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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**  
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Report on the 2018 Commission Report on Albania  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Demetris Papadakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the European Council conclusions of 19-20 June 2003 and The Thessaloniki Agenda for the Western Balkans,*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the General Affairs Council decision of 25 June 2018,*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the recommendations of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on the draft Secondary Legislation for the Protection of National Minorities in Albania,*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the outcome of the 2017 European Commission / World Bank / United Nations Development Programme survey on Marginalised Roma in Western Balkans,*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Joint Staff Working Document “Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020”,*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital –A (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- A. *whereas the EU enlargement continues to represent a strategic investment in peace, democracy,*

*prosperity, security and stability in  
Europe;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**A.** *whereas Albania has continued to make steady progress towards meeting the political criteria and the five key priorities for the opening of accession negotiations;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**A.** *whereas Albania has continued to make steady progress towards meeting the political criteria and the five key priorities for the opening of accession negotiations;*

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Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**A.** *whereas Albania has continued to*

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make steady progress towards meeting the political criteria and the five key priorities for the opening of accession negotiations;

make steady progress towards meeting the political criteria and the five key priorities for the opening of accession negotiations: *public administration reform, reform of the judiciary, fight against corruption, fight against organised crime and protection of human rights, including rights of persons belonging to minorities and property rights;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 10**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**B. whereas the Commission has recommended the opening of accession negotiations with Albania given the good progress achieved in the fulfilment of the five key priorities; whereas accession negotiations will allow closer EU scrutiny and are a powerful catalyst for implementing further reforms;**

*deleted*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 11**

**Cristian Dan Preda**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

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*consolidating democratic institutions and practices;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*B a. whereas on 28 June 2018 the European Council endorsed the 26 June 2018 Council Conclusions, setting out the path towards opening accession negotiations in June 2019;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*B a. whereas challenges still persist and need to be addressed swiftly and efficiently in a spirit of dialogue and cooperation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**C.** *whereas constructive dialogue between political forces on reforms is essential for making further progress in the EU accession process;* *deleted*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 15**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

**C.** *whereas constructive dialogue between **political forces on** reforms is essential for making further progress in the EU accession process;*

*Amendment*

**C.** *whereas constructive dialogue between **the government and the opposition on EU-related** reforms remains crucial to advance on the reform agenda to the benefit of the citizens and move the country closer to the EU;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 16**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

**D.** *whereas there is wide public support for Albania's accession to the EU;* *deleted*

*Amendment*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 17**

**Urmas Paet**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital D**



*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas there is wide public support for Albania's accession to the EU;

*Amendment*

D. whereas there is wide public support for Albania's accession to the EU ***in Albania;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D a. whereas the rule of law is a fundamental value on which the EU is founded and which is at the heart of both the Enlargement Process and the Stabilisation and Association Process, and whereas reforms are needed to tackle the important remaining challenges in this area, notably in ensuring an independent, impartial, accountable and efficient judiciary, and in the fight against corruption and organised crime, as well as in the protection of fundamental rights;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D a. whereas the protection of religious freedom, cultural heritage, and the rights of minorities are among the fundamental values of the European Union;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D a. whereas Albania has ratified all fundamental International Labor Organization Conventions, including especially the Convention on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise, 1948 (No. 87), and on the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98);***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D a. whereas each enlargement country is judged individually on its own merits, and it is the speed and quality of reforms that determines the timetable for accession;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes Albania's intensified efforts in this regard, leading to steady

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progress on EU-related reforms, especially on the comprehensive justice reform; **urges** Albania to consolidate the reforms achieved and to continue preparing for EU membership obligations across all chapters;

progress on **the implementation of** EU-related reforms, especially on the comprehensive justice reform; **calls on** Albania to consolidate the reforms achieved and to continue preparing for EU membership obligations across all chapters;

Or. en

#### Amendment 23

Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff

#### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

2. **Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; calls on the Council to open accession talks without delay in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;**

*deleted*

Or. en

#### Amendment 24 Knut Fleckenstein

#### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; calls on the Council to **open accession talks without delay in order to sustain** the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; **takes note of the Council decision to re-evaluate the situation in June 2019 and welcomes the clear path that has been outlined towards the start of accession talks and**

further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

*highlights the fact that the preparatory screening process has begun*, calls on the Council to *evaluate objectively and fairly the progress achieved by the country and to convene the first Intergovernmental Conference by the end of that year in light of further progress made on judicial reform and tangible results in the fight against corruption and organised crime and encourages Albania to maintain* the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the *reform efforts* made by Albania; *calls on the Council to open* accession talks *without delay* in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

*Amendment*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the *progress concerning the implementation of reforms* made by Albania; *takes note of Council's decision to set June 2019 as a date for opening* accession talks in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Arnaud Danjean**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; ***calls on the Council to open accession talks without delay in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;***

*Amendment*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; ***recalls the Council's decision to pave the way for the opening of accession negotiations in June 2019; recalls that the decision to open accession negotiations with Albania will be conditional on the completion of the national parliamentary procedures and the approval of the European Council, depending on the progress achieved;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; ***calls on the Council to open accession talks without delay in order to sustain the reform momentum;*** considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

*Amendment*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; ***welcomes the Council decision to set out the path towards opening the accession negotiations in June 2019;*** considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; calls on the Council to open accession talks without delay in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would *provide* further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

*Amendment*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; calls on the Council to open accession talks without delay in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would *positively contribute to the reinforcement of democracy and rule of law by providing* further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**

**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; calls on the Council to open accession talks without delay in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny;

*Amendment*

2. Fully supports the Commission's recommendation that accession negotiations be opened in recognition of the reform efforts made by Albania; calls on the Council to open accession talks without delay in order to sustain the reform momentum; considers that the opening of negotiations would provide further incentives for the reform process and enhance its scrutiny; *calls on the Albanian Government and other political actors to make all possible efforts to enable the Council open the Accession talks in June 2019 at the latest;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3**

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*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3. Calls on the Commission to apply the reinforced approach for negotiating Chapter 23 (judiciary and fundamental rights) and Chapter 24 (justice, freedom and security);**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 31**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, ***including in the EU accession process***; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; ***underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations***;

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, including in the EU accession process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, including in the EU accession process; ***calls on more efficient use of the inquiry committees and better use of the various oversight mechanisms and institutions in***

institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations;

*order to hold the government to account; welcomes **the increase in transparency of the parliamentary process and adoption of the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct** that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; **underlines the need for an enforcement mechanism, including sanctions, to make the code effective**; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations; **calls for further use of cooperation with the Parliament of Albania within the framework of the European Parliament support programme for parliaments of the enlargement countries, in order to enhance its capacity to produce quality legislation in line with the EU acquis and exercise its oversight role;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 33** **Dubravka Šuica**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 4**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Recalls the need to **strengthen the Albanian Parliament's** oversight **capacities, including** in the **EU accession** process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations;

##### *Amendment*

4. Recalls the need to **increase the oversight role of Albanian Parliament; involve the Parliament** in the **decisionmaking** process **regarding the EU integration process, the implementation of the reforms and their compliance with EU standards and ensure proper representation for the opposition;** welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations;



*improve government compliance with parliament requests for information, hearings;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 34**

**Helmut Scholz**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, including in the EU accession process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations;

###### *Amendment*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities ***along with its rights of participation*** including in ***matters of*** the EU accession process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in the institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations; ***calls on raising awareness to the general population of the process of joining the EU and the role of EU and Albanian institutions involved;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 35**

**Angel Dzhambazki**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 4**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, including in the EU accession process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity

###### *Amendment*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, including in the EU accession process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity,

and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations;

*accountability* and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; *calls for strengthening the links between the Parliament, the constituency offices and the citizens*; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, including in the EU accession process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations;

*Amendment*

4. Recalls the need to strengthen the Albanian Parliament's oversight capacities, including in the EU accession process; welcomes the Albanian Parliament's Code of Conduct that will enhance the integrity and transparency of, and public trust in, the institution; underlines the central role of the Committee on EU Integration and the responsibility of the National Council for European Integration as a forum for consultation on accession preparations, *as well as for promotion of European values among the Albanian public*;

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Calls for action addressing the outstanding recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human

*Amendment*

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Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to election administration, campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in due time before the 2019 local elections;

Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process; ***draws attention in particular to the need to urgently address the politicisation of electoral bodies, the allegations of vote-buying, as well as the transparency and accountability of campaign financing***; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to election administration, campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in due time before the 2019 local elections;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Calls for action addressing the outstanding recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to election administration, campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in due time before the 2019 local elections;

*Amendment*

5. Calls for action addressing the outstanding recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process, ***amongst others by addressing the persistent politicisation of electoral bodies, the widespread allegations of vote-buying and the pressure on voters***; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to election administration, campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in

due time before the 2019 local elections;

Or. en

### **Amendment 39**

**Eduard Kukan**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. ***Calls*** for action addressing the outstanding recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to election administration, campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in due time before the 2019 local elections;

###### *Amendment*

5. ***Urges*** for action addressing the outstanding recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process; ***calls on addressing the OSCE/ODHIR recommendation as a priority through legislative and administrative measures***; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to ***independence and depoliticisation of the*** election administration, ***transparency in*** campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in due time before the 2019 local elections;

Or. en

### **Amendment 40**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Calls for action addressing the  
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outstanding recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to election administration, campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in due time before the 2019 local elections;

outstanding recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR) as regards electoral reform; ***underlines that inclusive and timely electoral reform is needed*** with a view to increasing public trust in the electoral process; welcomes the work by the Ad-hoc Committee on Electoral Reform of the Albanian Parliament related to election administration, campaign finance, voter registration, vote buying, the use of new voting technologies and out-of-country voting, and urges it to reach consensus on, and adoption of, the necessary reforms in due time before the 2019 local elections; ***notes that additional efforts are needed to better involve civil society organisations as part of an inclusive policy dialogue;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 41** **Eduard Kukan**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 6**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Welcomes Albania's revised law on political party financing; reiterates its calls on the country's political parties to fulfil their obligation to ensure the exclusion of criminal offenders from public office at all branches and levels of government;

##### *Amendment*

6. Welcomes Albania's revised law on political party financing; ***urges the public prosecutor to investigate cases of illegal and undeclared funding of the political parties***; reiterates its calls on the country's political parties to fulfil their obligation to ensure the exclusion of criminal offenders from public office at all branches and levels of government ***and the Parliament***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 42** **Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

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## Paragraph 7

### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, **willingness to compromise and the maintenance of** unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities **are essential to the effort to advance** the EU accession process;

### *Amendment*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue **is vital; stresses that the lack of confidence and radicalisation of the situation could be detrimental to the reforms, in particular in the judicial field; therefore, calls both the majority and opposition parties to maintain an** unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities **of** the EU accession process;

Or. en

## Amendment 43 Cristian Dan Preda

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process;

### *Amendment*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process **and also for the good functioning of a democratic regime; takes positive note in this context of the growing bipartisan collaboration and wide cross-party consensus that was reached when dealing with certain key reforms and encourages all political forces to continue to engage in constructive political dialogue;**

Or. en

## Amendment 44 Tonino Picula

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process;

*Amendment*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process; ***calls on all political parties, therefore, to make further efforts to bring about genuine political dialogue and work in constructive cooperation, thereby supporting the reform process;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 45**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process;

*Amendment*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process; ***reiterates the importance on increasing consultations of civil society in the accession-related reforms, as well as in legislative and executive processes at national and local levels;***

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 7

### *Motion for a resolution*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process;

### *Amendment*

7. Reiterates that constructive political dialogue, willingness to compromise, ***sustainable cross-party cooperation*** and the maintenance of unwavering commitment to the implementation and consolidation of the reforms across all five key priorities are essential to the effort to advance the EU accession process; ***reiterates its strong believe that political dialogue should take place within the democratic institutions;***

Or. en

## Amendment 47

Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 8

### *Motion for a resolution*

8. Underlines the fact that judiciary reform is a major demand by Albania's citizens and a prerequisite for re-establishing trust in the rule of law, public institutions and political representatives; reiterates that the credibility and effectiveness of the overall reform process, especially the fight against corruption and organised crime, and the implementation of property rights, depend on the success of the vetting process and the continued and determined implementation of the judicial reform;

### *Amendment*

8. Underlines the fact that judiciary reform is a major demand by Albania's citizens and a prerequisite for re-establishing trust in the rule of law, public institutions and political representatives; reiterates that the credibility and effectiveness of the overall reform process, especially the fight against corruption and organised crime, and the implementation of property rights, depend on the success of the vetting process and the continued and determined implementation of the judicial reform; ***calls for any shortcomings in the functioning of the judicial system to be addressed, selective justice and political interference in investigations have to be addressed to strengthen the independence of the judiciary system;***

Or. en



**Amendment 48**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. **Welcomes** the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality **or** fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

*Amendment*

9. **Takes note of** the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality, fairness, **independence or professionalism**; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; **regrets** that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

*Amendment*

9. Welcomes the **good** progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; **notes with concern** that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; **acknowledges the tangible results of the re-evaluation process for judges and prosecutors and** calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of **the** first dismissals and **the** voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

*Amendment*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice ***reform and vetting process*** continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

*Amendment*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to speed up the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; ***stresses the importance that the vetting process is implemented in line with the highest international standards and encourages Albania to continue the cooperation with the International Monitoring Operation***; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of

candidates prior to their hearings;  
*considers in this light that the preparation of the next generation of judges and prosecutors is even more important and regrets therefore that political parties in Albania have so far not reached an agreement regarding the necessary amendments to the law on the status of judges and prosecutors with regard to a higher capacity recruitment and training;*

Or. en

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

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to *speed up* the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

*Amendment*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; *welcomes finalisation of the first phase of the vetting of members of judicial system on 1 August 2018, however* calls on the Albanian authorities to *proceed in a timely and efficient manner with* the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings; *notes some delays in the periodic evaluations of judges;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

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*Motion for a resolution*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; calls on the Albanian authorities to **speed up** the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

*Amendment*

9. Welcomes the progress made in justice reform aimed at increasing the independence, accountability, professionalism and efficiency of judicial institutions; regrets that the administration of justice continues to be slow and inefficient; **notes that the re-evaluation process for all judges and prosecutors has started and is delivering the first tangible results**; calls on the Albanian authorities to **further advance** the vetting process, without compromising on quality or fairness, **which is crucial for the success of justice reform**; takes note of first dismissals and voluntary resignations of candidates prior to their hearings;

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a. Encourages Albania to continue its good cooperation with the International Monitoring Operation and pursue intensively the justice reform;**

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

10. Urges the Albanian authorities to

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complete the establishment of the new judicial bodies; underlines the need to back effective functioning of these institutions by means of adequate human resources and funding;

complete *as soon as possible* the establishment of the new judicial bodies; underlines the need to back effective functioning of these institutions by means of adequate human resources and funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Urges the Albanian authorities to complete the establishment of the new judicial bodies; underlines the need to back effective functioning of these institutions by means of adequate human resources and funding;

*Amendment*

10. Urges the Albanian authorities to complete the establishment of the new judicial bodies *as well as to return to functioning the Constitutional Court and the High Court* underlines the need to back effective functioning of these institutions by means of adequate human resources and funding;

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. *Welcomes the continued* progress made towards establishing a more citizen-friendly, transparent, professional and de-politicised public administration, including at local level; notes as well the progress made with regard to territorial reform and the establishment of the Consultative Council to improve coordination between central and local governments; welcomes the setting up of local EU Desks and EU co-ordinators;

*Amendment*

11. *Calls for more* progress *to be* made towards establishing a more citizen-friendly, transparent, professional and de-politicised public administration, including at local level; notes as well the progress made with regard to territorial reform and the establishment of the Consultative Council to improve coordination between central and local governments; welcomes the setting up of local EU Desks and EU co-ordinators;

**Amendment 58****Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 11***Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the continued progress made towards establishing a more citizen-friendly, transparent, professional and de-politicised public administration, including at local level; notes as well the progress made with regard to territorial reform and the establishment of the Consultative Council to improve coordination between central and local governments; welcomes the setting up of local EU Desks and EU co-ordinators;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the continued progress made towards establishing a more citizen-friendly, transparent, professional and de-politicised public administration, including at local level; ***urges the full implementation of the oversight institutions' recommendations as well as Ombudsperson's recommendations***; notes as well the progress made with regard to territorial reform and the establishment of the Consultative Council to improve coordination between central and local governments; welcomes the setting up of local EU Desks and EU co-ordinators;

**Amendment 59****Fabio Massimo Castaldo****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 11***Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the continued progress made towards establishing a more citizen-friendly, transparent, professional and de-politicised public administration, including at local level; notes as well the progress made with regard to territorial reform and the establishment of the Consultative Council to improve coordination between central and local governments; welcomes the setting up of local EU Desks and EU co-ordinators;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the continued progress made towards establishing a more citizen-friendly, transparent, professional and de-politicised public administration, including at local level; notes as well the progress made with regard to territorial reform and the ***further consolidation, administratively and financially, of the newly created municipalities, as well as the*** establishment of the Consultative Council to improve coordination between central and local governments; welcomes the

setting up of local EU Desks and EU coordinators;

Or. en

### **Amendment 60**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**12. Calls for further strengthening of the administrative capacity of institutions and bodies responsible for the implementation of accession-related reforms, for the transposition of EU legislation into national law and for preparations to be made for the conduct of EU accession negotiations;**

**deleted**

Or. en

### **Amendment 61**

**Dubravka Šuica**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens;**

**13. Calls on Albania to step up efforts to present tangible and sustainable result in the fight against corruption and organised crime with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens; *underlines that high ranking officials not benefit from different treatment compared to ordinary citizen, should they be charged; show tangible results in the fight against drug trafficking and money laundering;***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens;

*Amendment*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens; ***urges the Albanian authorities to step up efforts to increase the use of financial investigations and establish a track record of seizure and confiscation/recovery of criminal assets resulting from corruption-related offences;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens;

*Amendment*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions, ***as corruption is still a major point of concern;*** calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens;

Or. en

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**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens;

*Amendment*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens, ***starting with revision of shortcomings in the legal framework of Law on the Right to Information;***

Or. en

**Amendment 65  
Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens;

*Amendment*

13. Commends the significant improvements made in the legal and institutional framework with a view to preventing and eradicating corruption in public institutions; calls for additional efforts to reduce the corruption affecting the daily life of Albania's citizens ***and the climate of investment and to guarantee legal certainty of investments;***

Or. en

**Amendment 66  
Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the recent updates to the country's anti-corruption legislation; stresses the need to complete the establishment of the National Bureau of Investigation, the Special Tribunal and the Special Prosecution Against Corruption and Organised Crime; calls for further improvement of the inter-institutional cooperation and exchange of information between police and prosecution; welcomes the re-evaluation of the law enforcement personnel under the police vetting law;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the recent updates to the country's anti-corruption legislation; stresses the need to complete the establishment of the National Bureau of Investigation, the Special Tribunal and the Special Prosecution Against Corruption and Organised Crime; ***reiterates the crucial importance of the implementation of an all-inclusive and impartial vetting process; notes that the correct implementation has a positive impact on the reliability of the process and ensure the trust of the people in the judicial bodies; calls on the Government to take actions against former high officials who did not submit their criminal records;*** calls for further improvement of the inter-institutional cooperation and exchange of information between police and prosecution; welcomes the re-evaluation of the law enforcement personnel under the police vetting law;

Or. en

**Amendment 67**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 14**

*Motion for a resolution*

14. Welcomes the recent updates to the country's anti-corruption legislation; stresses the need to complete the establishment of the National Bureau of Investigation, the Special Tribunal and the Special Prosecution Against Corruption and Organised Crime; calls for further improvement of the inter-institutional cooperation and exchange of information between police and prosecution; welcomes the re-evaluation of the law enforcement personnel under the police vetting law;

*Amendment*

14. Welcomes the recent updates to the country's anti-corruption legislation; stresses the need to complete the establishment of the National Bureau of Investigation, the Special Tribunal and the Special Prosecution Against Corruption and Organised Crime; calls for further improvement of the inter-institutional cooperation and exchange of information between police and prosecution, ***eventually by improving access to national electronic registries and establishing an integrated mechanism case management system between police, prosecution and courts;***

welcomes the re-evaluation of the law enforcement personnel under the police vetting law;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 68**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Marietje Schaake, Urmaz Paet, Javier Nart**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 15**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

15. Calls for increased attention to be given to political and public-private corruption, **and stresses that a convincing track record *can only be attained through* proactive investigations, prosecutions and final convictions in corruption *cases at all levels***, including high-level cases;

###### *Amendment*

15. Calls for increased attention to be given to political and public-private corruption; ***calls for strengthening the track record of* proactive investigations, prosecutions and final convictions in *the fight against* corruption **and organised crime****, including high-level cases;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 69**

**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 15**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

15. Calls for increased attention to be given to political and public-private corruption, and stresses that a convincing track record can only be attained through proactive investigations, prosecutions and final convictions in corruption cases at all levels, including high-level cases;

###### *Amendment*

15. Calls for increased attention to be given to political and public-private corruption, and stresses that a convincing track record can only be attained through proactive investigations, prosecutions and final convictions in corruption cases at all levels, including high-level cases ***related to the so-called 'big fish'***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 70**

**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**15 a. Reiterates that Private and Public Partnership (PPP) has become a sensitive issue in Albania, as stressed by the European Commission and the US State Department; therefore calls on the Government to seriously review the PPP practices to date, restrict their scope of application, increase public transparency, take into consideration their efficiency and avert corruption cases;**

Or. en

**Amendment 71  
Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, including the substantial progress made in seizures of illicit drugs and the reduction of cannabis cultivation; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States;**

**16. Calls for progress in the fight against organised crime and the implementation of Action Plans against cannabis cultivation, drug trafficking including hard drugs; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 72  
Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, including the substantial progress made in seizures of illicit drugs **and the reduction of cannabis cultivation**; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States;

*Amendment*

16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, including the substantial progress made in seizures of illicit drugs; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 73**

**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, including the substantial progress made in **seizures of illicit drugs and the reduction of** cannabis cultivation; **notes** Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States;

*Amendment*

16. Welcomes the progress made **by the Government** in the fight against **corruption and** organised crime, including the substantial progress made in **reducing** cannabis cultivation; **reiterates that these matters constitute the most serious barrier for the opening of the negotiation; welcomes that the Albanian Police is becoming more active in the fight against organized crime and cannabis cultivation; welcomes hence** Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States, **such as the Italian 'Guardia di Finanza'**;

Or. en

**Amendment 74**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, including ***the substantial progress made in seizures of illicit drugs and the reduction of cannabis*** cultivation; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States;

*Amendment*

16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, ***and calls to further pursue tangible and sustainable results***, including ***in the specific area of countering cultivation and trafficking of drugs***; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, including the substantial progress made in seizures of illicit drugs and the reduction of cannabis cultivation; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States;

*Amendment*

16. Welcomes the progress made in the fight against organised crime, including the substantial progress made in seizures of illicit drugs and the reduction of cannabis cultivation; notes Albania's intensified international police cooperation – leading to effective operations against criminal networks – including in joint working groups with Member States; ***believes that cooperation between police, prosecution and other relevant agencies and bodies should be further improved;***

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

17. Urges the Albanian authorities to take decisive action to dismantle criminal networks engaged in human, firearms and drug trafficking, and to increase the number not only of investigations and prosecutions, but also of final convictions;

17. Urges the Albanian authorities to take decisive action to dismantle criminal networks engaged in human, firearms and drug trafficking, and to increase the number not only of investigations and prosecutions, but also of final convictions; ***calls for the need to step up efforts in preventing human trafficking, paying particular attention to unaccompanied children and child victims of trafficking, especially among children in street situation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Urges the Albanian authorities to take decisive action to dismantle criminal networks engaged in human, firearms and drug trafficking, and to increase the number not only of investigations and prosecutions, but also of final convictions;

*Amendment*

17. Urges the Albanian authorities to take decisive action to dismantle criminal networks engaged in human, firearms and drug trafficking, and to increase the number not only of investigations and prosecutions, but also of final convictions, ***especially of high-level members of the organised crime groups;***

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Reiterates its call on the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the enforcement of property rights, while at the same time taking into account property registration, restitution and compensation;

*Amendment*

18. Reiterates its call on the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the enforcement ***and progress towards the protection*** of property rights, while at the same time taking into account property

urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective property rights regime for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

registration, restitution and compensation; ***calls on making necessary progress on the digitalising and mapping of property***; urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective property rights regime for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Reiterates its call on the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the enforcement of property rights, while at the same time taking into account property registration, restitution and compensation; urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective property rights regime for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

*Amendment*

18. Reiterates its call on the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the enforcement of property rights ***in non-discriminatory and transparent manner***, while at the same time taking into account property registration, restitution and compensation; urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective property rights regime for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Demetris Papadakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Reiterates its call on the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the

*Amendment*

18. Reiterates its call on the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the



enforcement of property rights, while at the same time taking into account property registration, restitution and compensation; urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective property rights *regime* for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

enforcement of property rights, *which remains an important challenge for the country*, while at the same time taking into account property registration, restitution and compensation; urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective *protection of* property rights for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

Or. en

**Amendment 81**  
**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

18. Reiterates its call *on* the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the enforcement of property rights, while at the same time taking into account property registration, restitution and compensation; urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective property rights regime for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

*Amendment*

18. Reiterates its call *to* the Albanian authorities to effectively ensure the enforcement of property rights, while at the same time taking into account property registration, restitution and compensation; urges the Albanian authorities to adequately inform citizens about their rights and possibilities for enforcement of their claims; underlines the importance of an effective property rights regime for guaranteeing the rule of law and an attractive business environment;

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Dobromir Sośnierz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps

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*Amendment*

19. Welcomes the additional steps

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taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; ***insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;***

taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies;

Or. pl

### **Amendment 83**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

19. ***Welcomes the additional steps taken*** to reinforce the protection of human rights, ***minority rights*** and anti-discrimination policies; ***insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;***

##### *Amendment*

19. ***Reiterates 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;*** ***insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 84 Soraya Post**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

19. ***Welcomes the additional steps taken*** to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; ***insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;***

##### *Amendment*

19. ***Calls on Albania*** to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies, ***bearing in mind a gender and intersectional perspective, and respecting the partnership principle in policy processes;***

**Amendment 85**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

*Amendment*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to ***ensure and promote national minorities distinct cultural, ethnic, linguistic, traditional and religious identity and to*** further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians, ***Greeks*** and other ethnic minorities; ***encourages Albania to endorse and implement swiftly the necessary secondary legislation to the framework law on National Minorities and to revise existing relevant legislation, in line with European standards and with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, as well as to revise relevant databases in order to ensure the implementation in practice of the principles and rights enshrined in the framework law, without limiting those principles or rights, including the right to free self-identification; calls on the Albanian authorities to address the outstanding recommendations of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe on the draft Secondary legislation and to ensure that all necessary legal conditions for the implementation of the commitments undertaken in Law No.96/2017 are fully covered;***

**Amendment 86**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Demetris Papadakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

*Amendment*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities; ***encourages Albania to continue its efforts by adopting the necessary secondary legislation to the framework law on National Minorities, in line with European standards, ensuring the participation of all relevant stakeholders to its drafting; calls for the full implementation in practice of the principles and rights enshrined in the framework law, including the right to self-identification;***

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

*Amendment*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies ***and calls for launching the revised State Committee on National Minorities and ensuring its financial viability;*** insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities; ***welcomes the recognition of the Bulgarian minority living in the***

*regions of Mala Prespa, Golo Brdo and Gora;*

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

*Amendment*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; **welcomes the adoption of a framework Law on Minorities, which abolished the differentiation between national minorities and ethno-linguistic communities and introduced the principle of self-identification**; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, **health**, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

*Amendment*

19. Welcomes **the official recognition of the Bulgarian minority in Albania, along with** the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

**Amendment 90**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

*Amendment*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities; ***calls for adequate response for domestic violence and violence against women, children and endangered groups;***

**Amendment 91**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19**

*Motion for a resolution*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities;

*Amendment*

19. Welcomes the additional steps taken to reinforce the protection of human rights, minority rights and anti-discrimination policies; insists that ***concrete long-term*** measures be taken to further improve the education, employment rates and living conditions for Roma, Egyptians and other ethnic minorities; ***calls the Albanian authorities to step up efforts to establish local mechanism for reporting gender-based violence in all municipalities, as well as to ensure cross-sectoral coordination with child protection and anti-trafficking mechanisms at local and regional levels;***

**Amendment 92**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***19 a. Notes with concern that the results of the 2017 survey on marginalised Roma in Albania shows their limited access to opportunities in every aspect of human development, such as basic rights, education, health, housing, employment and their living standards;***

***- condemns the deeply-rooted stigmatisation and social exclusion of Roma arising from anti-Gypsyism and the existing wide gap between marginalised Roma and neighbouring non-Roma relating to their rights and opportunities;***

***- welcomes the on-going implementation of the 2016-2020 Action Plan for the integration of Roma and Egyptians and calls on the Albanian authorities to reinforce the weak central coordination structure;***

***- commends the progress achieved since 2011 in the field of education of marginalised Roma, urges that further efforts are needed taking into account the fact that the percentage of completion of compulsory education remains one of the lowest in the Western Balkans region;***

***- urges Albania to take measures to address discrimination against the Roma at work and improve the employment situation of Roma that has deteriorated since 2011;***

***- insists that measures be taken to further improve the health, housing and living conditions of Roma and other ethnic minorities;***

***- calls on Albania for taking an active role***

*in the Roma Integration 2020 project  
implemented by the Regional Cooperation  
Council;*

Or. en

**Amendment 93**  
**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*19 a. Welcomes the equal representation of women in the new government and increased percentage of women parliamentarians; commends adoption of resolution on the fight against gender-based violence and establishment of parliamentary sub-committee on gender equality; urges further efforts to ensure that all strategies and policies are gender mainstreamed; is concerned about still existing gender-discriminatory provisions in a number of laws, lagging access to justice for women, and proportion of women in the informal labour market, especially the textile and shoe industries, without adequate labour and social protection;*

Or. en

**Amendment 94**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*19 a. Welcomes reinforcement of the legislative framework on rights of children through the adoption of the Law for the Protection of Children's Rights, the Criminal Justice for Children Code*



*and the ‘Children’s Agenda 2020’; recalls that institutional mechanisms to protect children’s rights still needs to be improved, urges the authorities to implement secondary legislation on protection of children rights and juvenile justice and calls for a significant increase in financial allocations for the child protection system, in particular child protection units (CPU) at local and regional level;*

Or. en

**Amendment 95**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*19 a. Reiterates its concern about discrimination against and lack of appropriate measures for the protection of women and girls belonging to disadvantaged and marginalised groups, as well as the high number of cases of domestic violence against women and girls;*

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*19 b. Welcomes the progress made in increasing women’s participation and representation in politics in particular through the introduction of the gender quota system (commanding the government for appointing 50% of female*

*ministers and the Albanian authorities for introducing a 50% quota on lists for municipal elections), the application of which has opened up many opportunities for women in politics and is helping countering stereotyped representations of the role of women in society; urges to promote the participation of women belonging to disadvantaged groups, such as Roma<sup>1a</sup> women and women with disabilities;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> The word 'Roma' is used as an umbrella term which includes different related groups, whether sedentary or not, such as Roma, Ashkalis, Égyptiens, etc., that may be diverse in culture and lifestyles;*

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*19 c. Urges Albania to safeguard the full and timely implementation of its gender equality and anti-discrimination legislation and to monitor its effect on women coming from disadvantaged and marginalized social groups; calls on Albania to safeguard all women's unhindered access to justice, to provide free legal aid for women who have been victims of gender-based violence, with special attention to Roma women, women with disabilities and women living in rural and remote areas; strengthen the role and capacity of its relevant authorities concerning the protection and rehabilitation of victims, and increase the number and capacity of its state-run shelters;*

**Amendment 98**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***19 d. Emphasizes the importance of gender assessments of the ongoing judicial reform and the rule of law, for the enactment of appropriate legislation and/or measures for the protection of the rights of women and girls, including the harmonisation of laws with non-discrimination legislation, allowing women equal access to justice;***

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 19 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***19 e. Welcomes Albania's parliamentary commitment to passing a new Law on the Protection of National Minorities, confirming the advancement of the rights and freedoms of national minorities through the necessary legal arrangements in this area, including the principle of self-identification, the prohibition of discrimination and the right to preserve cultures, traditions and mother tongue;***

Or. en

**Amendment 100**

**Dobromir Sośnierz**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; ***calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat hate speech and the exclusion and discrimination of minorities, including LGBTI persons;***

*Amendment*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities;

Or. pl

**Amendment 101  
Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat hate speech and the exclusion and discrimination of minorities, ***including LGBTI persons;***

*Amendment*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat hate speech and the exclusion and discrimination of minorities;

Or. en

**Amendment 102  
Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat

*Amendment*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat

hate speech and the exclusion and discrimination of minorities, *including LGBTI persons*;

hate speech and the exclusion and discrimination of minorities;

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat hate speech *and* the exclusion and discrimination of minorities, including LGBTI persons;

*Amendment*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat hate speech, *especially online, as well as* the exclusion and discrimination of minorities, including LGBTI persons; *urges the Albanian authorities to take further measures to tackle the so-called blood feuds phenomenon, which forces many families to live self-imposed house arrest in fear of their lives, by foreseeing mechanism to prevent it and by investigating cases of possible murders*;

Or. en

**Amendment 104**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 20**

*Motion for a resolution*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat hate speech and the exclusion and discrimination of minorities, including LGBTI persons;

*Amendment*

20. Commends the climate of tolerance and cooperation among the country's religious communities; calls on the Albanian authorities to effectively combat hate speech and the exclusion and discrimination of minorities, including LGBTI persons; *welcomes the recently adopted Gender Equality Action Plans by*

*five Albanian municipalities, in line with the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Cristian Dan Preda**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process, including at local level;

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process, including at local level; *draws attention to the need of reform of the legal and regulatory framework of the tax regime for civil society organisations, as financial sustainability remains a significant challenge for an important number of such organisations;*

Or. en

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

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process, including at local level;

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process, including at local level; *believes that the legal and fiscal frameworks for civil society organisations should be improved in order to enable the overall development of the civil society as an important component of*

*the democratic system;*

Or. en

**Amendment 107**

**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process, including at local level;

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process, including at local level; ***urges the authorities to make significant developments in the legal and regulatory framework of the tax regime for CSOs as well as public funding;***

Or. en

**Amendment 108**

**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 21**

*Motion for a resolution*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process, including at local level;

*Amendment*

21. Calls on the Albanian authorities to enhance cooperation with civil society organisations, ensuring effective public participation and consultation throughout the decision-making process ***and as regards the ongoing EU integration process***, including at local level, ***in order to strengthen the democratic character of decision-taking and bring about greater transparency;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 109**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**21 a. Reminds that an empowered civil society is a key feature of a vibrant democracy and strategically important for Albania's transformation into an EU member state; encourages the Albanian authorities to review the registration process for civil society organisations without delay as the current process is characterised by lengthy procedures and high financial costs; calls also on the authorities to modify the legal and regulatory framework of the tax regime for civil society organisation as the current system imposes a significant financial burden on non-profit organisations and hampers both corporate and individual donations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 110**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**21 a. Calls for an increased attention when drafting and implementing legislation in areas affecting civil society space, to ensure that the legislation does not place disproportionate burdens on civil society organisations, does not have a discriminatory impact or diminish civil society space; underlines the need for public funding available for CSOs working on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, including watchdog and advocacy organizations, including for**



*small grassroots organisations; CSOs should be free to have funding from other donors, such as private donors, international organisations, bodies or agencies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*21 a. Welcomes the signing of the cooperation agreement between the Albanian government and the International Commission on Missing Persons which will enable the latter to help in locating and identifying missing persons from the Communist era;*

Or. en

**Amendment 112**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 21 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*21 a. Calls on the Albanian authorities to strengthen their policies towards people with disabilities, which continue to face difficulties in accessing education, employment, healthcare, social services and decision-making;*

Or. en

**Amendment 113**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

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**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 22 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**22 a. Calls for swift adoption and implementation of the national strategy on culture for 2018 - 2022 to preserve Albania's cultural heritage;**

Or. en

**Amendment 114**  
**Dobromir Sośnierz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

23. Reiterates the critical importance of professional and independent private and public service media; notes the partial progress made in increasing the independence of the country's audio-visual media authority and public broadcaster; calls for measures to improve the financial transparency of state advertising in the media; ***calls as well for measures to strengthen the protection of the labour and social rights of journalists; welcomes the setting-up of the Albanian Media Council, and underlines its role in establishing ethical and professional standards for the media;***

23. Reiterates the critical importance of professional and independent private and public service media; notes the partial progress made in increasing the independence of the country's audio-visual media authority and public broadcaster; calls for measures to improve the financial transparency of state advertising in the media;

Or. pl

**Amendment 115**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

23. Reiterates the critical importance of professional and independent private and public service media; notes the partial progress made in increasing the independence of the country's audio-visual media authority and public broadcaster; calls for measures to improve the financial transparency of state advertising in the media; calls as well for measures to strengthen the protection of the labour and social rights of journalists; **welcomes the setting-up of the Albanian Media Council, and underlines its role in establishing ethical and professional standards for the media;**

23. Reiterates the critical importance of professional and independent private and public service media; notes the partial progress made in increasing the independence of the country's audio-visual media authority and public broadcaster; calls for measures to improve the financial transparency of state advertising in the media; calls as well for measures to strengthen the protection of the labour and social rights of journalists;

Or. en

**Amendment 116**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 23 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**23 a. Welcomes the setting-up of the Albanian Media Council and underlines its role in establishing high ethical and professional standards for the journalists and the media while promoting their independence and freedom; welcomes adoption of revised Journalistic Code of Ethics as well as the Ethical Guidelines for Online Media and calls for reinforcement of its principles in order to maintain public trust, truthfulness, fairness, integrity, independence and accountability;**

Or. en

**Amendment 117**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

**Motion for a resolution**

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## Paragraph 24

### *Motion for a resolution*

24. Urges the Albanian authorities to **address the large** informal economy; stresses that corruption, rule-of-law deficiencies and cumbersome regulatory procedures continue to deter investment;

### *Amendment*

24. Urges the Albanian authorities to **step up reforms aimed at increasing competitiveness and tackling the** informal economy; stresses that corruption, rule-of-law deficiencies and cumbersome regulatory procedures continue to deter investment; **calls to further improve the business and investment environment, including ensuring enforcement of property rights, vigorously pursuing fiscal consolidation and strengthening tax administration;**

Or. en

## Amendment 118

**Nikos Androulakis, Demetris Papadakis**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 24**

### *Motion for a resolution*

24. Urges the Albanian authorities to address the large informal economy; stresses that corruption, rule-of-law deficiencies and cumbersome regulatory procedures continue to deter investment;

### *Amendment*

24. Urges the Albanian authorities to address the large informal economy; stresses that corruption, rule-of-law deficiencies and cumbersome regulatory procedures continue to deter investment; **recalls that predictable regulatory and legislative framework, contract enforcement, legal certainty and the rule of law are of crucial importance in improving the business investment environment;**

Or. en

## Amendment 119

**Knut Fleckenstein**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 24**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Urges the Albanian authorities to address the large informal economy; stresses that corruption, rule-of-law deficiencies and cumbersome regulatory procedures continue to deter investment;

*Amendment*

24. Urges the Albanian authorities to address the large informal economy; stresses that corruption, rule-of-law deficiencies and cumbersome regulatory procedures continue to deter investment ***and Albania's sustainable development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 120**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 24 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

24. Urges the Albanian authorities to address the large informal economy; stresses that corruption, rule-of-law deficiencies and cumbersome regulatory procedures continue to deter investment; ***expresses concern about the risks of the use of Public Private Partnerships without proper costs - benefit evaluation and institutional framework; calls for actions to address the IMF and WB concerns on the use of PPPs;***

*Amendment*

***24 a. Expresses concern about fiscal risks of the use of Public Private Partnerships without proper costs - benefit evaluation and institutional framework; calls for actions to address the IMF and WB concerns on the use of PPPs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 121**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Stresses the need to ensure positive convergence in social standards ***during the accession process; welcomes the adoption of the Sofia Priority Agenda, in particular its focus on socio-economic development and a focus on youth;***

*Amendment*

25. Stresses the need to ensure positive convergence in social standards;

Or. en

**Amendment 122**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 25**

*Motion for a resolution*

25. Stresses the need to ensure positive convergence in social standards during the accession process; welcomes the adoption of the Sofia Priority Agenda, in particular its focus on socio-economic development and a focus on youth;

*Amendment*

25. Stresses the need to ensure positive convergence in social standards during the accession process; welcomes the adoption of the Sofia Priority Agenda, in particular its focus on socio-economic development and a focus on youth; ***calls on the Albanian authorities to reconsider the role of Public Private Partnerships and their impact on commons and on goods of public interest such as highways, health, nature and cultural heritage in accordance with UNESCO obligations; calls on Albania to make public the criteria for awarding social assistance;***

Or. en

**Amendment 123**  
**Dobromir Sośnierz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. ***Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following*** the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to ***foster cooperation with*** trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, and to further improve the quality of education;

*Amendment*

26. ***Welcomes*** the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to ***restrict the rights of*** trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, and to further improve the quality of education;

Or. pl

**Amendment 124**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; *encourages* the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; *calls* on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, *and* to further improve the quality of education;

*Amendment*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; *calls on* the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; *expresses deep concern for neglecting social dialogue and the anti-trade union rhetoric of the government in harsh conflict with the obligations under the ILO conventions;* *urges* on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people; *calls* to further improve the quality of education, *while making sure that education remains accessible to the entire population;*

Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Soraya Post**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 26**

*Motion for a resolution*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, and to further improve the quality of education;

*Amendment*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, and to further improve the quality of education; *calls on the relevant actors to include persons belonging to minority groups in the design and*

*implementation of employment and education measures and to avoid exclusion of youth belonging to minority groups, especially marginalized or hard to reach groups, such as the Roma, as beneficiaries of education and employment measures;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 126**

**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 26**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, and to further improve the quality of education;

###### *Amendment*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's Labour Ministry as a result of governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people *and women* and to further improve the quality of education; *calls on the Albanian authorities to take the necessary measures in order to prevent child labour;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 127**

**Eduard Kukan**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 26**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's **Labour** Ministry as a result of

###### *Amendment*

26. Fears possible negative impacts on employment and social policy-making following the dismantling of Albania's **Social Welfare** Ministry as a result of



governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, and to further improve the quality of education;

governmental restructuring; encourages the Albanian authorities to foster cooperation with trade unions; calls on them to take effective measures to address the high unemployment rate, especially among young people, and to further improve the quality of education;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 128**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**26 a. Commends that according to the Institute of Statistic in Albania (INSTAT) the level of unemployment in Albania decreased; stresses the need to improve the quality of the education system, including increasing capacity in order to better equip people with skills and knowledge in line with labour market needs; underlines the need to support long-term growth by developing the capacity for technological absorption, research, development and innovation;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 129**

**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 26 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**26 a. Urges the government to modernise the education system with a view to building a more inclusive society, reducing inequalities and discrimination and better equipping young people with**

**Amendment 130**

**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Welcomes Albania's commitment to implement the Connectivity Agenda in the framework of the Berlin Process; supports the proposal to reduce roaming fees in the Western Balkans;

*Amendment*

27. Welcomes Albania's commitment to implement the Connectivity Agenda in the framework of the Berlin Process **and the adoption of IPA 2018 package that includes the strategically important infrastructure project the reconstruction of Durrës Port, which is strengthening Albania's connections with Croatia and Italy and providing Albania's landlocked neighbours, Kosovo and Macedonia access to maritime transport routes;** supports the proposal to reduce roaming fees in the Western Balkans; **notes that rural areas represent 40% of the population but only 1% out of this is connected to the internet;**

**Amendment 131**

**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 27**

*Motion for a resolution*

27. Welcomes Albania's commitment to implement the Connectivity Agenda in the framework of the Berlin Process; supports the proposal to reduce roaming fees in the Western Balkans;

*Amendment*

27. Welcomes Albania's commitment to implement the Connectivity Agenda in the framework of the Berlin Process; **urges the Albanian authorities to accelerate planning and construction of the Albanian sections of the trans-European networks and proceed with harmonising the legal framework with the EU acquis;**

supports the proposal to reduce roaming fees in the Western Balkans;

Or. en

### **Amendment 132**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 27**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

27. Welcomes Albania's commitment to implement the Connectivity Agenda in the framework of the Berlin Process; supports the proposal to reduce roaming fees in the Western Balkans;

###### *Amendment*

27. Welcomes Albania's commitment to implement the Connectivity Agenda in the framework of the Berlin Process; supports the proposal to reduce roaming fees in the Western Balkans *in order to promote a market- and investment-friendly environment towards a digital economy*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 133**

**Andrey Kovatchev**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 27 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

**27 a. Reiterates the importance of improving the public infrastructure within the Western Balkan countries and with the EU Member States; 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;**

Or. en

**Amendment 134**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 27 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**27 a.** *Expresses concern about certain economic projects that have led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as large scale touristic resorts and hydropower plants which, in many cases, do not meet local community acceptance;*

Or. en

**Amendment 135**  
**Dobromir Sośnierz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**28.** *Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;*

**28.** *Approves the use of renewable energy sources, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;*

Or. pl

**Amendment 136**  
**Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**28.** Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the

**28.** Expresses *deep* concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas,

hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; ***expresses serious concern over heavy lasting air pollution problems in the country capital so far ignored by the politics***; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

Or. en

**Amendment 137**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa ***river***; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

*Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to ***grave*** environmental damage in protected areas, ***especially*** such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa ***and Valbona rivers***; ***expresses doubts about quality of strategic environmental assessments and environmental impact assessments*** urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects; ***calls on exploring investments in renewable energy projects other than hydropower need to be further explored***;

Or. en

**Amendment 138**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river;

*Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river;

urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

*calls therefore on the authorities to abandon plans for the construction of any hydropower along the Vjosa River such as Kalivaç or Poçem and to reconsider the sustainable development of the area;* urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

Or. en

### **Amendment 139**

**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 28**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

###### *Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects; *calls for stronger efforts in energy efficiency, and in this regard encourages Albanian authorities to fully align its Energy Efficiency Law with the acquis; notes that Albania has to remove legal and contractual obstacles for integrating energy markets, and the unbundling of energy companies should be finalized;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 140**

**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 28**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental

###### *Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental

damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects; ***furthermore expresses concern over the Trans Adriatic Pipeline's project (TAP) and its environmental and social impacts; stresses the need to take into consideration farmers' cultivation, the soil specifics or archaeological sites, and to comply with sound environmental standards;***

Or. en

**Amendment 141**  
**Tonino Picula**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

*Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects; ***again calls on Albania to carry out relevant measurements concerning waste management and to take further steps to combat improper waste disposal and the removal of waste that has been improperly disposed of, especially marine litter;***

Or. hr

**Amendment 142**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on *such* projects;

*Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on projects *in the hydropower, construction and mining sectors; calls for diversification of the energy supplies and the development of alternative renewable energy sources;*

Or. en

**Amendment 143**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

*Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects; *encourages further efforts to align national legislation with the EU environmental acquis and to improve waste management;*

Or. en

**Amendment 144**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28**

*Motion for a resolution*

28. Expresses concern over economic  
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*Amendment*

28. Expresses concern over economic

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activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects;

activity that has led to environmental damage in protected areas, such as the hydropower plants along the Vjosa river; urges the authorities to step up environmental impact assessments and public consultations on such projects; ***urges the Albanian authorities to step up their efforts on environmental issues like waste and water management;***

Or. en

**Amendment 145**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***28 a. Expresses concern over serious environmental problem regarding repeated discharge of plastic and other waste material in Adriatic Sea that causes regional problems; calls Albania to immediately start implementing 1995 Barcelona Convention of which it is a contracting party in order to improve environmental protection of sea and coast;***

Or. en

**Amendment 146**  
**Tamás Meszerics**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 28 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***28 a. Urges the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and European Investment Bank (EIB) to review its support for hydropower plant projects, and to stop projects in protected***

*areas, and projects which lack sound ex ante strategic environmental assessment and environmental impact assessments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 147**

**Tamás Meszerics**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 28 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*28 b. Recommends Albania to review its strategy as regards renewable energy and to decrease dependency on hydropower for its electricity generation as this source of energy does not only generate, in many cases, negative effects for the environment, in particular biodiversity, but has also significant shortcomings as regards security of supply as it is highly vulnerable to unfavourable hydrological conditions as recently experienced in 2017;*

Or. en

**Amendment 148**

**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which *are made* the highest number of illegal entries and stays, *and* unfounded asylum claims, in Member States;

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which the highest number of illegal entries and stays *as well as* unfounded asylum claims *are made* in Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 149**  
**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States;

*Amendment*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States; ***notes that a high percentage of young people and students are leaving the country because of the lack of jobs and decent living conditions; calls on the Government to address with priority this growing concern; recommends a shorthand medium term plan of action with concrete measures on boosting employment, education, living conditions and health;***

Or. en

**Amendment 150**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States;

*Amendment*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States; ***calls for increased effort to tackle the phenomenon of unfounded asylum applications and address the root causes and "push factors" behind it; is seriously concerned of the high number of unaccompanied minors from Albania traveling to EU Member States;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 151**

**Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ivo Vajgl, Jozo Radoš, Petras Auštrevičius, Patricia Lalonde, Marietje Schaake, Urmas Paet, Javier Nart**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 29**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States;

###### *Amendment*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States; ***calls to increase the measures taken in recent months to address effectively the phenomenon of unfounded asylum applications in the EU as well as unaccompanied minors;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 152**

**Eduard Kukan**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 29**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States;

###### *Amendment*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States; ***calls for Albanian authorities to establish systems to assist the effective transition of families and children upon their return in the country;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 153**

**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29**

*Motion for a resolution*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States;

*Amendment*

29. Expresses concern that Albania remains the Western Balkan country from which are made the highest number of illegal entries and stays, and unfounded asylum claims, in Member States; ***urges Albania to apply the return procedures which are compliant with the Law on Foreigners and to ensure its return mechanism for irregular migrants is in line with the EU acquis;***

Or. en

**Amendment 154**  
**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***29 a. Reiterates the importance of freedom of movement of Albanian citizens among the EU countries; calls on the Government to ensure that Albanian citizens born in Greece, holding valid Albanian passport, cross the Greek-Albanian border without any restriction; calls hence on the Government to update the passports of those citizens replacing as place of birth the name of the village/city with the name of the country;***

Or. en

**Amendment 155**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**29 a. Warmly commends the generous willingness by Albania to take in a number of the refugees that had arrived in the Italian port of Catania in August 2018 even though this act is in no way connected to any obligations stemming from the Stabilisation and Association Process and is rather a task for the current Member States of the Union which had not been fulfilled;**

Or. en

**Amendment 156**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**29 a. Welcomes the steps made for the agreement on operational cooperation between the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and Albania, the first country in the region with which such an agreement was concluded and encourages further cooperation on the operational level;**

Or. en

**Amendment 157**  
**Monica Macovei, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 29 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**29 b. Calls on the Albanian Government to abide by the provisions of the Art.3 of the European Convention on extradition, issued by the Council on Europe, and of the Art.19 of the EU Charter of**

*Fundamental Rights and not to allow any extradition for political offences, or when the person may be subject to torture or inhuman treatment in the country soliciting extradition, having particular regard to the situation of Turkish citizens residing in the Republic of Albania;*

Or. en

**Amendment 158**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Demetris Papadakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; *calls* for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism and to address online radicalisation;

*Amendment*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; *reiterates the need* for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism and to *effectively* address online radicalisation;

Or. en

**Amendment 159**  
**Jozo Radoš, Ivan Jakovčić**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; calls for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism and to address online radicalisation;

*Amendment*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; calls for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism, *to strengthen the prevention and monitoring mechanisms involving civil society and religious communities*, and to address online

radicalisation; ***calls on the government to improve programmes to reintegrate returnees and their families and to prevent radicalisation in prisons;***

Or. en

**Amendment 160**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; calls for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism and to address online radicalisation;

*Amendment*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; calls for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism and to address online radicalisation; ***reiterates the need to further improve programmes to reintegrate returnees and their families and to prevent radicalisation in prisons by also strengthening the involvement of civil society and religious communities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 161**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30**

*Motion for a resolution*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; calls for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism and to address online radicalisation;

*Amendment*

30. Commends Albania's success in stemming the outflow of foreign fighters; welcomes the regional cooperation that has been achieved in countering potential terrorist threats; calls for further measures to disrupt financial flows aimed at financing terrorism and to address online radicalisation; ***believes that further***



*resources and staff should be provided to increase effectiveness of the agencies countering terrorism and violent extremism;*

Or. en

**Amendment 162**  
**Urmas Paet**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 30 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*30 a. Calls for greater cooperation between Albania and the EU on cyber crime and cyber defence issues;*

Or. en

**Amendment 163**  
**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States;

31. Welcomes Albania's *active* participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 164**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States;

*Amendment*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States; **welcomes the establishment of the Albania-Serbia Joint Chamber of Commerce in Tirana and encourages strengthening of the trade and business cooperation in the region; welcomes official launching of the Western Balkans Fund, which should promote common values and develop regional cooperation between citizens, civil society and institutions of the Western Balkans region;**

Or. en

**Amendment 165**  
**Knut Fleckenstein**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States;

*Amendment*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; **notes with satisfaction the signature of a Joint Declaration on Regional Cooperation and Good Neighbourly Relations in the framework of the Berlin process;** welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations

with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States;

Or. en

**Amendment 166**  
**Dubravka Šuica**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States;

*Amendment*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States; **welcomes continued efforts to enhance regional cooperation, especially in area of environment protection as outlined in Adriatic Trilateral initiative;**

Or. en

**Amendment 167**  
**Nikos Androulakis, Demetris Papadakis**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with

*Amendment*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with

neighbouring Member States;

neighbouring Member States; *recalls that statements and actions which can negatively impact the good neighbourly relations should be avoided;*

Or. en

**Amendment 168**  
**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31**

*Motion for a resolution*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States;

*Amendment*

31. Welcomes Albania's participation in the Berlin Process, the Western Balkans Six initiative and other regional initiatives, and its contribution to strengthening the profile of the Regional Cooperation Council; welcomes Albania's proactive role in promoting regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations with other enlargement countries and with neighbouring Member States *and underlines that good relations are an essential part of the enlargement process;*

Or. en

**Amendment 169**  
**Eduard Kukan**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 31 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*31 a. Reiterates its support for the initiative to establish the Regional commission for the establishment of facts about war crimes and other serious violations of human rights committed in the former Yugoslavia (RECOM); urges the government of Albania to take the lead on its establishment; underlines the importance of this process and the active*

*Amendment*

*engagement of all regional political leaders in order for it to start its work without further delay; calls attention to the Coalition of RECOM's Proposal of the Action Plan with clear dates and benchmarks;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 170**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser, Marcel de Graaff**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32. Commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States;**

*deleted*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 171**

**Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Sofia Sakorafa**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**32. Commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement**

**32. calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States;**

with the United States;

Or. en

### **Amendment 172**

**Andrea Bocskor, Andor Deli**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 32**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

32. Commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States;

##### *Amendment*

32. **Highly** commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States;

Or. en

### **Amendment 173**

**Eduard Kukan**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 32**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

32. Commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States;

##### *Amendment*

32. Commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States; ***commends Albania's active participation in military crisis management missions under the common security and defence policy, as well as its contribution to NATO missions***

*of strategic importance to the EU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 174**  
**Angel Dzhambazki**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 32**

*Motion for a resolution*

32. Commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States;

*Amendment*

32. Commends Albania on its continued full alignment with all EU positions and declarations made in the context of the Common Foreign and Security Policy; **welcomes Albania's active participation in EU and NATO missions**; calls on Albania to align itself with the EU common position on the integrity of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to renounce its bilateral immunity agreement with the United States;

Or. en

**Amendment 175**  
**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 33**

*Motion for a resolution*

33. ***Urges the Albanian authorities to make the most effective use of EU funds in all regions of the country***; calls on the Commission to ensure strict conditionality of Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds ***and to assess, as part of its country reports, the effectiveness of IPA support for Albania, especially on the key priorities and relevant projects***;

*Amendment*

33. Calls on the Commission to ensure strict conditionality of Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds;

Or. en

## **Amendment 176**

**Mario Borghezio, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Jean-Luc Schaffhauser**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 34**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

34. Takes note of the constructive atmosphere at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC), held in Tirana on 12-13 February 2018; notes the improved cooperation achieved between majority and opposition representatives in the SAPC; underlines the importance of continued cross-party collaboration on the reform path *towards EU accession*;

##### *Amendment*

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Or. en