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AMENDMENTS

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2025 Commission report on North Macedonia

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Amendment 1
Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki, Geadis Geadis

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and *the Republic of North Macedonia*, of the other part¹ ,

¹ OJ L 84, 20.3.2004, p. 13, ELI:
[http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2004/239\(2\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2004/239(2)/oj).

Amendment

– having regard to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and *Skopje^{1a}*, of the other part¹ ,

¹ OJ L 84, 20.3.2004, p. 13, ELI:
[http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2004/239\(2\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2004/239(2)/oj).

^{1a} Replacing the words ‘Republic of North Macedonia’ with the word ‘Skopje’ throughout the Resolution

Or. en

Amendment 2
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

– *having regard to the conclusions of the European Council of July 2022,*

Or. en

Amendment 3
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the expressed positions by individual EU Member states on North Macedonia’s negotiation framework,*

Or. en

Amendment 4
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Council conclusions of 18 July 2022 on Enlargement – North Macedonia and Albania and the Council conclusions on Enlargement of 17 December 2024*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Council Conclusions (11440/22) on Enlargement of 18 July 2022 – North Macedonia and Albania*

Or. hr

Amendment 6
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Zagreb Declaration adopted at the EU-Western Balkans Summit held on 6 May 2020 in Zagreb***

Or. hr

Amendment 7

Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Citation 10

Motion for a resolution

- having regard to the Commission communication of 8 July 2025 entitled “2025 Rule of Law Report” (COM(2025)0900), accompanied by the Commission staff working document entitled “2025 Rule of Law Report – Country Chapter on the rule of law situation in North Macedonia” (SWD(2024)0930),

Amendment

- having regard to the Commission communication of 8 July 2025 entitled “2025 Rule of Law Report” (COM(2025)0900), accompanied by the Commission staff working document entitled “2025 Rule of Law Report – Country Chapter on the rule of law situation in North Macedonia” (SWD (2025) 930 *final*),

Or. hr

Amendment 8

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Joint Staff Working Document, accompanying the Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council “EU Gender Action Plan III An Ambitions Vision for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in the EU External Action (2021-2025), as well as the Country Level***

Implementation Plan (CLIP) for North Macedonia,

Or. en

**Amendment 9
Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the EU-Western Balkans summits, held in Sofia, Zagreb and Brdo pri Kranju in 2018, 2020 and 2021, and their declarations,***

Or. en

**Amendment 10
Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) Report on North Macedonia, adopted on 29 June 2023;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11
Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Council Conclusion on Enlargement - North Macedonia and Albania, adopted on 18 July 2022;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Citation 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the Council conclusions on Enlargement, adopted on 17 December 2024;*

Or. en

Amendment 13
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its resolution of 29 February 2024 on deepening EU integration in view of future enlargement;*

Or. en

Amendment 14
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Citation 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its resolution of 11 March 2026 on the EU enlargement strategy;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the Final Agreement for the Settlement of the Differences as described in UN Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), the termination of the Interim Accord of 1995, and the establishment of a Strategic Partnership between Greece and North Macedonia on 17 June 2018, also known as the Prespa Agreement,

Amendment

– having regard to the Final Agreement for the Settlement of the Differences as described in UN Security Council resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), the termination of the Interim Accord of 1995, and the establishment of a Strategic Partnership between Greece and North Macedonia on 17 June 2018, also known as the Prespa Agreement, *which constitutes an international legally binding agreement registered with the United Nations,*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Citation 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the 2001 Ohrid Agreement,

Amendment

– *having regard to the 2001 Ohrid Agreement,*

Or. hr

Amendment 17
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights,*

Or. hr

Amendment 18
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Article 24 of the Treaty on the European Union and the Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy, including the importance of gradual alignment of the candidate countries with the decisions and restrictive measures of the CFSP,*

Or. hr

Amendment 19
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the EU enlargement membership requirements approved at the European Council meeting in Copenhagen on 21-22 June 1993 (the so-called Copenhagen criteria),*

Or. fi

Amendment 20
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the 19th meeting of the Stabilisation and Association Committee between the European Union and the Republic of North Macedonia,*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Citation 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the NATO membership of North Macedonia,*

Or. fi

Amendment 22
Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution
Citation 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *Having regard to the statement made in 1992 by the former President of the then FYROM, Kiro Gligorov, that “we are Slavs and not Macedonians, as we have no relation to Alexander the Great and the ancient Macedonians; we came to the region in the 6th century AD.”*

Amendment 23

Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Jordan Bardella, Matthieu Valet

Motion for a resolution

Citation 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the conclusions of the European Council in Copenhagen on 21 and 22 June 1993,*

Or. en

Amendment 24

Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Jordan Bardella, Matthieu Valet

Motion for a resolution

Citation 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the conclusions of the European Council in Madrid on 15 and 16 December 1995,*

Or. en

Amendment 25

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Aa. Whereas the Strategic Partnership Agreement of 17 June 2018, known as the Prespa Agreement, did not receive the approval of the citizens through a referendum.*

Amendment 26
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas North Macedonia's strategic commitment to EU accession and the national consensus among political parties are unwavering, and the support among citizens remains high;

Amendment

B. whereas North Macedonia's strategic commitment to EU accession and the national consensus among political parties are unwavering, and the support among citizens remains high; ***and whereas in an opinion poll published in January 2026, 71 % of citizens expressed their support for the country's EU membership;***

Or. fi

Amendment 27
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas North Macedonia's strategic commitment to EU accession and the national consensus among political parties are unwavering, and the support among citizens ***remains high;***

Amendment

B. whereas North Macedonia's strategic commitment to EU accession and the national consensus among political parties are unwavering, and the support among citizens ***further increased by almost 10 percent from 2024 to 71 percent in 2025;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas North Macedonia's strategic commitment to EU accession **and the** national consensus among political parties **are unwavering, and the** support among citizens remains high;

Amendment

B. whereas North Macedonia's strategic commitment to EU accession, national consensus among political parties, **and** support among citizens remains high;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas all countries aspiring to become a Member State will be judged on their own progress and merits in terms of fulfilment, implementation and compliance with the set of criteria and common European values; whereas North Macedonia needs to achieve tangible results in fulfilling its obligations under the EU Negotiating Framework and EU the Council Conclusions of 18 July 2022, including to adopt the outstanding constitutional reforms so that accession negotiations can start swiftly;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. Whereas the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia agreed that

the next Intergovernmental Conference concluding the opening phase of the EU accession negotiations will take place after the entry into force of the amendments of the Constitution of the Republic of North Macedonia to include those of its citizens who live on the territory of this country and are part of other peoples, such as the Bulgarian people, according to internal procedures, including through a constitutional law for their implementation as set out in the Second Protocol to the Treaty of Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries, ***and ultimately, meeting the Copenhagen criteria; whereas bilateral issues should be resolved bilaterally and in line with international law and should not be used to block or further politicise the enlargement process; whereas the credibility of the enlargement policy depends equally on candidate countries delivering reforms and on the European Union honouring its commitments once all conditions have been met;***

Or. en

Amendment 32
Christophe Gomart

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the **EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;**

Amendment

C. whereas *North Macedonia has been a candidate for accession to the European Union since 2005 and has been waiting for almost twenty years for accession negotiations to actually commence; whereas this process has been delayed several times due to political deadlock in certain Member States linked to bilateral disputes; whereas this situation has undermined the credibility of the enlargement process and whereas an alternative framework for deep political, economic and sectoral partnership between the European Union and North Macedonia could have been a more effective and stable approach for both sides from the outset;*

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries; *whereas candidate countries must fully comply with the Copenhagen criteria and adhere to European values, including respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy,*

equality, the rule of law and human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Jordan Bardella, Matthieu Valet

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas *the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;*

Amendment

C. whereas enlargement *is a merit-based process which must remain in full respect of the Copenhagen and Madrid criteria, which include stable institutions and democracy, the rule of law, human rights and protection of minorities, as well as sufficient administrative capacity; whereas significant reforms are still required for North Macedonia to fully meet these criteria;*

Or. en

Amendment 35

Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy *remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;*

Amendment

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality, **full fulfillment**, and fair treatment of candidate countries;

Or. fi

Amendment 37
Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;

Amendment

C. whereas the EU enlargement policy remains a strategic investment in peace, **democracy**, stability and prosperity on the European continent, and the credibility of the accession process depends on strict conditionality and fair treatment of candidate countries;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. *Whereas Russia has sought to advance its influence in the Western Balkans, including in North Macedonia,*

through the strategic deployment of religious, cultural and value-based narratives aimed at shaping public discourse, influencing ecclesiastical dynamics and complicating Euro-Atlantic integration; whereas such activities are consistent with the Russian Military Doctrine approved on 25 December 2014 that emphasised the protection of so-called "traditional Russian spiritual and moral values" against perceived malign Western influence, a doctrine that was later incorporated into the National Security Strategy of the Russian Federation approved by President Vladimir Putin on 31 December 2015, thereby demonstrating the Russian's use of cultural and civilisational narratives as instruments of geopolitical strategy^{1a}; whereas this approach was further consolidated in the 2021 National Security Strategy, which elevated the safeguarding of "traditional values", the promotion of the "Russian World" and the protection of compatriots abroad to core state priorities framed as matters of national security and civilisational sovereignty^{1b},

^{1b} <https://www.ndc.nato.int/fr/russias-updated-national-security-strategy/>.

Or. en

Amendment 39
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the accession process must remain strictly merit-based and fully grounded in the Copenhagen criteria, including democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities; whereas no geopolitical or political urgency can replace full compliance with those criteria and objectively verified progress on the fundamentals;

Or. en

Amendment 40
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas EU institutions, including the Commission, should assess progress objectively against the acquis and the Copenhagen criteria and provide support instruments; whereas this role should not be construed as a mandate to micro-manage or issue prescriptive instructions on sovereign policy choices, which must be decided through national democratic processes;

Or. en

Amendment 41
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Recital C c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cc. whereas the credibility of enlargement requires clear benchmarks, objective verification and the avoidance of political conditionality unrelated to the Copenhagen criteria and the acquis, including the importation of bilateral disputes into the accession track;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Parliament has consistently supported North Macedonia's European perspective *while* underlining the need for sustained reforms and the fulfilment of agreed commitments;

Amendment

D. whereas the European Parliament has consistently supported North Macedonia's European perspective *and kept a continuous dialogue with the Macedonian authorities, stakeholders and civil society*, underlining the need for sustained reforms, *respect of democratic values, rule of law, human rights* and the fulfilment of agreed commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the European Parliament has consistently supported North Macedonia's European perspective while underlining the need for sustained reforms and the fulfilment of agreed commitments;

Amendment

D. whereas the European Parliament has consistently supported North Macedonia's European perspective while underlining the need for sustained reforms and the fulfilment of agreed commitments *as a condition for progressing towards EU membership*;

Or. fi

Amendment 44
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Da. whereas emigration continues to affect North Macedonia negatively, with long term risks for the financial sustainability of essential public services;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in institutions continue to affect reform delivery;

Amendment

E. whereas ***persistent*** political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in institutions continue to affect reform delivery ***and hinder the implementation of key reforms in the country, particularly those related to the rule of law, judicial independence and constitutional amendments, as noted in the Commission's 2025 report,***

Or. en

Amendment 46

Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in institutions continue to affect reform delivery;

Amendment

E. whereas political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in institutions continue to affect reform delivery, ***and whereas unresolved issues of a bilateral nature, external to the reform process itself, have also had an impact on the overall pace of accession;***

Or. en

Amendment 47

António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas political **polarisation**, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in institutions continue to affect reform delivery;

Amendment

E. whereas political **pluralism without sufficient structured cross-party dialogue**, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in institutions continue to affect reform delivery;

Or. en

Amendment 48 Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in institutions continue to affect reform delivery;

Amendment

E. whereas political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and reduced public trust in **judiciary and other** institutions continue to affect reform delivery;

Or. fi

Amendment 49 Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and **reduced** public trust **in institutions continue to affect reform delivery**;

Amendment

E. whereas political polarisation, limited cross-party cooperation and **a slow implementation of reforms continue to reduce** public trust **and involvement**;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. Whereas the authorities of North Macedonia have increasingly engaged in confrontational rhetoric directed at neighbouring Member States, undermining good neighbourly relations and regional stability; whereas the failure to fully implement binding bilateral agreements, which were instrumental in opening the country's path towards membership of the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, raises serious concerns regarding the government's commitment to its international obligations; whereas inflammatory public statements by the Prime Minister risk eroding trust, jeopardising the country's European perspective and contradicting the spirit of constructive dialogue and cooperation required in the accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

a. whereas the introduction of issues related to identity and historical interpretation into the enlargement discussions risks complicating and politicising the accession process of candidate countries, and should therefore be addressed with restraint and responsibility, in a manner that preserves the integrity of the enlargement policy;

Amendment 52

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas disinformation, misinformation and polarisation regarding the geopolitical changes, the war in Ukraine and in Gaza and the use of nationalistic discourse are a global threats that is also a more and more common reality in North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas matters of language, identity and culture are inherently sensitive, especially in contexts involving complex historical narratives and newly independent states;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Eb. whereas the necessary steps towards European integration can only be made with the full support and trust of the Macedonian people;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas North Macedonia has made measurable progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda;

Amendment

F. whereas North Macedonia has made measurable ***yet slow*** progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda ***that would contribute to the modernization and development of the Macedonian society, economy and institutions;***

Or. en

Amendment 56

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas North Macedonia has made measurable progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda;

Amendment

F. whereas North Macedonia has made measurable progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda, ***while further efforts remain necessary to deliver on key reforms;***

Or. en

Amendment 57

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas North Macedonia has made measurable progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda;

Amendment

F. whereas North Macedonia has made measurable progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda, ***mostly covering reforms in areas other than the fundamentals;***

Or. en

Amendment 58

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas North Macedonia has made ***measurable*** progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda;

Amendment

F. whereas North Macedonia has made ***minimal*** progress on the implementation of its Reform Agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Eszter Lakos

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas safeguarding the integrity of democratic processes has become a central element of the Union's enlargement policy; whereas North Macedonia, as a candidate country, is expected to progressively align with the Union's emerging framework for protecting democracy against information manipulation, covert influence and hybrid interference; whereas strengthening democratic resilience is an integral part of

meeting the political criteria for accession;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Christophe Gomart

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas there are other agreements and partnerships that make it possible to develop deeper economic, political and diplomatic relations and that might sometimes be more appropriate than full membership of the European Union, in view of the cultural, historical, economic or political heritage of the country concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Whereas corruption remains widespread in many areas of public life and continues to undermine citizens' trust in institutions, with limited progress recorded in the investigation and prosecution of high-level corruption cases;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas North Macedonia joined NATO in 2020; whereas the country's defence spending is more than 2 % of the gross national product, which has been the goal set by NATO on its member countries since 2014;

Or. fi

Amendment 63

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. Whereas North Macedonia remains a primary target in the region for FIMI operations, in particular through Serbian media outlets, tabloids, TV stations, which echo Kremlin narratives and drive anti-EU sentiment;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Jordan Bardella, Matthieu Valet

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas corruption is a major obstacle to North Macedonia's EU integration, as reflected in its ranking of 84th in the most recent Corruption

Perceptions Index, which has deteriorated since 2021;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas, especially in complex historical contexts, matters of language, identity and culture are inherently sensitive;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas the Council has concluded it stands ready to hold an intergovernmental conference without further delays nor additional political decision, as soon as North Macedonia has implemented its commitment to complete the required constitutional changes, in line with its internal procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has weakened the security situation in Europe and further emphasised the importance of NATO and the strategic position of the countries of the Western Balkans in the European security architecture;

Or. fi

Amendment 68

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. Whereas the judiciary continues to face structural weaknesses, including concerns regarding political influence, inefficiencies in court proceedings and insufficient accountability mechanisms for judges and prosecutors;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Recital F c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fc. whereas North Macedonia's authorities have attempted to make constructive proposals to resolve the matter of constitutional change; whereas these proposals have not yet satisfied the conditions of the July 2022 Council conclusions;

Amendment 70
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Recital F c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fc. whereas hostile external actors, particularly Russia, have sought to increase their influence in the Western Balkans in order to undermine European unity;

Or. fi

Amendment 71
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Recital F d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fd. whereas EU membership requires the full fulfilment of the Copenhagen criteria, including stable democratic institutions, respect for the rule of law, freedom of expression, an effective fight against corruption and a functioning market economy;

Or. fi

Amendment 72
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Recital F e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fe. whereas there are no fast lanes to EU membership, and the candidate countries must be able to make the necessary reforms on their own;

Or. fi

Amendment 73

Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki, Geadis Geadis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 74

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality; *regrets the fact that the necessary constitutional amendments were not adopted in the reporting period thus further delaying the beginning of the accession process of the country; notes that other candidate countries have made significant progress towards EU accession while North Macedonia has lost precious time and momentum;*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;***

Amendment

1. ***Emphasizes that North Macedonia should not be offered any perspective of EU membership, as further enlargement fundamentally undermines the cohesion and stability of the current Union; points out that persistent issues with corruption, the weak rule of law, and deep political polarization in the country demonstrate that integration is irresponsible and poses an unacceptable financial and security risk to the Member States and their citizens;***

Or. en

Amendment 76
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;

Amendment

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality; ***commends the country's commitment to European integration and encourages continued efforts in advancing EU-aligned reforms, despite the challenges and setbacks that have tested the patience and trust of the Macedonian society;***

Or. en

Amendment 77
Christophe Gomart

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Reiterates its full support for*** North Macedonia's dedication ***for*** EU membership, ***based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;***

Amendment

1. ***Takes note of*** North Macedonia's dedication ***to closer ties with the European Union; stresses, however, that the deepening of relations between the EU and North Macedonia could also take the form of enhanced political, economic and sectoral partnerships, without this necessarily implying full membership of the European Union;***

Or. fr

Amendment 78
Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Jordan Bardella, Matthieu Valet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. ***Reiterates its full support for*** North Macedonia's ***dedication for*** EU membership, ***based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;***

Amendment

1. ***Stresses that*** North Macedonia's ***path towards*** EU membership ***must be in full respect of the Copenhagen and Madrid criteria and of due process, and that outstanding political disputes with EU Member States must be resolved before any further stage of the accession process;***

Or. en

Amendment 79
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;

Amendment

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality, ***as well as for the necessary transformative changes that are required to fulfil the accession criteria;***

Or. en

Amendment 80

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, ***based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;***

Amendment

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership; ***recalls, however, that progress in accession negotiations continues to depend on persistent and in-depth reforms across fundamental areas;***

Or. en

Amendment 81

António Tânger Corrêa

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. Reiterates its ***full*** support for North Macedonia's dedication ***for*** EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and strict but fair conditionality;

Amendment

1. Reiterates its support for North Macedonia's dedication ***to*** EU membership, ***strictly*** based on clear and measurable progress, ***full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria*** and strict but fair conditionality, ***without shortcuts;***

Or. en

Amendment 82
Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and ***strict but fair*** conditionality;

Amendment

1. Reiterates its full support for North Macedonia's dedication for EU membership, based on clear and measurable progress and ***guided by fair merit-based*** conditionality;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses that all reforms related to the Copenhagen criteria, especially regarding the rule of law, the fight against corruption, the operation of democratic institutions and the protection of fundamental rights, must be fully implemented before the realisation of EU membership can be considered timely;

Or. fi

Amendment 84
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment,

Amendment

2. Notes with concern the severe lack of progress since its last report,

including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

particularly in the area of the rule of law, anti-corruption and democracy; notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight; *underscores in this regard that all political stakeholders who are committed to the country's European path should urgently join forces to work on the necessary constitutional amendments; underscores however that the absence of cross-party cooperation to advance constitutional amendment is no excuse to delay other reforms necessary on the country's European path, which would benefit the country and its citizens regardless of the European path; urges in this regard the European Commission to communicate more effectively with the Macedonian public about the persistent lack of political will to advance reforms that address issues affecting all Macedonians;*

Or. en

Amendment 85 **Ivaylo Valchev**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Amendment

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight; *calls on both government and opposition political parties to unite and reach a political consensus in order to conduct the necessary changes for opening the first cluster of the negotiations; recalls that such unity will also be necessary in the future, once the*

country starts the negotiations for accession as legislation aligning with the EU acquis will have to be adopted with a broad political consensus;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation **and** effective parliamentary oversight;

Amendment

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment **and clear actions**, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation, effective parliamentary oversight **and opened, honest and comprehensive social debate**;

Or. en

Amendment 87

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Amendment

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments **in line with the 18 July 2022 Council conclusions**, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Or. en

Amendment 88
Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, ***including for the necessary constitutional amendments***, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Amendment

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Amendment

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires ***credible*** renewed political commitment, including for the necessary constitutional amendments, constructive cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Or. fi

Amendment 90
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including ***for the necessary constitutional amendments***, constructive cross-party

Amendment

2. Notes that the reform momentum requires renewed political commitment, including ***inclusive national dialogue and parliamentary procedures***, constructive

cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

cross-party cooperation and effective parliamentary oversight;

Or. en

Amendment 91

Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls that the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia agreed that the next Intergovernmental Conference with the EU to close the opening phase of the negotiations for the membership of the Republic of North Macedonia in the EU will take place only after the entry into force of the amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of North Macedonia to include those of its citizens who live on the territory of this country and are part of other peoples, such as the Bulgarian people, according to internal procedures, including through a constitutional law for their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Understands that the constitutional amendments are an important but divisive topic in a country that has overcome a lot of challenges on the way to becoming an independent nation, that the nationalistic discourse is

exacerbating the fears of the Macedonian people, but reminds all the political actors that this is a stepping stone not only for the European integration, but also for a peaceful, democratic society where minorities are included and the human rights are guaranteed and respected;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Reiterates that EU membership is contingent on fulfilling the accession (Copenhagen) criteria, which require stable institutions that guarantee democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and the protection of minorities;

Or. en

Amendment 94
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Recalls that the EU has called on North Macedonia to amend its constitution so that the Bulgarian minority is recognised like other minorities, and that this amendment is a condition for progress in membership negotiations;

Or. fi

Amendment 95
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Welcomes recent political signals in North Macedonia about a renewed commitment to undertake reforms yet underlines that the country will be assessed on the basis of a track record of implemented reforms only;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Underlines that there is no consensus among North Macedonians on how membership should be promoted; underlines that only 24 % of North Macedonians support changes to the country's constitution; points out that 57 % of ethnic Albanians support the constitutional changes, while only 11 % of ethnic Macedonians support them;

Or. fi

Amendment 97
Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

deleted

Or. en

**Amendment 98
Thijs Reuten**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Amendment

3. Notes that North Macedonia is the longest pending candidate country, having been granted candidate status two decades ago; underlines that the European Council's repeated postponement of the start of accession negotiations with North Macedonia has contributed to its political stakeholders and the public having a negative perception on the prospects of EU accession; notes that such perception has allowed Macedonian political forces who are interested in the status quo for personal political interest to have an easy excuse not to advance transformative reforms; calls on EU Member States, the Council and the Commission to safeguard the predictability and credibility of the accession process, also a with a view to maintaining popular support for accession in enlargement countries; urges in this regard, the European Council and EU Member States to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its

conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges *the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;*

Amendment

3. Urges North Macedonia *to fulfil without further delay its commitment to adopt the constitutional amendments in line with the Council Conclusions of 18 July 2022; recalls that, as reaffirmed in the Council Conclusions of 16 December 2025 on Enlargement and Stabilisation and Association Process, the Council stands ready to convene another intergovernmental conference, without further delays nor additional political decision, as soon as this commitment is implemented, in line with the Negotiating Framework;*

Or. en

Amendment 100
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges the European Council *to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;*

Amendment

3. Invites the European Council, *in its public communication, to indicate that it intends to take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia only in due time, once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fully fulfilled and objectively verified, and*

following sustained progress on the fundamentals and full compliance with the Copenhagen criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Jordan Bardella, Matthieu Valet

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes that a positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations remains dependent on North Macedonia fulfilling the conditions set out in the Council conclusions of 18 July 2022;***

Or. en

Amendment 102

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Amendment

3. Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022, ***especially the constitutional amendments***, have been fulfilled;

Or. fi

Amendment 103
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Urges the European Council to signal, ***publicly and unequivocally***, that the Council intends to ***swiftly and unconditionally*** take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Amendment

3. Urges the European Council to signal that the Council intends to take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions of its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 104
Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally***, that the Council ***intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with*** North Macedonia ***once the conditions of its*** conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Amendment

3. ***Notes*** that the Council ***stands ready to hold the next Intergovernmental conference without further delays nor additional political decision, as soon as North Macedonia has implemented its commitment to complete the constitutional changes mentioned in the Council*** conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally***, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions ***of*** its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Amendment

3. ***Reminds the government in North Macedonia*** that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions ***set out in*** its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3. ***Urges the European Council to signal, publicly and unequivocally***, that the Council intends to swiftly and unconditionally take the positive decision to enter into the next phase of accession negotiations with North Macedonia once the conditions ***of*** its conclusions of 18 July 2022 have been fulfilled;

Amendment

3a. ***Notes that, the Council conclusions of 18 July 2022 underline that in order to complete the opening phase of the accession negotiations, the Council will also convene a further intergovernmental conference to present the Negotiating Framework and the state of play of the Commission's preparatory work; notes further that the Council stands ready to hold this conference without further delay or additional political decision, as soon as North Macedonia has fulfilled its commitment to complete the constitutional amendments in line with the EU Negotiating framework and the Council conclusions of 18 July 2022;***

Or. en

Amendment 107
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Stresses that the Commission's role is to assess progress objectively against the acquis and the Copenhagen criteria and to provide support instruments; underlines that this role cannot be construed as a mandate to direct sovereign policy priorities of a candidate country, as a form of neo-colonialism;*

Or. en

Amendment 108

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Calls on the Council's legal service to urgently clarify all ambiguities around the legal status of the second bilateral protocol to the Treaty of Good Neighbourhood and Friendship between the two countries in relation to the accession process;*

Or. en

Amendment 109

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. *Stresses that the credibility and predictability of the enlargement process depend on both the European Union and candidate countries honouring their*

commitments and fully respecting the agreed negotiating frameworks and Council conclusions;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Reiterates the recommendations of the Commission's 2025 country report on North Macedonia that tangible results and implementing in good faith bilateral agreements, including the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation with Bulgaria and its Protocols, remain essential for progress in the accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Calls on Council and Commission to fully support the country, including through active diplomatic engagement, to make progress on its own commitments and overcome existing obstacles;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Acknowledges the existence of differing interpretations concerning the origins of the Macedonian language and identity; underscores that its report does not aim to prejudge or constrain scholarly discourse on these matters nor do such interpretations bear influence on Parliament's assessment of North Macedonia's progress towards EU accession, which remains anchored in the Copenhagen criteria and the principles of good neighbourly relations, and in line with the criteria agreed in the Council Conclusions of July 2022;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession; **welcomes in this regard for example the inclusion in the Single European Payment Area and progress made towards extension of the 'Roam Like at Home' regime; calls for the Commission to continue identifying ways to create tangible benefits for Macedonian citizens and businesses;**

Amendment 114

Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; ***calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;***

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; ***calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;***

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; ***reiterates its view that North Macedonia must enjoy the benefits of a full EU membership on an equal footing with other EU member states once it fulfils the necessary reforms in the accession process; rejects the idea of a two-tier EU membership;***

Or. en

Amendment 116

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls **to use** gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls **on the European Commission to come with clear proposal on how to apply** gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Or. en

Amendment 117

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from **EU integration** already before accession;

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow **both citizens of North Macedonia and EU countries** to benefit from **certain benefits of North Macedonia's EU membership** already before accession;

Or. fi

Amendment 118

Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration ***in as many areas as possible to allow Macedonian citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;***

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the Macedonian citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls ***for effective application of the instruments of gradual integration, including those within the framework of the Instrument for Reforms and Growth and the New Growth Plan, as a complement to, not a substitute for, full EU membership;***

Or. hr

Amendment 119
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the ***Macedonian*** citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow ***Macedonian*** citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the citizens ***of North Macedonia*** to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow ***the*** citizens ***of North Macedonia*** to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Emmanouil Kefalogiannis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the **Macedonian** citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow **Macedonian** citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

4. Commends the commitment of the citizens **of North Macedonia** to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow **the** citizens **of North Macedonia** to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the **Macedonian** citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow **Macedonian** citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the citizens **of North Macedonia** to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow citizens **of North Macedonia** to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Or. en

Amendment 122
Vangelis Meimarakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the **Macedonian** citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow **Macedonian** citizens

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the citizens **of North Macedonia** to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow

to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

citizens *of North Macedonia* to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki, Geadis Geadis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Commends the commitment of the *Macedonian* citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow *Macedonian* citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

Amendment

4. Commends the commitment of the *Skopjan*^{1a} citizens to EU integration and the support they show to this project two decades on from starting the process; calls to use gradual integration in as many areas as possible to allow *Skopjan* citizens to benefit from EU integration already before accession;

^{1a} Replacing the words ‘Macedonian’ with the word ‘Skopjan’ throughout the Resolution.

Or. en

Amendment 124

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Repeats its call for the EU’s capacity to act to be enhanced through the introduction of partial qualified majority voting (QMV) in areas relevant to the accession process by abolishing, in particular, the requirement for unanimity in the intermediate steps in the

enlargement process when deciding on the opening and closing of individual negotiating clusters and chapters; regrets that the overuse of unanimity in the intermediate steps in the enlargement process has repeatedly slowed down EU enlargement and is undermining popular support for EU integration;

Or. en

Amendment 125

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside of the accession process;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 126

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside of the accession process;

Amendment

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside of the accession process; *acknowledges the existence of differing interpretations concerning the historical characteristics of Macedonian society; underscores that its report does not aim to prejudge or constrain scholarly discourse on these matters nor do such interpretations bear influence on its*

assessment of North Macedonia's progress toward EU accession, which remains anchored in the Copenhagen criteria and the principles of good neighbourly relations; urges the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues to fulfil its work in good faith; firmly rejects ethno-nationalistic rhetoric, including by political actors, that foments division, undermines good neighbourly relations and relations between ethnic groups and communities; calls on the EU to invest further effort into curbing such rhetoric and its impact;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be **addressed** through open dialogue and genuine cooperation **outside of the** accession process;

Amendment

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be **resolved in line with international law** through open dialogue and genuine cooperation; **recalls that EU** accession process **depends on fulfilling the conditions outlined in EU Negotiation Frameworks, fostering good neighbourly relations, and respecting bilateral and international agreements, in accordance with the Copenhagen criteria and the country's own merits, including the full implementation in good faith of the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation with Bulgaria and its protocols and the Prespa Agreement with Greece;**

Or. en

Amendment 128

Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls that bilateral *disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside* of the accession process;

Amendment

5. Recalls that *good neighbourly relations and full implementation of bilateral agreements are key elements* of the accession process; *emphasises that open issues should be addressed through sincere dialogue, with mutual respect and in accordance with European values and international commitments;*

Or. hr

Amendment 129

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside of the accession process;

Amendment

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside of the accession process *involving the civil society and experts in different areas, focusing on facts and avoiding the traps of the nationalistic discourse;*

Or. en

Amendment 130

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside of the accession process;

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation outside of the accession process; ***calls on the Council to prevent bilateral issues unrelated to the Copenhagen criteria from obstructing progress;***

Or. en

Amendment 131
Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation ***outside of*** the accession process;

Amendment

5. Recalls that bilateral disputes between countries should be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation, ***in good faith and in accordance with international law, and should not be instrumentalised within*** the accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 132
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Underlines that linguistic, cultural and national identities are a genuine foundations of every country and should not be put in question by third parties; acknowledges the right to self-determination of nations in these matters as per the UN Charter; notes, furthermore, that such matters should not

influence the EU accession process which focuses on the implementation of the EU acquis and the alignment with EU values and principles;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Davor Ivo Stier

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Stresses that bilateral issues outside the EU negotiating framework should not obstruct progress on the European path and EU related reforms, but they must rather be addressed through open dialogue and genuine cooperation; underlines that accession negotiations should follow a clear path, guided by objective criteria and solely based on merit;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity of the country;

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity of the country; ***expresses concern about government-backed efforts in 2025 to challenge or reinterpret provisions of the Law on the Use of Languages; stresses that any political rhetoric or institutional action***

aimed at reducing the scope of language rights risks reversing key achievements of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and undermining trust among communities in North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity of the country;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations *in North Macedonia* and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the *foundations of stability and* integrity of the country, *and to advance relations, cooperation and exchanges between ethnic and minority groups and other communities;*

Or. en

Amendment 136
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity of the country;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity of the country *and to promote national unity, democracy and regional stability;*

Or. fi

Amendment 137
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the stability of inter-ethnic relations and implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity **of the country**;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the stability of inter-ethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the **country's unity, constitutional order and territorial integrity, and avoid divisive rhetoric**;

Or. hr

Amendment 138
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity of the country;

Amendment

6. Welcomes the stability of interethnic relations and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement, **including through equitable representation mechanisms** and calls on all actors to preserve the integrity of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 139
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Expresses concerns over the abolition, by a decision of the

Constitutional Court, of the quotas introduced by the Ohrid Framework Agreement for quotas of Albanian and other communities' representatives in public institutions; underlines that the administration of the country should reflect its multi-ethnic composition; calls on the authorities to ensure legally the ethnic representation of all communities in line with the Ohrid Framework Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 140
Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Reiterates that the European Union represents not merely a geopolitical destination but a community founded on shared standards and values, notably the rule of law, functional democratic institutions, accountability, and the equal treatment of all citizens, and underlines that progress towards membership must be anchored in the effective implementation of these fundamental principles;

Or. en

Amendment 141
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Commends neighbouring and EU countries, in particular Bulgaria, for the

immediate support and solidarity they have shown to North Macedonia in times of crisis, including by providing medical treatment to victims when needed.

Or. en

Amendment 142

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Expresses concern over recurring cases where public authorities and institutions have used terminology that contributes to historical revisionism and tensions in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 143

Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to include in its annual country report on North Macedonia a dedicated and recurring section assessing the implementation of the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation with Bulgaria and the Prespa Agreement with Greece, including clear benchmarks, timelines and an evaluation of measurable progress in their implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 144
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Calls on the Commission to closely monitor the situation of persons self-identifying as Bulgarians in North Macedonia and to include in its annual enlargement reports a dedicated assessment of discrimination, hate crimes, institutional barriers and the protection of their rights, including progress achieved in addressing these issues;

Or. en

Amendment 145
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6d. Calls on the Commission to monitor and assess progress in the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues between Bulgaria and North Macedonia, including their reflection in school curricula, textbooks and educational materials, and to report regularly on these developments in its annual enlargement reports;

Or. en

Amendment 146
Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster;

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster; ***urges all political parties represented in the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia to overcome the heated campaign rhetoric and work together in a bipartisan fashion towards reaching an agreement on the necessary reforms;***

Or. en

Amendment 147
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes ***needed to unblock the opening*** of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster;

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes ***to which the country has committed, which are required to allow the accession negotiation process to advance, including the inclusion of the Bulgarian community in the Constitution, in line with the Council Conclusions of 18 July 2022;***

Or. en

Amendment 148

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster;

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster; ***calls on EU institutions and Member states to do more to facilitate resolution of this issue, including through technical assistance and dialogue facilitation;***

Or. en

Amendment 149 Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster;

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; ***stresses, however, that the presence of actors representing different opinions is an essential part of democracy;*** regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster;

Or. fi

Amendment 150 Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; ***regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster;***

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments;

Or. en

Amendment 151
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political ***polarisation persists and delays*** much needed reforms and appointments; ***regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed to unblock the opening of the ‘fundamentals’ cluster;***

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political ***pluralism without sufficient cross-party dialogue continues to delay*** much needed reforms and appointments; ***encourages all political actors to strengthen democratic channels, parliamentary procedures and inclusive dialogue, in line with the country’s constitutional order;***

Or. en

Amendment 152
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes needed *to unblock the opening of the 'fundamentals' cluster*;

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes, *to which the country has committed, needed in order for the accession negotiation process to proceed*;

Or. en

Amendment 153

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes *needed to unblock the opening of the 'fundamentals' cluster*;

Amendment

7. Notes that, while democratic institutions in North Macedonia function satisfactorily, political polarisation persists and delays much needed reforms and appointments; regrets that no attempts were made to adopt the constitutional changes *in order for the accession negotiation process to proceed*;

Or. en

Amendment 154

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines that parliamentary oversight of the executive should be further strengthened and calls for enhanced scrutiny mechanisms;

Amendment

8. Underlines that parliamentary oversight of the executive should be further strengthened and calls for enhanced scrutiny mechanisms; *reiterates that the accession process must remain firmly anchored in the applicable legal framework, including Article 49 of the*

Treaty on European Union, the enlargement methodology and the respective negotiating frameworks agreed by the Member States; underlines that enlargement should remain based on the objective of full membership and the fulfilment of all accession criteria; rejects approaches introducing partial or differentiated participation before accession; stresses the importance of maintaining unanimity among Member States in key decisions of the accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 155

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Underlines that parliamentary oversight of the executive should be further strengthened and calls for enhanced scrutiny mechanisms;

Amendment

8. Underlines that parliamentary oversight of the executive should be further strengthened and calls for enhanced scrutiny mechanisms, *including greater involvement of opposition parties and civil society actors;*

Or. en

Amendment 156

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that a comprehensive electoral reform is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the

Amendment

9. *Welcomes the good organization and the respect of fundamental freedoms during the elections held on 19 October 2025; notes, however, that a*

OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, furthermore, for more transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising;

comprehensive electoral reform ***that would increase the democratic environment*** is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, furthermore, for more transparency regarding the financing ***and expenses*** of political parties, and political advertising ***especially on social media, as well as equitable state funding and equal and adequate access of the political parties and independent candidates to the media, clear rules that would allow for a better oversight and fair and equitable elections***;

Or. en

Amendment 157
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that a comprehensive electoral reform ***is still*** overdue; ***reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding*** recommendations ***made*** by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, ***furthermore, for more*** transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising;

Amendment

9. Notes ***with concern*** that a comprehensive electoral reform ***remains*** overdue ***and that repeated*** recommendations by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission ***have yet to be fully implemented***; ***strongly calls for urgent action to address outstanding issues in electoral legislation, including transparency, accountability and fairness; stresses the need for greater transparency and stricter regulation*** regarding the financing of political parties, ***campaign funding*** and political advertising, ***warning that continued delays and lack of enforcement undermine democratic standards, public trust and the credibility of the electoral process***;

Or. en

Amendment 158

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that a comprehensive electoral reform is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, furthermore, for more transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising;

Amendment

9. Notes that a comprehensive electoral reform is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission ***in a transparent process, involving all relevant stakeholders***; calls, furthermore, for more transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising, ***both in traditional media and online; further recommends introducing gender quotas where they are not yet in place, in order to ensure compliance with the gender balance commitment set out in the national Gender Equality Strategy***;

Or. en

Amendment 159

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that a comprehensive electoral reform is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, furthermore, for more transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising;

Amendment

9. ***Welcomes that the local elections, held in October and November 2025, were generally competitive and that the election administration managed electoral preparations in a mostly efficient manner, despite some procedural shortcomings***; notes that a comprehensive electoral reform is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, furthermore, for more

transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising;

Or. en

Amendment 160
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Notes that a comprehensive electoral reform is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, furthermore, for more transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising;

Amendment

9. Notes that a comprehensive electoral reform is still overdue; reiterates its call for the implementation of the outstanding recommendations made by the OSCE/ODIHR and the Venice Commission; calls, furthermore, for more transparency regarding the financing of political parties and political advertising, ***in order to reduce the risk of corruption, strengthen the fairness of elections and increase citizens' confidence in democracy;***

Or. fi

Amendment 161
Eszter Lakos

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

9a. Calls on North Macedonia to close regulatory gaps that enable covert influence in elections, in particular by regulating online political advertising, including mandatory sponsor identification, expenditure transparency and meaningful disclosure of targeting criteria, and addressing third-party financing and campaign-related spending channels; notes OSCE/ODIHR

Amendment

recommendations to regulate online campaigning and the Commission's and Rule of Law reporting that effective oversight of political party financing remains hampered and that recent amendments did not address key systemic issues, including third-party financing;

Or. en

Amendment 162

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Calls for a real and meaningful political empowerment of women at local, regional and national level to enhance their participation in the electoral process and political decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 163

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government; **and a stronger implementation of the 2023-2030 public administration strategy that would enable local administration to provide better services to citizens and to elaborate and implement local and regional development strategies.**

Amendment 164
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

Amendment

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; ***calls on the government of North Macedonia to ensure proper protection of citizens' data in all digital systems***; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

Or. fi

Amendment 165
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

Amendment

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation, ***including through the recently adopted legislation on electronic identification in line with EU regulations***; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

Or. en

Amendment 166
Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

Amendment

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government, ***to ensure that the necessary administrative capacity is in place;***

Or. en

Amendment 167

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

Amendment

10. Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation, ***enhancing transparency and efficiency in the public sector;*** notes, however, that further efforts are needed, including reforms of local self-government;

Or. en

Amendment 168

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. ***Recognises that moderate progress has been achieved in public administration reform and digital transformation; notes, however, that further efforts are needed,***

Amendment

10. ***Notes with concern that public administration reforms remain incomplete; calls for the implementation of transparent recruitment procedures and***

including reforms of local self-government;

stronger safeguards against political interference;

Or. en

Amendment 169

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Welcomes the recent appointment of the new Ombudsperson; positively notes the format of public hearings for the appointment of public posts which increase transparency and public scrutiny; expresses, however, concern regarding indications of political favouritism in the appointment process of members of the Commission for Prevention and Protection against Discrimination; stresses that equality bodies must operate independently and free from political interference; and recalls that the independence, transparency and credibility of anti-discrimination institutions are integral to compliance with Chapters 23 and 24 of the EU acquis; calls for strengthened safeguards ensuring merit-based appointments, as well as for sufficient financial and human resources;

Or. en

Amendment 170

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Urges further depoliticization of the public administration and full implementation of merit-based recruitment and senior management selection procedures, in line with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 171
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the fact that North Macedonia provides adequate legal guarantees on the freedom of expression; notes, however, the need for further improvement towards a truly enabling environment for free and independent media;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the fact that North Macedonia provides adequate legal guarantees on the freedom of expression; notes, however, the need for further improvement towards a truly enabling environment for free and independent media; ***calls on media to exercise restraint in publishing rhetoric that may undermine relations between ethnic groups and communities; underscores the need for social media platforms to strengthen content moderation, particularly in relation to ethnic hate speech;***

Or. en

Amendment 172
Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the fact that North Macedonia provides adequate legal guarantees on the freedom of expression; notes, however, the need for further

Amendment

11. Welcomes the fact that North Macedonia provides adequate legal guarantees on the freedom of expression; notes, however, the need for further

improvement towards a truly enabling environment for free and independent media;

improvement towards a truly enabling environment for free and independent media; ***strongly encourages the Macedonian authorities to create a strategy and legislation that enables and supports the development of all media sectors, especially the local and regional private media;***

Or. en

Amendment 173

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Welcomes the fact that North Macedonia provides adequate legal guarantees on the freedom of expression; notes, however, the need for further improvement towards a truly enabling environment for free and independent media;

Amendment

11. Welcomes the fact that North Macedonia provides adequate legal guarantees on the freedom of expression; notes, however, the need for further improvement towards a truly enabling environment for free and independent media; ***calls for reforming the legal framework governing online and offline media to align fully with the European Media Freedom Act;***

Or. en

Amendment 174

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. ***Welcomes*** the fact that North Macedonia provides ***adequate*** legal guarantees on the freedom of expression; notes, however, the need for further improvement towards a truly enabling

Amendment

11. ***Underlines that freedom of speech is a central value for the functioning of a free and democratic society; welcomes*** the fact that North Macedonia provides legal guarantees on the freedom of expression;

environment for free and independent media;

notes, however, the need for further improvement towards a truly enabling environment for free and independent media;

Or. fi

Amendment 175
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Notes that effective implementation of the legal provisions for the protection of journalists remains challenging, particularly in cases of online harassment and gender-based violence targeting female journalists; is concerned that the lack of specific anti strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPPs) legislation and the limited awareness of this issue among judges, lawyers, and journalists remain obstacles to effectively protecting journalists and public critics from SLAPPs;

Or. en

Amendment 176
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls for continued efforts to strengthen the independence of media regulators and public service broadcasters and to ensure transparency in media ownership;

Amendment 177
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Stresses that free and independent media and the safety of journalists are cornerstones of a democratic society;

Or. fi

Amendment 178
Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices **and** protection of journalists;

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, ***free from political or economic pressure***, transparent state advertising practices ***that are not distorting the market on strictly public interest matters and no political partisanship and effective protection of journalists, including from off-line and on-line bullying; underlines the need for legislation aligned with the Anti Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation, SLAPP, Directive (EU) 2024/1069 as well as to put in place support mechanisms for SLAPP that would increase the*** protection of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 179

Eszter Lakos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for **stronger** safeguards for editorial independence, **transparent** state advertising **practices and protection** of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership **and risks of hidden control through intermediaries**; calls for **effective** safeguards for editorial independence, **full transparency of beneficial ownership of media outlets and clear rules for any** state advertising **and public-information spending, with proactive publication of allocations and beneficiaries**; **stresses that weaknesses in the online information environment facilitate the rapid spread of false and misleading narratives and that stronger guarantees are needed to protect media pluralism and the safety** of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 180

Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists; **emphasises the urgent need for effective media reform and adoption of effective anti-concentration measures, including full transparency of media ownership and of the allocation of public funds for state advertising, as well as compliance with competition, State aid and intellectual property rights; emphasises that media**

pluralism is essential for democratic resilience.

Or. en

Amendment 181
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists; ***expresses concerns about the socio-economic insecurity of media workers, with particular concerns for women working in media; calls on law enforcement and judiciary to ensure effective investigations and sanctions for attacks, threats, harassment, and pressure against journalists, with a specific focus on female journalists;***

Or. en

Amendment 182
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists; ***expresses concern about incidents of hate speech and hostility targeting individuals and organisations associated with***

neighbouring countries; calls on the authorities to investigate such incidents thoroughly and ensure accountability;

Or. en

Amendment 183

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership, *as well as worrying reports on media takeovers with an illiberal agenda as reported by the Balkan Free Media Initiative in October 2025*; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 184

Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership *and the absence of any changes regarding rules on media concentration, specifically in the digital media sector*; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 185

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership **and the persistent economic vulnerability of independent media outlets, which risks undermining pluralism**; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Or. en

Amendment 186

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Amendment

12. Notes with concern the increasing concentration of media ownership, **which can pose a threat to the pluralism of the media**; calls for stronger safeguards for editorial independence, transparent state advertising practices and protection of journalists;

Or. fi

Amendment 187

Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. *Expresses concerns over the strategic acquisition of key television stations and news portals by Hungarian media executives, allowing anti-European narratives to permeate public discourse in North Macedonia;*

Or. en

Amendment 188
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. *Underlines the need to strengthen the independence and capacity of the media regulator, the public service broadcaster and the regulator of electronic communication;*

Or. en

Amendment 189
Tomasz Froelich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. *Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 190
Eszter Lakos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern **regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership**;

Amendment

13. Expresses **serious concern about persistent attempts to distort public debate and undermine trust in democratic institutions and the country's European path through coordinated manipulation of the information environment, including covert influence operations and malign narratives; stresses that such activities weaken institutional credibility and polarise society; calls on the authorities to establish a comprehensive and institutionalised framework for democratic resilience with clearly defined responsibilities, regular risk assessments and public reporting, in line with evolving Union standards for the protection of democratic processes**;

Or. en

Amendment 191

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership;

Amendment

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership; **further condemns the growing prevalence of hate speech and inflammatory rhetoric in public discourse, including by political actors, which erodes democratic standards, fuels divisions within society and runs counter to the principles of mutual respect and good neighbourly relations central to the EU enlargement framework**;

Or. en

Amendment 192
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership;

Amendment

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership; ***underlines that Russia in particular is behind these campaigns; considers that Russia's disinformation and hostile influence are a part of its wider strategy to destabilise Europe;***

Or. fi

Amendment 193
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership;

Amendment

13. Expresses concern over disinformation campaigns ***and malicious foreign influence aimed at undermining the work of democratic institutions, social cohesion and the country's European path; calls for strengthening strategic communication, media literacy and resilience against hybrid threats*** which call into question democratic values and the country's objective of EU membership;

Or. hr

Amendment 194
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern regarding **disinformation campaigns** which **call into question** democratic **values** and the country's goal of EU membership;

Amendment

13. Expresses concern regarding **lack of media pluralism**, which **can undermine** democratic **processes** and the country's goal of EU membership; **stresses that responses must fully respect freedom of expression and media freedom and must not rely on generalised monitoring, filtering or censorship of lawful content; encourages transparency of media ownership;**

Or. en

Amendment 195
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership;

Amendment

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership; **calls on the EU and Member states to undertake further efforts to support North Macedonia to combat malign foreign interference in North Macedonia, including through technical assistance;**

Or. en

Amendment 196
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership;

Amendment

13. Expresses concern regarding disinformation campaigns which call into question democratic values and the country's goal of EU membership; ***calls on the Macedonian government to increase efforts to tackle Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI), promote fact-checking and combat hate speech in all its forms;***

Or. en

Amendment 197
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Urges the relevant authorities to proactively prevent and systematically prosecute all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation, to thoroughly investigate related attacks and to ensure the safety and security of their targets, such as journalists, people belonging to minorities, communities and other vulnerable groups; condemns media outlets selectively promoting negative coverage, hate speech and ethnic prejudices against Bulgarian, the Bulgarian people and the Bulgarian political elite; regrets such statements by government officials; strongly urges the media outlets and the authorities of the Republic of North Macedonia to deter from utilizing and publicizing hate speech against EU Member States and neighbouring countries; urges the authorities to effectively fight hate motivated crimes through coordinated investigations and prosecutions leading to final convictions;

Or. en

Amendment 198

Eszter Lakos

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Underlines that strengthening media and digital literacy is essential for countering disinformation and reinforcing democratic resilience, constituting an integral part of meeting the political criteria for accession; calls on the authorities to further develop and implement comprehensive media literacy initiatives across the education system, support teacher training and modern learning resources, and enhance cooperation with independent media and relevant EU programmes to promote critical thinking and responsible digital engagement;

Or. en

Amendment 199

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Notes that the lack of EU accession prospects in recent years has created space for the increased engagement of authoritarian actors; calls on the authorities to foster deeper synergies with the EU's Economic Security Strategy and Defense of Democracy Package, as well as to adopt the necessary domestic legislation to utilize the EU's Hybrid Toolbox, ensuring that the country's path to accession is

protected from external economic coercion and orchestrated FIMI campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 200
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Encourages North Macedonia to continue the efforts to combat hate speech in all of its forms and targeting all groups, to proactively prevent and thoroughly investigate all instances of hate speech, hate crimes and intimidation, systematically prosecute related attacks, with a view to achieving convictions and ensuring the safety and security of their targets, such as journalists, people belonging to minorities, communities such as Bulgarians, and other vulnerable groups;

Or. en

Amendment 201
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Notes that hybrid threats and foreign information manipulation remain a concern and calls for a clear legal and institutional framework to counter foreign information manipulation and interference, including disinformation;

Or. en

Amendment 202
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Expresses furthermore concern regarding China's growing economic and political influence in the region, particularly through strategic infrastructure and lending;

Or. fi

Amendment 203
Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13b. Encourages transparent and fact-based public communication on EU-related reforms and the accession process in order to maintain broad societal support and counter disinformation;

Or. en

Amendment 204
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and

public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

public consultations; ***notes the reactivation of the Council for Cooperation between Government and Civil Society and urges national authorities to implement inclusive public debate and structured and systemic consultations with civil society with a view to guaranteeing meaningful engagement of diverse civil society actors at every stage of legislative and policy reforms linked to EU integration, including monitoring and accountability;*** calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 205
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations; ***underlines the importance of ensuring inclusive consultations and transparency with civil society organisations; notes with concern the lack of engagement with civil society representing and defending the rights of the various ethnic communities in the country;***

Or. en

Amendment 206
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

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Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations; ***notes with concern that civil society organisations working on sensitive areas have reported experiencing an increasing adverse environment, and in some instances attacks against them, especially on social media;***

Or. en

Amendment 207

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations, ***improvement of the legislation and alignment with the international standards, recommendations of the Venice Commission and with the Recommendation of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance;***

Or. en

Amendment 208

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls for transparent public funding for civil society organisations; ***urges to the EU institutions to take further effort to support Macedonian civil society, particularly in order to provide critical reflections on the implementation of EU related reforms;***

Or. en

Amendment 209

Tomasz Froelich

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations, ***while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations;*** calls for ***transparent*** public funding for civil society organisations;

Amendment

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations; calls for ***effective oversight of*** public funding for civil society organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 210

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations,

Amendment

14. Welcomes the generally enabling environment for civil society organisations,

while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; Calls *for* transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

while underlining the need to have civil society more involved in priority areas and public consultations; calls *on the government of North Macedonia to provide* transparent public funding for civil society organisations;

Or. fi

Amendment 211

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Encourages amending existing policy documents to create a safe environment for the work of human rights defenders (HRDs) by explicitly defining and recognising Women HRDs, and ensure that all instances of violence and harassment, both offline and online, against WHRDs are effectively investigated, adequately sanctioned, and treated with gender-bias recognised and consistently applied as an aggravating circumstance;

Or. en

Amendment 212

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Stresses that school curricula and educational materials should promote historical accuracy, regional cooperation and reconciliation, in line with European

values and international academic standards;

Or. en

Amendment 213

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Urges conditioning the country's progress assessments on documented civil society engagement and follow-up; stresses that, in line with the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the progress should be assessed not only on policy alignment but also on the quality of participatory governance, including traceable engagement with WCSOs and documented responses to their inputs, as well as implementation of policies;

Or. en

Amendment 214

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14c. Underlines the obligation of all Members of the Council of Europe, including EU Member States and the candidate and potential candidate countries to implement pending judgments of the European Court for Human Rights (ECtHR) promptly; highlights that any legislative changes should comply with international

standards, recommendations of the Venice commission and be in line with the Recommendation of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);

Or. en

Amendment 215
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fundamental rights

Fundamental rights *and migration*

Or. fi

Amendment 216
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence; ***calls on the authorities to strengthen the implementation of the national strategy for gender equality (2022-2027) by ensuring adequate funding, enhancing cross-institutional coordination, and aligning national policies with the EU acquis; Urges the government to fully implement the Istanbul Convention; urges the country's authorities to improve access to services for victims of gender-based and domestic violence;***

Amendment 217

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence; ***calls for finalising and adopting the Law on Gender Equality, Law on Labour Relations, and the Law on Prevention and Protection from Harassment at Work, ensuring their harmonization with international standards and the EU acquis;***

Amendment 218

Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is ***broadly satisfactory***; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to ***improve the legal and*** institutional framework on gender equality ***and on combating*** gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general ***legal*** framework for fundamental rights is ***largely in line with European standards***; calls, however, on the Macedonian government to ***strengthen implementation in practice, in particular by improving the institutional framework on gender equality, by ensuring effective mechanisms for protection against*** gender-based and

domestic violence *and allocating adequate resources for victim support services*;

Or. hr

Amendment 219

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve *and fully align* the legal and institutional framework *with the EU acquis especially* on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 220

António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; *calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence*;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; *encourages continued efforts to prevent and effectively prosecute domestic violence and other forms of violence, to strengthen victim protection and access to justice, and to uphold equal treatment before the law*;

Or. en

Amendment 221

Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating **gender-based and** domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating domestic violence **and tackling violence against women**;

Or. en

**Amendment 222
Giorgos Georgiou**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the **Macedonian** Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Government **of North Macedonia** to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Or. en

**Amendment 223
Emmanouil Kefalogiannis**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the **Macedonian** Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Government **of North Macedonia** to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 224
Vangelis Meimarakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the **Macedonian** Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Government **of North Macedonia** to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 225
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework **on gender equality and** on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve **gender equality and** the legal and institutional framework on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment 226
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the **North** Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 227
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Amendment

15. Notes that the general framework for fundamental rights is broadly satisfactory; calls, however, on the **North** Macedonian Government to improve the legal and institutional framework on gender equality and on combating gender-based and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 228
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

15a. Welcomes the 2023 amendments to the Criminal Code aligning domestic legislation with the Istanbul Convention; notes in particular the shift to a consent-based definition of rape and the explicit recognition of gender-based violence; and welcomes further the 2026 amendments strengthening prosecution of domestic and gender-based violence and criminalizing the non-consensual dissemination of intimate images; considers these reforms to represent meaningful alignment with European standards;

Or. en

Amendment 229

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity;

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity; **commends North Macedonia's efforts in strengthening human rights protection, while encouraging further financial support; calls for adequate funding and staffing for institutions protecting the rights of non-majority communities; calls on political representatives of ethnic communities to avoid promoting divisive ethnic narratives echoing policies that caused profound suffering and wars in the region's recent past;**

Or. en

Amendment 230

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity;

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity; ***urges North Macedonia to advance work on the Action Plan on the Protection of the Rights of persons belonging to minorities or communities, and to do so in an inclusive fashion; urges relevant political stakeholders to refrain from polarizing and escalatory language that may affect the position of, and relations among, communities and minorities;***

Or. en

Amendment 231

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity;

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity; ***welcomes progress in the work on the Action Plan on the Protection of the Rights of persons belonging to minorities or communities, and encourages North Macedonia to finalise it in an inclusive process and implementing it fully in line with European standards;***

Amendment 232

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity;

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity; ***especially in the public sector through thorough campaigns of information and trainings to raise awareness and effectively reduce the discrimination, improving the fundamental rights of all Macedonian citizens;***

Amendment 233

António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination ***and promote diversity;***

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination; ***stresses that inclusiveness and minority representation should strengthen cohesion and equal citizenship and must not be instrumentalised to intensify political pressure or deepen internal divisions;***

Amendment 234
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity;

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity; ***notes with concern that institutions have avoided fully implementing the Law on the Use of Languages, leading to persistent barriers for non-majority communities;***

Or. en

Amendment 235
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination ***and promote diversity;***

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination, ***including discrimination based on ethnicity, disability or language;***

Or. fi

Amendment 236
Tomasz Froelich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the *situation of* non-majority communities, *including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination and promote diversity*;

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the *use of language of people belonging to* non-majority communities;

Or. en

Amendment 237

Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination *and promote diversity*;

Amendment

16. Underlines the need to continue working to improve the situation of non-majority communities, including with regard to the use of languages, as well as to fight discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 238

Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Notes the completion of the Action Plan for Minorities by the authorities of North Macedonia; regrets that according to representatives of certain communities in the country, the Plan does not sufficiently guarantee effective protection against discrimination and violence, does not provide functional mechanisms to combat hate speech, does not adequately address the alleged systematic violations of rights, and lacks effective legal

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instruments to ensure the protection of affected persons; calls for the swift completion of the roadmap accompanying the Action Plan; underlines that these documents must be genuinely aimed at effectively combating discrimination and delivering tangible and measurable results, rather than being merely formal commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 239

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on North Macedonia to step up the completion of the gender equality legal framework and to improve the implementation and enforcement mechanisms; to align with the EU acquis and relevant international standards on gender equality, improving the life of Macedonian women by addressing key gender equality aspects, particularly on access to political, economic and social life, accessing health services, preventing gender-based and domestic violence, and protecting victims;

Or. en

Amendment 240

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Encourages North Macedonia to take meaningful steps toward recognising

and incorporating national minorities and communities into its constitution, fostering inclusivity, protecting diversity, fighting discrimination and strengthening social cohesion in line with European values and democratic principles; calls on North Macedonia to fully guarantee equal rights and opportunities for all ethnic communities in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 241

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Encourages North Macedonia to take meaningful steps toward recognising and incorporating national ethnical communities into its constitution, fostering inclusivity, protecting diversity, fighting discrimination and strengthening social cohesion in line with European values and democratic principles; calls on North Macedonia to fully guarantee equal rights and opportunities for all ethnic communities in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 242

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls for intensified efforts to address the persistent socio-economic exclusion of Roma, urges the authorities

to ensure effective implementation of the Strategy for Roma Inclusion with measurable indicators, proper institutional monitoring and adequate budget allocation;

Or. en

Amendment 243

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler, Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Calls on the Republic of North Macedonia to amend its Constitution to include the ethnic communities with Montenegrin, Croatian and Bulgarian identity both in the preamble and all other relevant internal parts, related to the rights of communities;

Or. en

Amendment 244

Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Stresses how North Macedonia's ethnic and cultural diversity constitutes an invaluable asset and should be turned into a source of strength to further consolidate democratic and inclusive governance and accelerate North Macedonia's path towards EU accession;

Or. en

Amendment 245

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on North Macedonia to strengthen migration management, improve alignment with the EU acquis and address persistent challenges in handling regular and irregular migration while upholding fundamental human rights; welcomes enhanced cooperation on border management and the strengthening of the country's capacity to manage migration flows and combat migrant smuggling, human trafficking and other organised crime; encourages the continued development of asylum procedures and integration policies and the improvement of reception conditions, in alignment with EU migration frameworks; stresses the importance of regional cooperation in migration management and urges the EU to provide further support in terms of resources, technical assistance and capacity-building in order to address migration challenges effectively;

Or. en

Amendment 246

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Expresses concern about the continued practice of school segregation in certain municipalities, including Štip and Bitola, and calls for proactive desegregation measures; calls for

continued efforts to address the issue of persons without civil registration and personal documentation, particularly affecting members of the Roma community, in order to ensure full access to social rights, healthcare, education and employment; expresses concern about persistent antigypsyism, including negative stereotypes in public discourse, and calls for strengthened efforts to fight discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 247

Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Calls for the swift completion and transparent implementation of the accompanying roadmap, including clear benchmarks, measurable indicators and a dedicated monitoring mechanism within the roadmap for the reporting, investigation and prosecution of hate crimes and hate speech targeting persons belonging to minority communities;

Or. en

Amendment 248

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16b. Calls on the authorities to ensure that all citizens, including those identifying as Bulgarians, enjoy full protection of their rights and freedoms

and are able to exercise their cultural and civic rights free from intimidation, discrimination or hate speech.

Or. en

Amendment 249
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16c. Calls for stronger implementation of equal treatment for minorities and communities, ensuring that all ethnic, religious, and social groups are guaranteed equal rights and opportunities, and can fully and effectively participate in social, political, and economic life; recognizes that safeguarding the rights of communities is fundamental to fostering social cohesion, democratic governance, and upholding European values; urges North Macedonia to adopt and enforce comprehensive legislation and policies that prevent discrimination and promote inclusivity across all sectors of society;

Or. en

Amendment 250
Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16d. Calls on North Macedonia to further strengthen fundamental rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities or communities; deeply regrets the continued violent attacks and

anti-Bulgarian public discourse and hate speech against people self-identifying as Bulgarians; urges the effective prevention, investigation and prosecution of hate-motivated crimes;

Or. en

Amendment 251
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16e. Deplores the increasing discrimination against citizens of North Macedonia who identify as Bulgarian, which includes, among others, the arson of the NGO Bulgarian cultural club “Ivan Mihaylov” in Bitola in June 2022, the shooting against the NGO Bulgarian cultural club “Tsar Boris III” in Ohrid in November 2022, the attack against the Bulgarian State Cultural and Information Center in Skopje, which was broken into in March 2023, and most of all, the severe beating of Christian Pendikov in January 2023 who was attacked because of his Bulgarian self-identification as noted by the Prosecutor’s Office in Ohrid, North Macedonia, the verbal and physical attack against Vladimir Perv in November 2025 in Skopje; condemns in the strongest terms such acts of hate crimes violence;

Or. en

Amendment 252
Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 f (new)

16f. *Expresses strong concern regarding the 2025 sentencing recent at first instance of Ljupcho Gjorgievski, one of the most prominent representatives of the Bulgarian community in North Macedonia and former chairman of the now-closed by the authorities in Skopje “Ivan Mihaylov” Cultural Club, who received a one-year suspended prison sentence with a two-year probation period on charges of allegedly inciting racial and ethnic hatred; expresses strong concern over the subsequently prepared separate trial against him on charges of racism, which risks leading to imprisonment based on fabricated charges without any evidence of wrongdoing; strongly condemns the use of repressive tactics and the persecution of individuals based on their ethnic identity and right to self-determination; calls for the immediate dismissal of all charges against Ljupcho Georgievski;*

Or. en

Amendment 253
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 g (new)

16g. *Regrets the continuous lack of progress in implementing the previous European Parliament recommendations regarding discrimination, hate speech, threats and intimidation against citizens openly expressing their Bulgarian identity and/ or ethnic background;*

Or. en

Amendment 254

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes with concern that hardly any progress has been achieved on reducing the barriers persons with disabilities face in most aspects of life;

Amendment

17. Notes with concern that hardly any progress has been achieved on reducing the barriers persons with disabilities face in most aspects of life; ***notes persistent structural challenges in the work of North Macedonia's Commission for Prevention and Protection against Discrimination as a result of lacking resources;***

Or. en

Amendment 255

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes with concern that hardly any progress has been achieved on reducing the barriers persons with disabilities face in most aspects of life;

Amendment

17. Notes with concern that hardly any progress has been achieved on reducing the barriers persons with disabilities face in most aspects of life; ***encourages more efforts to complete the legal and institutional framework on the rights of persons with disabilities and improve implementation and enforcement;***

Or. en

Amendment 256

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes with concern that hardly any progress has been achieved on reducing the barriers persons with disabilities face in most aspects of life;

Amendment

17. Notes with concern that hardly any progress has been achieved on reducing the barriers persons with disabilities face in most aspects of life; ***calls on North Macedonia to implement reforms to better address the barriers faced by people with disabilities;***

Or. fi

Amendment 257

António Tânger Corrêa

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18**

Motion for a resolution

18. *Calls for the legal protection of the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons to be improved and hate speech against the community be addressed;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 258

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18**

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons to be improved and hate speech against the community be addressed;

Amendment

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons to be improved and hate speech against the community be addressed; ***is deeply alarmed by the escalation of hatred against LGBTI persons and civil society organisations in North Macedonia; calls on the authorities to properly implement the bias motive grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity in hate crime legislation, and calls***

on North Macedonia to include sexual orientation and gender identity as bias motives also in the legislation regulating hate speech;

Or. en

Amendment 259
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of **LGBTIQ+ persons** to be improved and **hate** speech against the community be addressed;

Amendment

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of **sexual minorities** to be improved and speech **inciting violence** against the community to be addressed;

Or. fi

Amendment 260
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons to be improved and hate speech against the community be addressed;

Amendment

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons to be improved and hate speech, **including online**, against the community be addressed;

Or. en

Amendment 261
Tomasz Froelich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls for the **legal** protection of the rights **of LGBTIQ+ persons to be improved and hate speech against the community be addressed**;

Amendment

18. Calls for the protection of the **fundamental rights and freedoms of all citizens of North Macedonia**;

Or. en

Amendment 262
Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of **LGBTIQ+** persons to be improved and hate speech against the community be addressed;

Amendment

18. Calls for the legal protection of the rights of **LGB** persons to be improved and hate speech against the community be addressed;

Or. en

Amendment 263
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Urges all political actors to amend the Law on Civil Registry and ensure swift, accessible, and unimpeded legal gender recognition based on self determination, in order to uphold human rights, protect dignity, and establish a transparent legal procedure in line with international standards and the respective 2019 European Court of Human Rights judgement;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 264
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Calls on North Macedonia to strengthen immigration control and address ongoing challenges in dealing with regular and illegal immigration;

Or. fi

Amendment 265
Tomasz Froelich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18a. Urges the EU institutions and Member States to respect the national identity and internal political process of North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 266
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Urges the authorities to restore key anti-discrimination terminology in the Law on Primary Education and calls for the reintroduction of provisions on mandatory reporting of school violence in order to protect vulnerable group; Urges

the authorities to ensure that legislation, including education policy, is developed independently of anti-gender mobilizations and in full respect of constitutional and European equality standards; calls on the Government to safeguard fundamental rights and prevent undue political or ideological influence that risks undermining non-discrimination and inclusive education;

Or. en

Amendment 267
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18b. Recalls that North Macedonia is a major transit route for both drug and people smuggling networks; calls on North Macedonia and the EU to further strengthen border security cooperation, improve intelligence sharing and invest heavily in combating criminal organisations;

Or. fi

Amendment 268
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Emphasises that the progress of the accession negotiations requires measurable results in strengthening the independence of the country's judiciary system and in fighting corruption;

Amendment 269
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18c. Notes with concern the living conditions in prisons which need to be addressed urgently;

Or. en

Amendment 270
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18d. Notes with concern the ongoing reports of illegal push-backs of migrants on the Macedonian border; Calls on North Macedonia to strengthen migration management, improve alignment with the EU acquis, and address persistent challenges in handling regular and irregular migration in full respect for human rights and international law;

Or. en

Amendment 271
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;

Amendment

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently; ***calls on political stakeholders to urgently refrain from political interference in the judiciary; notes with concern deep structural weaknesses and negative trends in the functioning of an independent judiciary, including inadequate financing and staffing of judicial institutions and training of new judicial officials as well as increasing shortages of judicial officeholders;***

Or. en

Amendment 272
Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;

Amendment

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently; ***takes note, however, of the recent steps to reinforce institutional capacities in the fight against corruption, including the enhanced cooperation with the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI), the preparations for a National Corruption Risk Assessment, and efforts to review internal affairs legislation from an anti-corruption perspective;***

Or. en

Amendment 273

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;

Amendment

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently; ***calls therefore on North Macedonia to accelerate the implementation of the Strategy for Judicial Reform 2024-2028 and the 2020 strategies for human resources management in the courts and in the public prosecutors' offices and to provide sufficient funding for the judiciary system;***

Or. en

Amendment 274
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption ***frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;***

Amendment

19. Expresses concern that ***interference from other State branches, risks of politicisation in senior prosecutor dismissal procedures, limited financial and human resources, and declining judicial efficiency continue to undermine*** the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption ***efforts, despite ongoing legislative and transparency measures;***

Or. en

Amendment 275

Sebastian Tynkkynen

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;

Amendment

19. Expresses concern that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently; ***underlines that full implementation of these principles is a prerequisite for EU membership;***

Or. fi

Amendment 276

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19**

Motion for a resolution

19. ***Expresses concern*** that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;

Amendment

19. ***Deeply regrets*** that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;

Or. en

Amendment 277

Cristian Terheş

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Notes with concern reports of Russian efforts to project influence in North Macedonia through networks linked to the Russian Orthodox Church,

including attempts to shape ecclesiastical developments and exert pressure on the Macedonian Orthodox Church (MOC); Highlights the September 2023 decision by North Macedonian authorities to deny entry to Russian priest Vasian Zmeev, head of the Russian Church representation in Sofia, following concerns that his activities exceeded permissible religious functions and sought to influence church relations, including with the Ecumenical Patriarchate, in ways affecting the MOC's autocephaly process ^{3a}; further notes public statements by President Stevo Pendarovski, citing intelligence reports, indicating that certain members of the MOC hierarchy had engaged in cooperation with Russian intelligence structures ^{4a}; underlines that the use of religious channels for political and intelligence purposes represents a vector of sophisticated russian foreign interference; calls on the European Union to support North Macedonia in strengthening resilience against external influence conducted through religious networks;

^{3a} <https://spzh.eu/en/news/76016-north-macedonia-authorities-ban-roc-archimandrite-from-entering-the-country>

^{4a} <https://new.mia.mk/en/story/president-says-has-reports-of-russiaaffiliated-people-within-mocoa-business-parties>

Or. en

Amendment 278
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Expresses its disappointment that work on the new Criminal Code in line with the EU acquis and international standards has not been completed; underscores that the sentencing standards for corruption and the statute of limitations need to ensure that the prosecution of corruption, especially for complex and high level cases, is not negatively affected;*

Or. en

Amendment 279
Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. *Underlines the importance of safeguarding the integrity and independence of the judiciary, including by strengthening the Judicial Council in accord with the 2023 Venice Commission peer review mission recommendation and opinion;*

Or. en

Amendment 280
Cristian Terheş

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. *Notes with concern the emergence of church-affiliated media platforms in North Macedonia that disseminate pro-Kremlin narratives, including the portal Liturgija.mk operating under the auspices of the Macedonian Orthodox Church – Ohrid Archbishopric (MOC-OA) ^{3a};*

highlights that the platform frequently relies on Russian and pro-Russian sources when reporting on religious developments in Ukraine, contributing to the spread of disinformation among clergy and believers and reinforcing pro-Russian narratives regarding the war; further notes instances of content reflecting geopolitical positions aligned with the Russian Federation, including references to occupied Ukrainian territories as part of Russia; underlines that the use of religious media channels to shape political perceptions represents a potential vector of Russian foreign influence; calls on the European Union to support media literacy, transparency, and resilience against disinformation within religious and community networks.

^{3a} *Литургија.мк liturgija.mk*

Or. en

Amendment 281
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. *Calls for competent authorities to ensure adequate follow-up to cases of potential hate crime, including concerning any ethnic groups and communities;*

Or. en

Amendment 282
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19c. Notes the Stabilization and Association Committee's recent welcoming of progress in addressing the benchmarks for the opening of fundamentals cluster: a roadmap for public administration reform and a roadmap for the rule of law chapters;

Or. en

Amendment 283
Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas;

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas; ***calls on the Government of North Macedonia to improve the implementation of the national strategy for the prevention of corruption and conflict of interest and adopt a new Criminal Code in line with the EU acquis and international standards;***

Or. en

Amendment 284
Șerban Dimitrie Sturdza

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains

corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas;

prevalent in many areas; *welcomes, nevertheless, North Macedonia's active participation in the International Treaty on the Exchange of Data for the Verification of Asset Declarations, positioning the country as a regional reference point in this mechanism;*

Or. en

Amendment 285
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas;

Amendment

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas; ***Calls North Macedonia to strengthen whistleblower protection, which remains weak, discouraging individuals from reporting corruption, while the new relevant law remains to be adopted;***

Or. en

Amendment 286
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas;

Amendment

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas; ***underscores that there remains a significant and inexplicable gap between formally announced corruption investigations and***

judicial findings of guilt in high-level corruption cases;

Or. en

Amendment 287
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas;

Amendment

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas; ***calls on the government of North Macedonia to take strong measures to eradicate corruption at all levels;***

Or. fi

Amendment 288
Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Notes with concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas;

Amendment

20. Notes with ***serious*** concern that no progress was made in preventing and combating corruption and that corruption remains prevalent in many areas;

Or. en

Amendment 289
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses that North Macedonia has made only limited progress in the fight against serious and organised crime; calls on the North Macedonian authorities to take more concrete steps to achieve further progress;

Or. fi

Amendment 290

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Urges the timely adoption of a comprehensive anti-corruption strategy for 2026–2030 with clear responsibilities and measurable targets, and calls for improved implementation of the current strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 291

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Calls for the adoption of a new anti-corruption strategy for 2026-2030 and for the implementation of outstanding Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) recommendations;

Or. en

Amendment 292
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls in particular for investigations and final convictions in high-level corruption cases which could serve as an example that corruption is being addressed at all levels and that there shall be no impunity;

Amendment

21. ***Notes with concern that delays in court proceedings and resource constraints continue to hinder the establishment of a robust track record of high-level corruption cases;*** Calls in particular for investigations and final convictions in high-level corruption cases which could serve as an example that corruption is being addressed at all levels and that there shall be no impunity;

Or. en

Amendment 293
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Calls ***in particular*** for investigations and final convictions in high-level corruption cases which could serve as an example that corruption is being addressed at all levels and that there shall be no impunity;

Amendment

21. Calls for investigations and final convictions ***all, including*** high-level corruption cases which could serve as an example that corruption is being addressed at all levels and that there shall be no impunity;

Or. fi

Amendment 294
Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Deplores the legislative amendments to the Law on Foundations and Associations overturning the legal registration of Bulgarian cultural institutions; reiterates the discriminatory nature of the law which was enforced retroactively and targeted Bulgarian cultural institutions, based on a discriminatory interpretation of historical figures and events; calls on North Macedonia to recall the said legislative amendments and protect the existence of the institutions of Macedonian citizens self-identifying as Bulgarians; calls for immediate reopening of those clubs, guaranteeing the legal operation of cultural organisations of persons self-identifying as Bulgarians;

Or. en

Amendment 295

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Deeply regrets that 2023 amendments to the Criminal Code continue to significantly undermine efforts to combat corruption, particularly affecting the prosecution of high-level corruption cases and recent amendments, which were heavily criticized by experts and civil society, did not put a remedy to this; calls on the authorities to urgently prepare amendments to the existing Criminal Code in close cooperation with the EU and other relevant stakeholders to address the negative impacts of the changes made in September 2023 and in January 2026 and ensure effective enforcement;

Or. en

Amendment 296

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Expresses concern that the amendments to the Criminal Code in North Macedonia, which have shortened statutes of limitations and reduced penalties for high-level corruption and abuse of office, have undermined ongoing judicial proceedings, including high-profile cases involving former Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski, and that the judicial system, independence of courts and prosecution, and efforts to strengthen the rule of law and anti-corruption frameworks have not advanced sufficiently;

Or. en

Amendment 297

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Welcomes the amendments to the Criminal Code, including in terms of addressing the Constitutional Court's reservations regarding the constitutionality of the September 2023 changes to the Code;

Or. en

Amendment 298

Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on North Macedonia to enhance its efforts to combat money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 299
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Urges North Macedonia to implement the 2023 ECRI Report On North Macedonia recommendations to address these human rights violations; calls on North Macedonia to recall the legislative amendments and safeguard the existence of associations of persons self-identifying as Bulgarians in North Macedonia;

Or. en

Amendment 300
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Notes that these legal changes have resulted in the termination or expiration of several ongoing cases initiated by the Special Public Prosecutor's Office, generating a perception of impunity for prominent

political actors and weakening public confidence in the judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 301

Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Calls for a more sustained engagement in effectively countering organised crime; calls on the Government of North Macedonia to align legislation on weapons, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances with the EU acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 302

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Notes that the perceived level of trust in the judiciary remains very low and that further efforts are needed to prevent undue influence and intimidation;

Or. en

Amendment 303

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Underlines that strengthening judicial independence, providing adequate resources for anti-corruption bodies, and ensuring accountability in high-profile cases, such as those involving former senior officials, is essential for the country's progress towards European Union membership and adherence to rule-of-law principles;*

Or. en

Amendment 304

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21c. *Urges all political actors to stop their attacks on the judicial institutions, including the Judicial Council and Council of Prosecutors, to respect their independence and to stop interfering;*

Or. en

Amendment 305

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21d. *Encourages national authorities to establish a comprehensive support framework for women survivors of gender-based violence, including providing legally guaranteed financial*

assistance during the first year after leaving an abusive relationship, ensuring access to subsidised or long-term housing solutions, guaranteeing free legal aid and exemption from court costs, creating a State fund to cover unpaid child support, strengthening employment and retraining programmes tailored to survivors' needs, and increasing investment in women's economic empowerment through targeted training, social enterprises, and local employment initiatives

Or. en

Amendment 306

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Supports continued efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches, strengthen the digital economy and improve the business environment;

Amendment

22. Supports continued efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches, strengthen the digital economy and improve the business environment; ***calls for the implementation of the 2023 organic budget law, introducing fiscal rules and a Fiscal Council, and strengthening the medium-term budget procedure;***

Or. en

Amendment 307

Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Supports continued efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches, strengthen the digital

Amendment

22. Supports ongoing efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches, strengthen the digital

economy and improve the business environment;

economy and improve the business environment, ***emphasising that sustainable economic growth depends on the rule of law, the predictability of the judiciary and effective action against corruption;***

Or. hr

Amendment 308

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Supports continued efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches, strengthen the digital economy and improve the business environment;

Amendment

22. Supports continued efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches, strengthen the digital economy and improve the business environment, ***consistent with meeting the competitive pressures of the EU internal market;***

Or. en

Amendment 309

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Supports continued efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches, strengthen the digital economy and improve the business environment;

Amendment

22. Supports continued efforts to modernise the economy, address skills mismatches ***in particular, through measures targeting the domestic workforce and education,*** strengthen the digital economy and improve the business environment;

Or. fi

Amendment 310
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Underlines the need to address social challenges, ensure quality employment policies, foster upward social cohesion and convergence towards the Union standards and support progress towards the European Pillar of Social Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 311
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Call the government to continue reforming its legal system to improve the peaceful settlement of labour disputes, aiming for faster, cheaper, and out-of-court resolutions in line with European standards;

Or. en

Amendment 312
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Takes note of the long term improvement in unemployment rates.

Notes however that this must be accompanied with a rise of real wages, improvement of working conditions and ensuring working rights including trade union rights;

Or. en

Amendment 313
Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans; *welcomes the adoption of the comprehensive cybersecurity framework, the updated Law on Electronic Document, Electronic Identification and Trust Services; notes, however, that North Macedonia needs to step up its efforts on the implementation of the agreed reform steps; welcomes the objective and fact-based manner in which the Commission has assessed the implementation of reform steps;*

Or. en

Amendment 314
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the

Amendment

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the

Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans;

Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans; ***highlights the need to considerably speed up and deliver on the reform agenda, in particular in the field of rule of law, as otherwise the country risks losing 47 million Euros of EU support in June this year, possibly to other Western Balkan countries;***

Or. en

Amendment 315

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans, ***which is on track to deliver concrete benefits to the citizens; encourages North Macedonia to continue the implementation of its Reform Agenda;***

Or. en

Amendment 316

Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans; ***stresses that disbursement of funds must remain strictly conditional on fulfilment of agreed reform objectives and key milestones;***

Amendment 317

Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans, ***and calls to intensify the implementation of the reforms agenda, including regarding reforms in the fundamentals area;***

Or. en

Amendment 318

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans;

Amendment

23. Welcomes the first steps in implementing the Reform Agenda and the multiannual work programme under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans; ***stresses the need for consistent implementation of reforms in line with the commitments undertaken;***

Or. en

Amendment 319

Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Recognises the strategic importance of the cultural and creative sectors and the need for a stable, EU-aligned copyright framework; calls on North Macedonia to ensure fair remuneration for authors and performers, align collective rights management with the EU acquis and strengthen enforcement against piracy; underlines that weak protection of rightholders undermines media sustainability and the development of high-quality audiovisual content.

Or. en

Amendment 320

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. Calls upon authorities to safeguard the independence and legitimate role of representative trade unions and fundamental labour rights, including collective bargaining, in law and practice; calls further upon authorities to ensure constructive and meaningful dialogue with trade unions to address urgent issues such as wages, working conditions, and social protection; including in relation to platform work;

Or. en

Amendment 321

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23a. *Calls for strengthened oversight and meaningful participation of civil society organisations, business associations and social partners in all stages of the Western Balkans Reform and Growth Facility, including the design of reform measures, implementation of projects and monitoring of results;*

Or. en

Amendment 322

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls to continue implementing labour market activation strategies for young people, the long-term unemployed, low-skilled individuals, and vulnerable groups;

Amendment

24. Calls to continue implementing labour market activation strategies for young people, the long-term unemployed, low-skilled individuals, and vulnerable groups; *encourages North Macedonia to tackle the informal economy and employment that undermines the competitiveness of domestic companies;*

Or. en

Amendment 323

Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls to continue implementing labour market activation strategies for young people, the long-term unemployed, low-skilled individuals, *and* vulnerable groups;

Amendment

24. Calls to continue implementing labour market activation strategies for young people, the long-term unemployed, low-skilled individuals, *women, persons with disabilities, Roma and other*

vulnerable *and minority* groups *and ensure that these measures are properly evaluated*;

Or. en

Amendment 324

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Calls to continue implementing labour market activation strategies for young people, the long-term unemployed, low-skilled individuals, and vulnerable groups;

Amendment

24. Calls to continue implementing labour market activation strategies for young people, the long-term unemployed, low-skilled individuals, and vulnerable groups, *such as women, persons with disabilities and Roma*;

Or. en

Amendment 325

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls upon North Macedonia, the European Commission and the EU Delegation to Skopje to engage with key social partners on the design, implementation and monitoring of socio-economic reforms; while recognizing the need for reform measures to improve the functioning of the business climate and market economy, calls for greater focus on measures to correct market distortions and social protective measures; calls for greater attention to negative demographic trends; calls for greater attention to

tackling the grey market economy and the negative social and fiscal impact;

Or. en

Amendment 326

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Encourages to strengthen youth policy by amending the Law on Youth Participation and Youth Policies, establishing effective monitoring and a dedicated budget code, and improving local youth structures, as well as to ensure sustainable Youth Centres, and re-engage young people through national outreach; suggests to link youth participation reforms to EU accession benchmarks to reinforce accountability and implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 327

Mieke Andriese

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Welcomes the integration of North Macedonia in the single euro payments area (SEPA);

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 328

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25**

Motion for a resolution

25. Welcomes the integration of North Macedonia in the single euro payments area (SEPA);

Amendment

25. Welcomes the integration of North Macedonia in the ***geographical scope of the*** single euro payments area (SEPA);

Or. en

**Amendment 329
Andrey Kovatchev**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to open negotiations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia with a view to their integration into the EU's 'Roam Like at Home' regime; emphasises that extending the 'Roam Like at Home' area to the Western Balkans would deliver tangible benefits to citizens and businesses alike, fostering people-to-people contacts, boosting economic ties, supporting educational exchanges and facilitating tourism; notes that this initiative builds on existing voluntary roaming arrangements and on the Western Balkans regional roaming agreement endorsed at the Tirana Summit; calls for the swift adoption of the negotiating mandates and the timely conclusion of bilateral agreements with the Western Balkan partners, in order to ensure their rapid and effective integration into the EU's 'Roam Like at Home' area;

Or. en

Amendment 330
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Warmly welcomes the Commission proposal to open negotiations to extend the EU 'roam like at home' regime to the Western Balkans and calls on the Council to swiftly authorise the opening of negotiations with the Western Balkan partners;

Or. en

Amendment 331
Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25a. Calls on North Macedonia to align with the EU acquis on screening of foreign direct investments (FDI);

Or. en

Amendment 332
Sebastian Everding, Pernando Barrena Arza

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Urges stronger enforcement of animal welfare legislation, adequate support and oversight of shelters, comprehensive sterilisation and castration programmes to

address the stray animal population and to ensure the full and effective enforcement of existing animal welfare legislation in practice and calls for enhanced public education on responsible pet ownership in line with North Macedonia's EU accession commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 333
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for increased investments in transport and energy infrastructure and in advancing to bring environmental legislation closer to EU standards;

Amendment

26. Calls for increased investments in transport and energy infrastructure and in advancing to bring environmental legislation closer to EU standards; *stresses in particular the importance of accelerating cross-border connectivity projects and strengthening regional transport and energy infrastructure, including the completion of key sections of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), notably Corridor VIII, and the development of regional energy interconnections, in order to enhance regional integration, economic development and security of supply;*

Or. en

Amendment 334
Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for increased investments in transport and energy infrastructure and in

Amendment

26. Calls for increased investments in transport and energy infrastructure and in

advancing to bring environmental legislation closer to EU standards;

advancing to bring *transport, energy and* environmental legislation closer to EU standards; *calls on aligning the national legislation with the passenger rights rules;*

Or. en

Amendment 335
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Calls for increased investments in transport and energy infrastructure and in advancing to bring environmental legislation closer to EU standards;

Amendment

26. Calls *on North Macedonia* for increased investments in transport and energy infrastructure, *to also improve military mobility capabilities*, and in advancing to bring environmental legislation closer to EU standards;

Or. fi

Amendment 336
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

26a. Urges stronger enforcement of animal welfare legislation, adequate support and oversight of shelters, comprehensive sterilisation and castration programmes to address the stray animal population and to ensure the full and effective enforcement of existing animal welfare legislation in practice and calls for enhanced public education on responsible pet ownership in line with North Macedonia's EU accession commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 337
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X;

Amendment

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X; **welcomes the agreement between Bulgaria and North Macedonia on the construction of a cross-border railway tunnel, marking a decisive step towards completing the rail link along Corridor VIII; notes the strategic importance of Corridor VIII for EU and NATO's geostrategic autonomy, serving as a key logistics route along NATO's southern flank; welcomes the recent high-level inter-ministerial meeting hosted in Tirana and its declaration reaffirming that the project will enhance regional connectivity between the Black Sea and the Adriatic, foster economic growth and trade, and further advance European integration;**

Or. en

Amendment 338
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X;

Amendment

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X; **welcomes the conclusion of the intergovernmental agreement between North Macedonia and Bulgaria on the preparation, construction and operation of the cross-border railway tunnel along Corridor VIII, signed in**

November 2025; stresses the importance of its swift and full implementation and of ensuring timely tendering and construction of the remaining Phase III rail section to the Bulgarian border;

Or. en

Amendment 339

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X;

Amendment

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X *for EU connectivity, facilitating tourism, economic activities and military mobility; welcomes therefore the agreement on the preparation, construction and operation of a cross-border railway tunnel facility between Bulgaria and North Macedonia alongside Corridor VIII, emphasizes its view that this project is an example of mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 340

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X;

Amendment

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X *that are of strategic importance for not just North Macedonia but the wider region; counts on the*

effective implementation of the commitments undertaken;

Or. en

Amendment 341

Dan Barna, Marjan Šarec, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X;

Amendment

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X ***and calls to accelerate and reinvigorate work on rail Corridor VIII and to advance development on other priority sections of the core network;***

Or. en

Amendment 342

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X;

Amendment

27. Highlights the importance of cross-border connections such as the TEN-T corridors VIII and X, ***as they are vital to increase economic cooperation with neighbouring countries and increase people-to-people contacts;***

Or. en

Amendment 343

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Welcomes the adoption of the Energy Law in May 2025 but ***underlines*** that the country is still heavily dependent on coal; ***calls for a swift uptake*** of renewable energy and ***increased focus on*** energy efficiency;

Amendment

28. Welcomes the adoption of the Energy Law in May 2025 but ***notes*** that the country is still heavily dependent on coal; ***stresses the importance of ensuring energy security and diversification of energy sources while pursuing a balanced and realistic energy transition, including the gradual development*** of renewable energy and ***improvements in*** energy efficiency;

Or. en

Amendment 344
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. ***Welcomes the adoption*** of the Energy Law in May 2025 but ***underlines*** that the country is still heavily dependent on coal; ***calls for a swift uptake of renewable energy and increased focus on*** energy efficiency;

Amendment

28. ***Stresses that choices on the pace, sequencing and composition*** of the national energy transition remain a sovereign prerogative to be decided through the country's democratic processes; ***encourages technical cooperation where requested, in line with the acquis and conditionality***;

Or. en

Amendment 345
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28. Welcomes the adoption of the Energy Law in May 2025 but underlines that the country is still heavily dependent on coal; calls **for a swift uptake** of renewable energy and increased focus on energy efficiency;

28. Welcomes the adoption of the Energy Law in May 2025 but underlines that the country is still heavily dependent on coal; calls **for exploring the possibilities of moving towards stronger renewable energy production and for** increased focus on energy efficiency;

Or. fi

Amendment 346

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Welcomes the adoption of the Energy Law in May 2025 but underlines that the country is still heavily dependent on coal; calls for a swift uptake of renewable energy and increased focus on energy efficiency;

Amendment

28. Welcomes the adoption of the Energy Law in May 2025 but underlines that the country is still heavily dependent on coal; calls for a swift uptake of renewable energy and increased focus on energy efficiency, **especially for buildings**;

Or. en

Amendment 347

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Expresses serious concern regarding the refusal by the authorities of North Macedonia to accept the offer of emergency energy assistance from Bulgaria at a time of declared energy challenges in the region; underlines that energy security in the Western Balkans is of strategic importance for regional stability, economic resilience and the well-being of citizens, and stresses that it must

not be used as a tool in political disputes or be held hostage to short-term political considerations; calls for constructive, pragmatic and depoliticised cooperation in the field of energy, in line with the principles of solidarity and good neighbourly relations underpinning the European Union accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 348

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Regrets that little process has been made in environmental legislation and calls in particular to address air and water quality and wastewater management;

Amendment

29. Regrets that little process has been made in environmental legislation and calls in particular ***for urgent action*** to address air and water quality and wastewater management; ***including increased and clearly earmarked national funding for water supply and sanitation infrastructure in urban and rural areas, integrating village water systems into public utilities where feasible, with clearly assigned institutional responsibilities, ensuring regular sanitary and laboratory controls with public disclosure of results and strengthening inspection oversight, including the introduction of sanctions for unregulated, poorly maintained, or polluting systems;***

Or. en

Amendment 349

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Regrets that little process has been made in environmental legislation and ***calls in particular to address air and water quality and wastewater*** management;

Amendment

29. Regrets that little process has been made in environmental legislation and ***stresses the urgent need to improve air quality in the most polluted cities - Tetovo, Veles, Skopje including through measures such as the introduction of Low Emission Zones (LEZ) and the acquisition of modern, less polluting public transport vehicles; urges the government and local authorities to step up measures on biodiversity and regional waste*** management;

Or. en

Amendment 350

António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. ***Regrets that little process has been made*** in environmental legislation and ***calls in particular to address air and water quality and wastewater management;***

Amendment

29. ***Underlines that priorities and timetables*** in environmental legislation and ***implementation must be set nationally and democratically; encourages targeted technical assistance, in line with the acquis and the country's implementation capacity;***

Or. en

Amendment 351

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Notes with concern the persistently high levels of air pollution, particularly in

urban areas, which are strongly related to coal combustion and cement production; calls on the authorities to ensure that all industrial and infrastructure projects comply fully with EU environmental standards and, where necessary, are subject to comprehensive environmental impact assessments; expresses, in this context, serious concern regarding the new Law on Industrial Emissions Control and urges the authorities to amend it through a transparent and inclusive public procedure involving all relevant stakeholders, notably environmental experts and civil society organisations, with a view to safeguarding public health and ensuring full alignment with EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 352

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Notes with concern the limited progress in implementing horizontal environmental legislation and urges North Macedonia to fully align and effectively implement the Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment Directives, including secondary legislation related to small hydropower projects; calls for the elimination of procedural loopholes in screening and environmental elaboration procedures, the strengthening of inspection and enforcement capacity, and full alignment with the EU Environmental Liability Directive to ensure that environmental damage is effectively prevented and remedied;

Amendment 353
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29a. Calls for an accelerated and sustainable green transition - while protecting the socially vulnerable - in line with the 2020 Green Agenda and Paris Agreement; stresses the need to address the problem of lack of specialised staff and weak institutional and administrative capacity, which undermines quality control and adequate performance of environmental impact assessments;

Or. en

Amendment 354
Thomas Waitz
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29b. Expresses concern about deficiencies in transparency and public participation in environmental decision-making and about obstacles to effective access to justice; calls on the authorities to ensure timely publication of project information, meaningful consultation at the earliest stages of planning, and effective judicial review mechanisms in line with the Aarhus Convention and the EU acquis;

Or. en

Amendment 355

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29c. Calls on North Macedonia to establish effective legal protection for Emerald Sites designated under the Bern Convention and to accelerate the identification and designation of future Natura 2000 sites; urges the Government to prioritise and expedite the adoption of a new Law on Nature Protection to replace the outdated legal framework and ensure full alignment with the EU Habitats and Birds Directives; encourages the country to expand its protected areas in line with the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework target of protecting at least 30 % of land and water by 2030;

Or. en

Amendment 356

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29d. Reiterates the urgent need to adopt the Law on the re-proclamation of Mavrovo National Park and to finalise and effectively implement its management plan; encourages the inclusion of Jablanica in the national list of protected areas; calls for strengthened financial and administrative capacity of national parks to ensure effective biodiversity

conservation, monitoring and enforcement;

Or. en

Amendment 357

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29f. Welcomes the submission of the regional conservation strategy for the Balkan lynx under the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) which includes North Macedonia; urges North Macedonia to develop and implement a national action and management plan for the Balkan lynx conservation aligned with the regional strategy and in cooperation with neighbouring countries; stresses the importance of maintaining ecological connectivity between key habitats, including Mavrovo and Jablanica and transboundary areas, and reiterates the need for rigorous enforcement against wildlife crime and poaching;

Or. en

Amendment 358

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Regional cooperation and foreign policy

Regional cooperation and foreign **and security** policy

Or. fi

Amendment 359

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Welcomes North Macedonia's valuable and significant contributions to regional cooperation and stability;

Amendment

30. Welcomes North Macedonia's valuable and significant contributions to regional cooperation and stability ***via its engagement in regional economic and diplomatic initiatives such as the Berlin Process, the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans, and the implementation of common regional market agreements;***

Or. en

Amendment 360

Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Welcomes North Macedonia's valuable and significant contributions to regional cooperation and stability;

Amendment

30. Welcomes North Macedonia's valuable and significant contributions to regional cooperation and stability; ***encourages continued engagement in initiatives that promote economic integration and stability in the Western Balkans;***

Or. en

Amendment 361

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Urges all parties to resume the constructive work of the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues of Bulgaria and North Macedonia, thereby bringing societies closer together by enabling a common future in the EU; reiterates in this respect, that work on school history textbooks in Bulgaria and North Macedonia should be resumed; stresses that the texts should reflect the interpretation of historical facts and figures from the common history of both peoples, based on authentic historical primary and secondary sources;*

Or. en

Amendment 362

Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki, Geadis Geadis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *condemns the growing defence and military cooperation between Skopje and Turkey, including the strengthening of bilateral defence agreements and military assistance; notes with concern that such cooperation risks undermining Skopje's alignment with the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy; calls on the authorities of Skopje to prioritise security partnerships with EU Member States and not against them.*

Or. en

Amendment 363

Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Expresses concern over political concepts and narratives promoted in the region, including the so-called “Serbian World”, which question the sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighbouring states; stresses that such narratives are incompatible with the principles of good neighbourly relations and the EU accession process;*

Or. en

Amendment 364
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. *Encourages Bulgaria and North Macedonia to find a mutually acceptable solution to pending bilateral issues;*

Or. en

Amendment 365
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. *Expresses deep concern that representatives of the government of North Macedonia have been openly advocating, promoting and working towards implementation of the so-called “Serbian world” concept; condemns in this regard that a meeting promoting that concept was held in January 2025 on St*

Sava's day in Skopje in the presence of government officials of Serbia, Republika Srpska in BiH and North Macedonia; condemns the participation of North Macedonia's government in the "All-Serb Assembly" under the slogan "One people, one assembly" in Belgrade and the attendance of Deputy Prime Minister Ivan Stoilkovic at the "Commemorative gathering for NATO victims" in Belgrade; condemns participation in meetings that attempt to establish a sphere of influence undermining the sovereignty of the country and the stability of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 366
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. believes that finding a common way to communicate and engage with the past and establish a culture of remembrance in a way which is respectful for both countries is the foundation on which Bulgaria and North Macedonia should build their future relationship, and that the relationship between the future generations of North Macedonia and Bulgaria will be a reflection of the education processes in the two countries;

Or. en

Amendment 367
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30 c (new)

30c. Commends North Macedonia's continued participation in NATO missions, including KFOR and the Forward Land Forces in Bulgaria and Latvia; reiterates that North Macedonia is a key partner for maintaining the stability on the eastern flank of NATO; welcomes the fact that North Macedonia has reached the 2% of its GDP dedicated to defence;

Or. en

Amendment 368
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Calls for consistent commitment to dialogue and cooperation with neighbouring countries to strengthen regional stability and foster mutual trust; calls for the further promotion of people-to-people contacts across south-eastern Europe;

Amendment

31. Calls for consistent commitment to dialogue and cooperation with neighbouring countries to strengthen regional stability and foster mutual trust; ***underlines the importance of full implementation of bilateral and international agreements with tangible results in good faith by all sides, including the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation with Bulgaria and its Protocols and the Prespa Agreement with Greece***; calls for the further promotion of people-to-people contacts across south-eastern Europe.

Or. en

Amendment 369
Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Calls for consistent commitment to dialogue and cooperation with neighbouring countries ***to strengthen*** regional stability and ***foster*** mutual trust; calls for the further promotion of people-to-people contacts across south-eastern Europe;

Amendment

31. Calls for consistent commitment to dialogue and cooperation with neighbouring countries ***as essential for strengthening*** regional stability and ***fostering*** mutual trust; calls for the further promotion of people-to-people contacts across south-eastern Europe; ***underlines the importance of implementing, in good faith, all bilateral agreements, including the Prespa Agreement with Greece, and the Treaty on Friendship, Good-neighbourliness and Cooperation with Bulgaria, in line with the Negotiating Framework;***

Or. en

Amendment 370

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

31. Calls for consistent commitment to dialogue and cooperation with neighbouring countries ***to strengthen*** regional stability and ***foster*** mutual trust; calls for the further promotion of people-to-people contacts across south-eastern Europe;

Amendment

31a. Expresses concern that the agreement for a 500 million euro loan to North Macedonia, officially provided by Hungary in 2024 but reportedly backed by Chinese financial institutions, raises questions about transparency, debt sustainability, and potential geopolitical influence, and calls on the authorities to ensure full public disclosure of the loan terms, proper parliamentary oversight, and alignment with EU financial governance and anti-corruption standards;

Or. en

Amendment 371

Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev, Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Expresses strong concern that the last Session of the Joint Intergovernmental Commission, set up under art 12 of the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation was held on 17 July 2022 and no new session has been held since then; urges the governments of Bulgaria and North Macedonia to swiftly organise the Third Session of JIC to continue towards the implementation of the Treaty and its Protocols;

Or. en

Amendment 372
Stanislav Stoyanov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Encourages further efforts to promote objective historical research, academic cooperation and dialogue between historians from neighbouring countries in order to foster reconciliation, mutual understanding and good neighbourly relations;

Or. en

Amendment 373
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31 a. Reiterates its call for historical reconciliation based on the defined common history, as stipulated by the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 374

Andrey Kovatchev, Andrey Novakov, Nikola Minchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31b. Strongly urges the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues of Bulgaria and North Macedonia, established as a result of the Treaty of Good Neighbourliness with Bulgaria, to achieve clear and tangible results; the texts should reflect the interpretation of historical facts and figures from the common history of both peoples based on objective, authentic and evidence-based historical sources and documents, scientific interpretation and historical events, as stipulated in the second protocol of the Treaty of Good Neighbourliness with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 375

Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31c. Calls on the authorities of North Macedonia to ensure the effective implementation of the conclusions and

recommendations of the Joint Multidisciplinary Expert Commission on Historical and Educational Issues established under the Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation with Bulgaria, including their reflection in school curricula, textbooks, educational materials and public institutions on the basis of objective, authentic and evidence-based historical sources;

Or. en

Amendment 376
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31d. Condemns any attempt to replace historical monuments and/or artefacts, including the destruction of authentic cultural heritage or any attempts to rewrite history; regrets the falsification of inscriptions and names on graves; condemns hate speech manifestations towards Bulgarians identified in inscriptions and signs on public buildings and monuments, texts in textbooks and teaching materials, as well as in public spaces; regrets that not a single inflammatory inscription or sign has been removed in spite of the agreement under the Second Protocol; considers that such incidents raise serious concerns, including in the context of the lack of implementation of the 2017 Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation and its Protocols;

Or. en

Amendment 377

Andrey Kovatchev

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31e. Expresses concern about the persistence of negative stereotypes and hostile narratives against Bulgaria and persons self-identifying as Bulgarian in certain school curricula, textbooks and educational materials; calls on the authorities of North Macedonia to ensure that educational content is based on objective, authentic and evidence-based historical sources and reflects the spirit of reconciliation and good neighbourly relations;

Or. en

**Amendment 378
Andrey Kovatchev**

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

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31f. Strongly encourages the authorities and civil society to take appropriate measures for historical reconciliation in order to overcome the divide between and within different ethnic and national groups, including citizens of Bulgarian identity; restates its call for positive progress to be made in joint celebrations of common events and figures with neighbouring EU Member States in line with the Treaty of friendship, good-neighbourliness and cooperation with Bulgaria;

Or. en

Amendment 379
Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31g. Recalls the importance of ensuring full access to the archives of the former Yugoslav secret services (UDBA and KOS), including those held in Skopje and in Belgrade; calls on the Government to formally request access to, and where appropriate the transfer of relevant archival material held in Belgrade in order to enable a comprehensive and impartial investigation of crimes committed during the communist period; stresses that transparent, professional and region-wide handling of the totalitarian past is essential for advancing democratization, strengthening accountability and reinforcing institutional resilience, both nationally and across the Western Balkans; underlines that opening these archives throughout the region would contribute to truth-seeking, justice for victims, reconciliation and the consolidation of democratic governance;

Or. en

Amendment 380
Giorgos Georgiou

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; calls, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;

deleted

Amendment 381**Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 32***Motion for a resolution*

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; calls, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;

Amendment

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong ***and long-standing*** alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy, ***including on restrictive measures***; calls, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU; ***welcomes the country's active participation in EU missions and operations under the CSDP and its contribution to the EU's leading role in peace-keeping, conflict prevention, and international crisis management; welcomes North Macedonia's readiness to enhance cooperation with the EU within the framework of the Security and Defence Partnership***;

Amendment 382**Thijs Reuten****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 32***Motion for a resolution*

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; calls, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;

Amendment

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; ***notes an increasing trend towards abstentions on important votes in international bodies instead of following the EU position***; calls, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU; ***welcomes North***

Macedonia's continued support for, and active participation in, CSDP missions and operations

Or. en

Amendment 383

Thomas Waitz

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; ***calls***, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;

Amendment

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; ***regrets***, however, ***the increase in abstentions on important votes in international bodies instead of following the majority EU position; therefore, calls*** on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 384

Matej Tonin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; ***calls***, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;

Amendment

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; ***calls***, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU; ***highlights North Macedonia's geostrategic significance and its important role as a member of NATO;***

Or. en

Amendment 385
Tomasz Froelich

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; ***calls, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;***

Amendment

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy;

Or. en

Amendment 386
Nathalie Loiseau

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; ***calls, however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;***

Amendment

32. Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy;

Or. en

Amendment 387
António Tânger Corrêa

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. ***Commends North Macedonia's strong alignment with the EU's foreign, security and defence policy; calls,***

Amendment

32. ***Stresses that foreign policy choices remain a sovereign competence and that continued alignment should be pursued***

however, on the government, in cases of doubt, to align with the majority position within the EU;

through dialogue and voluntary convergence, consistent with the accession framework and the Copenhagen criteria;

Or. en

Amendment 388

Thijs Reuten

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Repeats its calls to enhance the EU's capacity to act by reforming its decision-making, including through the introduction of qualified majority voting on the intermediate steps in the accession process, in particular on the start of negotiations and the opening and closing of individual negotiating clusters and chapters

Or. en

Amendment 389

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Underlines the need to strengthen connectivity and ensure unimpeded trade flows, in particular in road traffic; calls for the implementation of the EU Entry/Exit System, keeping in mind its impact on professional drivers, and the importance of safeguarding economic stability and supply chains;

Or. en

Amendment 390
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Expresses its satisfaction with North Macedonia's strong support for Ukraine, including in UN General Assembly resolution votes, in Ukraine's defence against Russian aggression;

Or. fi

Amendment 391
Davor Ivo Stier, Sunčana Glavak

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Encourages strengthening cooperation with the EU in tackling hybrid threats, foreign information manipulation and interference, and cybersecurity challenges;

Or. hr

Amendment 392
Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Reiterates its full support for the consistent and accelerated mutual implementation of the Prespa Agreement with Greece as an important element of bilateral relations;

Amendment 393

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Expresses regret that attempts continue to usurp Greek history and the Bulgarian language.

Or. en

Amendment 394

Ivaylo Valchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. Expresses concern about the continued threat posed by the 'Serbian world' ideology, which has been promoted by members of the government of North Macedonia; notes that meetings, events and commemorations such as the so-called Saint Sava days in North Macedonia are an integral part of the 'Serbian world' project and a vehicle for soft-power projection, disinformation and political interference in order to undermine democracy and social cohesion in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 395

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. Welcomes North Macedonia's cooperation on border management with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex); calls on North Macedonia to intensify endeavours to enhance asylum reception systems and procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 396

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. Calls on North Macedonia to resolutely reject Russian and Chinese attempts at influence;

Or. fi

Amendment 397

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32b. Condemns the use of the misleading term “Macedonia” in official documents and events.

Or. en

Amendment 398

Davor Ivo Stier, Karlo Ressler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32c. Welcomes, in line with the roadmap for roaming between the Western Balkans and the EU last year, the European Commission's proposal to open negotiations with North Macedonia and the other Western Balkan countries to integrate them into the EU's 'Roam Like at Home' regime;

Or. en

Amendment 399
Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32c. Underlines that European cooperation must be based on respect towards Member States and not on attempts to usurp history and language.

Or. en

Amendment 400
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 32 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32c. Calls on North Macedonia to continue and increase its efforts to strengthen its defence capabilities;

Or. fi

Amendment 401

Geadis Geadis, Emmanouil Fragkos, Galato Alexandraki

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32d. Urges the Government, taking into account the statement made by former President Mr Kiro Gligorov, to recognise the Greek character of Macedonia in the framework of mutual respect and good neighbourly relations with the EU Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 402

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32d. Welcomes the active participation of North Macedonia in NATO operations and activities;

Or. fi

Amendment 403

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32e. Calls on North Macedonia to promote projects aimed at improving military mobility;

