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B9-0309/14

Amendment 14

Roberta Metsola

on behalf of the PPE Group

Motion for a resolution

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Citation 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***6a. having regard to the Commission's
2019 Annual Management and
Performance Report for the EU Budget,***

Or. en

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B9-0309/15

Amendment 15

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Citation 7 a (new)

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Amendment

**7a. *having regard to the European
Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) report for
2019,***

Or. en

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B9-0309/16

Amendment 16

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Citation 8 a (new)

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Amendment

8a. having regard to the European Court of Auditors Special Report No 06/2019 entitled ‘Tackling fraud in EU cohesion spending: managing authorities need to strengthen detection, response and coordination’,

Or. en

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B9-0309/17

Amendment 17

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Citation 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

**28a. having regard to the Commission's
2020 Rule of Law Report of 30 September
2020 (COM(2020)0580),**

Or. en

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Amendment 18

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Recital J

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Amendment

J. *whereas the Venice Commission and the OSCE ODIHR have found that the Bulgarian electoral code hinders linguistic diversity and the voting rights of citizens living abroad⁵;* *deleted*

⁵ *Venice Commission and OSCE ODIHR joint opinion on amendments to the Electoral Code in Bulgaria, 19 June 2017, CDL-AD(2017)016.*

Or. en

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Amendment 19

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Recital K

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Amendment

K. whereas a number of incidents have been reported in recent years concerning the use of hate speech against minorities, including by government ministers; whereas parliamentary immunity *is systematically* used to shield members of the Bulgarian National Assembly from accountability for hate speech⁶;

K. whereas a number of incidents have been reported in recent years concerning the use of hate speech against minorities, including by government ministers; whereas parliamentary immunity *might be* used to shield members of the Bulgarian National Assembly from accountability for hate speech⁶;

⁶ Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, report following her visit to Bulgaria from 25 to 29 November 2019, 31 March 2020, p. 33 and p. 38.

⁶ Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, report following her visit to Bulgaria from 25 to 29 November 2019, 31 March 2020, p. 33 and p. 38.

Or. en

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Amendment 20

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Recital L

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Amendment

*L. whereas in recent years, reports of deleted
the misuse of Union funds in Bulgaria
have been proliferating and should be
thoroughly investigated; whereas in
recent months, Bulgarian citizens have
witnessed a large number of high-level
corruption allegations, some of which
have directly involved the Prime Minister;
whereas also in recent months,
international media have repeatedly
reported possible interconnections
between criminal groups and public
authorities in Bulgaria;*

Or. en

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Amendment 21

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Recital L

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

L. ***whereas in recent years, reports of the misuse of Union funds in Bulgaria have been proliferating and should be thoroughly investigated;*** whereas in recent months, Bulgarian citizens have witnessed a large number of high-level corruption allegations, some of which have directly involved the Prime Minister; whereas also in recent months, international media have repeatedly reported possible interconnections between criminal groups and public authorities in Bulgaria;

L. whereas in recent months, Bulgarian citizens have witnessed a large number of high-level corruption allegations, some of which have directly involved the Prime Minister ***and the President of the Republic of Bulgaria;*** whereas also in recent months, international media have repeatedly reported possible interconnections between criminal groups and public authorities in Bulgaria ***and between foreign intelligence services and advisors to the President; in this regard, welcomes the decision of the Bulgarian Government to expel diplomats who have allegedly conducted military espionage and gathered information classified as state secrets with the intention of passing it on to a third country;***

Or. en

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Amendment 22

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Recital L a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

La. whereas in the course of criminal proceedings initiated and conducted by the Bulgarian Special Prosecutor's Office, investigators conducted an extensive analysis of the evidence collected (including audio recordings) and found that two advisors to the President of Bulgaria were involved in criminal activities; whereas, more specifically, they have been charged with crimes committed in the line of duty, including the illegal possession and storage of a large number of documents containing a security seal under the Classified Information Protection Act, obtained illegally by the State Intelligence Agency, and participation in a criminal conspiracy established for the purpose of trading in influence, as part of the criminal activity was also exercising influence to obtain Bulgarian citizenship by a Russian citizen⁴;

⁴ [Answers to the DRFMG from the Bulgarian Public Prosecutor of 21 September 2020, p. 6.](#)

Or. en

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Amendment 23

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Recital L b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***Lb. whereas the Prosecutor's Office
has pressed charges against the former
Minister for the Environment and Water
and the former Deputy Minister for the
Environment and Water, and the former
Deputy Minister for the Economy, who
were all immediately dismissed by the
government;***

Or. en