerance in the country, the ***good*** cooperation between religious communities

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and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; *invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue and not to make an opposite impression by referring to individual cases of lack of cooperation in its annual reporting;*

*respect of freedom of religion, through inter alia* the cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony, *protecting religious sites and heritage;*

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

11. *Commends* the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; *invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue and not to make an opposite impression by referring to individual cases of lack of cooperation in its annual reporting;*

*Amendment*

11. *Notes* the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony;

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**David McAllister**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

11. Commends the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; *invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue and not to make an opposite impression by referring to individual cases of lack of cooperation in its annual reporting;*

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11. Commends the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony;

Or. en

**Amendment 97**

**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

11. Commends the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue *and not to make an opposite impression by referring to individual cases of lack of cooperation in its annual reporting;*

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11. Commends the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their positive relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue;

Or. en

**Amendment 98**

**Georgios Epitideios**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

11. *Commends* the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their *positive* relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue and not to make an opposite impression by referring to individual cases of lack of cooperation in its annual reporting;

*Amendment*

11. *Calls for the necessary measures to strengthen* the climate of religious tolerance in the country, the good cooperation between religious communities and their *untroubled* relations with the State; calls on all competent authorities and religious communities to jointly work towards preserving and fostering religious harmony; invites the Commission to acknowledge good inter-religious dialogue and not to make an opposite impression by referring to individual cases of lack of cooperation in its annual reporting;

Or. el

**Amendment 99**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

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Or. it

**Amendment 100**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Calls on Albania to follow the example of the Republic of Kosovo and recognise the Bulgarian minority living in the regions of Mala Prespa, Golo Brdo and Gora; believes that recognising that minority will help reinforce their rights and freedoms and will send a positive signal that Albania protects the rights and freedoms of national minorities and is firmly engaged in the process of accession to the European Union;***

Or. bg

**Amendment 101**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11a. Stresses that the protection of some fundamental rights such as the right to live remains insufficient; recalls in this respect the existence of blood feuds in Albania; urges the reactivation of the coordination council on blood feuds, a strategy for the prevention and mediation of conflicts, the strengthening of dedicated social programs in rural areas and a significant reinforcement of police investigations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 102**  
**Andrey Kovatchev**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11a. Notes that further efforts are needed to protect the rights of all minorities in Albania, through the full implementation of the relevant legislation; recommends that the rights of people with Bulgarian ethnicity in the Prespa, Golo brdo and Gora regions be enshrined in law and ensured in practice;*

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Philippe Juvin**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11a. Condemns the mistreatment of suspects in police stations, prison overcrowding and the inadequate medical care and poor conditions in detention facilities;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 104**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

***11b. Recalls that institutional mechanisms to protect the rights of the child remain poor; urges the authorities to reform the juvenile justice system in a way that it complies with international standards; calls for a significant increase in financial allocations for the child protection system, in particular the child protection units (CPU) at local and regional level; deplores that some CPUs had to stop working due to lack of financial resources; urges the authorities to assure access of children to CPUs also in rural areas; is shocked by the findings of the nation-wide survey on street children which revealed that around 2500 children live and work in the streets; is deeply concerned about the fact that according to the Commission Albania remains a source country for trafficking children, forced child labour and for the worst forms of child labour as defined by ILO Convention 182;***

Or. en

**Amendment 105  
Georgios Epitideios**

**Draft motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of***

*deleted*

*persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;*

Or. el

**Amendment 106**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; *welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;*

*Amendment*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern;

Or. bg

**Amendment 107**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. *Calls for adopting* the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the

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12. *Commends the adoption of* the 2015-2020 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma

situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the **LGBTI** community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

*Amendment*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; ***calls for the general improvement and protection of the rights of the child and of the juvenile justice system***; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the **LGBT** community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

Or. cs

**Amendment 109**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

*Amendment*

**12. Reminds, among key priorities, the need for effective legislative and policy measures to reinforce the protection of human rights and anti-discrimination policies, including the equal treatment of all minorities and access to rights for persons belonging to them throughout Albania; urges the government to adopt, following a broad consultation process, a comprehensive law on minorities to remedy existing legal gaps in line with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on National Minorities and in full respect of the principle of free self-identification;** calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Nikos Androulakis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma

*Amendment*

**12. Reminds, among key priorities, the need for effective legislative and policy measures to reinforce the protection of human rights and anti-discrimination**

inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

*policies, including the equal treatment of all minorities; urges the government to adopt, following a broad consultation process, a comprehensive law on minorities to remedy existing legal gaps in line with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on National Minorities and in full respect of the principle of free self-identification;* calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

Or. en

### **Amendment 111**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 12**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held

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*12. Notes that the rights of minorities and other vulnerable groups should be further advanced and calls to actively promote respect of human rights; calls on the competent authorities to continue improving the climate of inclusion and tolerance for all minorities in the country;* calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the

without major incidents in June 2015;

situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

Or. en

**Amendment 112**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

*Amendment*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; ***notes that Roma and Egyptians live in difficult conditions and face social exclusion and discrimination; notes that a solid anti-discrimination case law should be a priority***; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

Or. en

**Amendment 113**  
**Tanja Fajon**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

*Amendment*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children ***and cases of their forcible evictions without due process and provision of adequate alternative housing*** remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

Or. en

**Amendment 114**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015;

*Amendment*

12. Calls for adopting the 2015-20 national action plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and for reinforcing the implementation of the policies on Roma inclusion; notes that enrolment and drop-out rates for Roma children and the situation of Roma and Egyptian street children remain a concern; welcomes the parliamentary resolution on the protection of rights and freedoms of persons belonging to the LGBTI community; notes that the second Tirana Pride event was held without major incidents in June 2015 ***and advises to remove discrimination against transgender and intersex persons from existing legislation;***

**Amendment 115**

**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jasenko Selimovic**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*12a. Is concerned about legislative provisions that discriminate between men and women in a wide range of sectors and gender bias in court decisions and treatment by law enforcement agencies; commends increased number of criminal proceedings for domestic violence; welcomes amendments to the Electoral Code adopted in April 2015 which provide for a 50 % gender quota requirement in candidate lists for municipal councils, and the rejection of lists which fail to meet this quota; notes with satisfaction that 10 % of mayoral candidates in the June local elections were women and nine women were elected mayors;*

Or. en

**Amendment 116**

**Tanja Fajon, Malin Björk**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*12a. Calls for the adoption of the 2016-2020 national plan of action in support of the LGBTI community and calls on the responsible authorities to reinforce the implementation of the LGBTI inclusion policies at 61 newly elected municipalities; welcomes the changes in the Labour Code providing protection*

*from discrimination for LGBT persons in employment; encourages the Government and Parliament to work on legislation in support of equal access for same-sex couples to legal institutions such as cohabitation, registered partnership or marriage;*

Or. en

**Amendment 117**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*12a. Notes that public spending on education is low, at around 3 % of GDP, and calls for concrete steps in this direction; is concerned that Roma and Egyptian children are still not fully integrated in the education system, which often leads them to unemployment and exclusion;*

Or. en

**Amendment 118**  
**Nikos Androulakis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. *Notes that* the enforcement of property rights *remains to be ensured*; urges the completion of the process of property registering, restitution and compensation as well as the effective implementation of the 2012-20 strategy on property rights; points out that better enforcement of property rights will positively influence local and

13. *Reminds that for the full implementation of the relevant key priority Albania needs to ensure* the enforcement of property rights, *including those of religious institutions*; urges the completion of the process of property registering, restitution and compensation as well as the effective implementation of the

foreign investment;

2012-20 strategy on property rights; points out that better enforcement of property rights will positively influence local and foreign investment;

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

13. Notes that the enforcement of property rights remains to be ensured; urges the completion of the process of property registering, restitution and compensation as well as the effective implementation of the 2012-20 strategy on property rights; points out that better enforcement of property rights will positively influence local and foreign investment;

*Amendment*

13. ***Reminds that for the full implementation of the relevant key priority Albania needs to implement property rights, including those of religious institutions;*** notes that the enforcement of property rights remains to be ensured; urges the completion of the process of property registering, restitution and compensation as well as the effective implementation of the 2012-20 strategy on property rights; points out that better enforcement of property rights will ***also*** positively influence local and foreign investment;

Or. en

**Amendment 120**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

13. Notes that the enforcement of property rights remains to be ensured; urges the completion of the process of property registering, restitution and compensation as well as the effective implementation of the

*Amendment*

13. Notes that the enforcement of property rights remains to be ensured, ***but also that there are some major social emergencies in the country;*** urges the completion of the process of property registering, restitution

2012-20 strategy on property rights; points out that better enforcement of property rights will positively influence local and foreign investment;

and compensation as well as the effective implementation of the 2012-20 strategy on property rights, *with a view to establishing a tax system that is suitable for redistributing resources*; points out that better enforcement of property rights will positively influence local and foreign investment;

Or. it

**Amendment 121**  
**David McAllister**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); *notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition*;

*Amendment*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); *stresses the need to finalise the delayed digitalisation process*;

Or. en

**Amendment 122**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance

*Amendment*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance

of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); *notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;*

of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee *further* the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA);

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); *notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;*

*Amendment*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA);

Or. en

**Amendment 124**  
**Marietje Schaake, Ilhan Kyuchyuk**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;

*Amendment*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists ***who are sometimes physically obstructed from covering specific events, assaulted, or threatened because of their work***; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition; ***deplores that the Balkan Investigative Regional Network, an independent and investigative media outlet, has been threatened with a defamation case, following its investigations into the criminal past of a mayoral candidate during the local elections in 2015***;

Or. en

**Amendment 125**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance

*Amendment*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists ***and the frequent violation of the right to personal data protection***; ***calls for enhancing the***

transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;

*implementation of the Law on Audiovisual Media*; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need *of additional efforts* to *fully* guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) *and of the public broadcaster*; notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;

*Amendment*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists, *with regard to which both the political polarisation and the major collusion and corruption afflicting the information system in Albania are contributing factors*; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;

Or. it

**Amendment 127**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;

*Amendment*

14. Re-emphasises the critical importance of a professional, independent and pluralist public service broadcaster and private media; is concerned about widespread self-censorship among journalists, **as well about the direct interference in editorial autonomy and limited pluralism**; calls for strengthening their professional and ethical standards; stresses the need to enhance transparency of government advertising in the media; stresses the need to guarantee the independence of the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA); notes with concern that AMA's work was hampered by the absence of its members nominated by the opposition;

Or. en

**Amendment 128**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; **welcomes** better tax collection and **the government's campaign against informality**; **while** noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight

*Amendment*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; **while welcoming** better tax collection and noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment (**as well as youth brain drain**); remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against

against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, *to tackle the still large informal economy* as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; *urges Albania to comprehensively tackle the still acute problem of its large shadow economy, linked with widespread corruption, by pursuing effective economic reforms aimed at increasing competitiveness and improving the overall business and investment environment where further efforts are needed too*; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

Or. en

**Amendment 129**  
**Nikos Androulakis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, *to tackle the still large informal economy* as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

*Amendment*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; *urges Albania to comprehensively tackle the still acute problem of its large shadow economy, linked with widespread corruption, by pursuing effective economic reforms aimed at increasing competitiveness and improving the overall business and investment environment where further efforts are needed too*;

urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

Or. en

## Amendment 130

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 15

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

##### *Amendment*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection, ***which must be further geared towards the redistribution of wealth***, and the government's campaign against informality, ***in order to claw back resources to be used for social purposes***; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction; ***is concerned about the social impact that the IMF loan of EUR 331 million, taken out in 2014, might have; hopes that, for Albania, the possibility of joining the EU will not lead to a period of austerity, which would further exacerbate certain existing social emergencies; points out that the Albanian debt/GDP ratio is higher than 70%***;

**Amendment 131**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

*Amendment*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially ***among youth, women and persons with disabilities*** and long-term unemployment ***which is more than 50% of total unemployment***; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction; ***urges for more support on consumer protection mechanisms***;

Or. en

**Amendment 132**  
**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

*Amendment*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term unemployment; ***calls urgently for more attention to be paid to equal opportunities where there is a need for further measures to increase women's representation on the labour market and to boost equal treatment***; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

Or. cs

**Amendment 133**

**Eduard Kukan**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-term

*Amendment*

15. Notes that Albania is moderately prepared in developing a functioning market economy; welcomes better tax collection and the government's campaign against informality; while noting an increase in ***formal*** employment, is concerned about the high level of unemployment, especially youth and long-

unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

term unemployment; remains concerned about persistent and significant shortcomings in the rule of law, the regulatory environment, property rights enforcement and the fight against corruption which hamper to improve the business environment; urges to address weaknesses in contract enforcement and the rule of law, to tackle the still large informal economy as well as to prioritise its programme of fiscal consolidation and public debt reduction;

Or. en

**Amendment 134**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15a. Calls on the Albanian government to control the development of hydropower plants in environmentally sensitive areas such as around Vjosa River as well as in protected areas and to maintain the integrity of existing national parks; recommends to improve the quality of environmental impact assessments which would allow to take into account EU standards as established by the Birds and Habitats Directives and the Water Framework Directive; encourages the Albanian government to increase transparency through public participation and consultation on planned projects;***

Or. en

**Amendment 135**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15a. Calls on the government to adopt and implement a national energy strategy; is concerned about Albania's failure to submit a renewable energy action plan to the Energy Community which triggered an infringement procedure; is equally concerned about the fact that Albania missed its Energy Community deadline to align its law with the 2006 Directive on Energy End-Use Efficiency Services; urges the government to do more on energy efficiency by adopting a new law on energy efficiency in buildings;***

Or. en

**Amendment 136**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15a. Calls on Albania to carry out the relevant measurements relating to environmental protection and waste management, and to take additional measures against the improper disposal and removal of improperly disposed waste, particularly marine waste;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 137**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15b. Calls on Albania to make further efforts to align with EU environmental legislation and the requirements of chapter 27; welcomes in this respect the establishment of a National Agency for Protected Areas and Agency for the Albanian Coast; calls on the government to stop the many uncontrolled hydropower projects (HPP) inside protected areas and other areas with high natural value; underlines the necessity to improve the quality of environmental impact assessments as well as to guarantee public participation and consultation of civil society in relevant HPP projects; urges the government to declare a three year moratorium on HPP constructions and to urgently develop a national strategy defining go and no-go areas for future HPP development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 138**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15 c (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15c. Advises the government to strengthen the protection of the environment by considering the establishment of a Vjosa National Park; urges the government to abandon plans for new hydropower plants along the Vjosa River and its tributaries since these projects would harm one of Europe's last extensive, intact and near-natural river ecosystems;***

Or. en

## Amendment 139

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 16

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; **commends** Albania **for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as** for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; **urges the government to pursue further efforts to address** the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications **lodged** to EU Member States **and** to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

##### *Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; **calls on** Albania **to mediate in order to establish better neighbourhood relations between Serbia and the other countries in the region;** **commends** Albania for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees, **pointing out that these schemes are international obligations that are independent of Albania's status as a candidate country for EU membership, but compliance with which should be taken into consideration for the purposes of accession;** **draws attention** to the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications **submitted by Albanian citizens** to EU Member States; **calls on the Albanian authorities** to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. it

**Amendment 140**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for *remaining* a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to *the* regional cooperation initiatives *taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015*; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

*Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for *its commitment to be* a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to *all* regional cooperation initiatives; *underlines the importance of ensuring good neighbourly relations, which remain essential*; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 141**  
**James Carver**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for *full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for* its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

*Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 142**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014

*Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014

and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; **commends** Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; **notes that** Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries; **condemns statements made by the Albanian Prime Minister in April 2015 threatening the EU that Albania will unify with Kosovo if the EU does not intensify Kosovo's accession process;**

Or. en

### **Amendment 143**

**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić, Petras Auštrevičius, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Jasenko Selimovic**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good

##### *Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna **Summit** 2015; **welcomes Albania's constructive role in the connectivity agenda and highlights the importance of the East – West electricity transmission corridor with a grid section**

neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

*in Albania; in this regard, calls on the authorities to ensure full and swift implementation of technical standards and soft measures in transport which were agreed during 2015 WB Summit in Vienna (e.g. aligning/simplifying border crossing procedures, information systems, maintenance schemes, unbundling and third party access to network) before the next 2016 Summit in Paris;* welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 144**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the

*Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the

Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; ***emphasises that the construction and development of Pan-European Transport Corridor 8, which is seen as crucial to the economic and social development of the Western Balkans region, is a priority; recommends that the Albanian authorities, in close cooperation with the other countries along the proposed corridor, accelerate the planning and construction of the Albanian section of the route;*** welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. bg

#### **Amendment 145**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes

##### *Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; ***stresses its***

positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

*instrumental role and that of the large Albanian-speaking groups in both Kosovo and in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in strengthening regional stability*; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries; *welcomes the Commission proposal to establish a common EU list of safe countries of origin and supports Albania's inclusion on that list*;

Or. en

## **Amendment 146**

**Tanja Fajon**

### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 16**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the

##### *Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the

regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; ***in light of these efforts, encourages Albania to continue with the development of Regional Youth Cooperation Office, which – headquartered in Tirana – is of paramount importance for further reconciliation in the region, particularly among youth;*** commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 147**  
**Andrey Kovatchev**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014

*Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and proactive in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014

and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; ***recommends the authorities to speed up the construction of major infrastructure projects such as the rail link and modern highway between Tirana and Skopje as part of Corridor VIII***; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 148**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 16**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting

##### *Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting

regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of **45 000** manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and ***Schengen-associated countries (between January to August 2015)*** and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries; ***equally calls on the government to consider further actions in order to improve socio-economic living conditions;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 149** **Nikos Androulakis**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 16**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to

##### *Amendment*

16. Commends Albania for remaining a constructive partner in the region and pro-active in regional cooperation; notes positively Albania's commitment to the regional cooperation initiatives taken at the Western Balkans Summit in Berlin 2014 and Vienna 2015; ***underlines the importance of ensuring good neighbourly relations, which remain essential;*** welcomes the continued political will to improve relations with Serbia and encourages Albania and Serbia to take further actions in promoting regional stability and cooperation and good neighbourly relations; commends Albania

contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

for full alignment with all relevant CFSP declarations and European Council conclusions as well as for its readiness to contribute to the European assistance and resettlement schemes for Syrian refugees; urges the government to pursue further efforts to address the high number of manifestly unfounded asylum applications lodged to EU Member States and to take determined action via the post-visa liberalisation monitoring mechanism to engage in closer operational cooperation and information exchange with EU Member States and neighbouring countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 150**  
**Charles Tannock**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that *Albania, as well as other* countries in the region, *is* affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; *considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as* to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that countries in the region *are* affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; *in this regard welcomes measures taken by the Albanian government that fully prevented last year the outflow of foreign fighters to join ISIS in Iraq and Syria; considers it essential to continue to implement effective policy to prevent Islamist radicalisation and* to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. en

## Amendment 151

Miroslav Poche

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 17

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, **is affected by the phenomenon of** foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

##### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, **must confront the problem represented by returning** foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. cs

## Amendment 152

Knut Fleckenstein

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 17

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of **a** relevant security **strategy and** action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent

##### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of relevant security **strategies and an** action plan; **notes positively that this updated strategic framework also includes a specific strategy on countering violent extremism;** is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent

judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. en

### **Amendment 153**

**Eduard Kukan**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 17**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a **relevant security** strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

###### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and **government's** adoption of a strategy and action plan **on countering violent extremism**; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. en

### **Amendment 154**

**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 17**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

17. **Welcomes** Albania's commitment in the

###### *Amendment*

17. **While welcoming** Albania's

fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and *the* adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the *Western Balkan* region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential *for the Albanian government* to elaborate, *in cooperation with religious institutions*, an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, *counter violent extremism, prevent and disrupt the flow of foreign terrorist fighters*; to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 155**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 17**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters *and* Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

###### *Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region *but also EU Member States*, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters, Islamic radicalisation, *and violent extremism*; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific *approach towards de-radicalisation, prevention of violent extremism which involves CSOs and religious communities, and a rule of law based* approach by the

intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. en

**Amendment 156**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders, as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue *and to deepen cooperation with the agencies in neighbouring countries and in the Member States in the fight against terrorism; points out that regional cooperation on the security front is a means of securing the sustainable development of all the Western Balkan countries;*

Or. bg

**Amendment 157**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue; ***takes the view that, in order to combat radicalisation, it is paramount to fight poverty and social exclusion; hopes that a high-level dialogue will be launched with the reformist representatives of the Albanian Islamic communities;***

Or. it

**Amendment 158**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against ***Islamic*** radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to

intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue; ***urges that all measures taken in this direction should ensure in all circumstances the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with international human rights standards and international instruments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 159**  
**David McAllister**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; ***welcomes that the updated strategic framework includes a strategy on countering violent extremism;*** is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. en

**Amendment 160**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Louis Michel, Javier Nart, Marietje Schaake**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

*Amendment*

17. Welcomes Albania's commitment in the fight against radicalisation and terrorism and adoption of a relevant security strategy and action plan; is concerned that Albania, as well as other countries in the region, is affected by the phenomenon of foreign fighters and Islamic radicalisation; considers it essential to elaborate an effective policy to prevent Islamic radicalisation, to ***counter the financing of terrorism, to*** develop a specific approach by the intelligence and law enforcement agencies and a coherent judicial policy on offenders as well as to intensify effective regional cooperation on this issue;

Or. en

**Amendment 161**

**Urmas Paet**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

**Amendment 162**

**Miroslav Poche**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 19**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

19. Requests the Commission to include

*Amendment*

***17a. Considers it essential to have an effective exchange of information between the EU and Albania in order to stop Daesh recruitment activity;***

Or. et

*Amendment*

19. Requests the Commission to include

information about IPA assistance to Albania in its future reports, in particular the IPA assistance *allocated* to the implementation of the key priorities and the relevant projects;

information about IPA assistance to Albania in its future reports, in particular the *allocation of* IPA assistance to the implementation of the key priorities and the relevant projects;

Or. cs

**Amendment 163**  
**Manolis Kefalogiannis**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

19. Requests the Commission to include information about IPA assistance to Albania in its future reports, in particular the IPA assistance allocated to the implementation of the key priorities and the relevant projects;

*Amendment*

19. Requests the Commission to include *detailed* information about IPA assistance to Albania *and the implementation of actions* in its future reports, in particular the IPA assistance allocated to the implementation of the key priorities and the relevant projects *bearing in mind the declaration by the Commission on the Strategic Dialogue with the European Parliament*;

Or. en