Amendment 10

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Underlines the need to pay particular attention to aid to environmentally and climate-displaced persons; considers it important to work at international level to define the concept of 'environmentally displaced persons' within the United Nations with a view to establishing an international legal framework and adopting a common approach to the protection of those obliged to leave their place of residence; recognises that the environmental consequences of climate change may exacerbate forced displacement, and therefore stresses the need to rapidly implement policies to reduce the effects of climate change in line with the Paris Agreement;

Amendment

13. Considers that the concept of 'climate refugees' is a pretext on which to accentuate uncontrolled illegal immigration without any limits; affirms that Member States must have the exclusive competence to determine the conditions of entry and stay in their territories;

Or. en

Amendment 11

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Underlines Turkey's role in creating new conflicts and escalating existing conflicts in various vulnerable regions, including but not limited to Syria, Libya, Somalia and Nagorno-Karabakh; calls on the EU, in this regard, to permanently terminate accession negotiations with Turkey as it does not share our European values, nor is it a European country;

Or. en

Amendment 12

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Deplores the plight of migrants and refugees around the world, particularly displaced women, children, persons with disabilities and chronic illnesses, persons with diverse sexual orientations, people belonging to persecuted ethnic, religious and belief minorities, who are among of the most vulnerable; notes that the number of international migrants in 2019 is estimated to be almost 272 million, which equates to 3.5 % of the global population, over 20 million of whom were refugees, and that large-scale displacement and migration events have occurred over the last two years; notes the increase in the number of asylum seekers in 2019, applying for international protection in the Member States of the EU-27 as a consequence of repressive practices and human rights abuses on the part of, among others, dictatorships which hold political power illegally; denounces political measures eroding the human rights of migrants and refugees and putting at risk their safety and lives; strongly denounces the cases of discrimination, intolerance, persecution and killings linked to migration or refugee status; rejects the negative tendency towards the harassment and the

Amendment

22. Notes that the policy of the European Union, which has supported conflicts such as those in Libya and Syria, and practises a strategy of generalised and unlimited reception of millions of illegal immigrants, constitutes the main point of origin of the acceleration of illegal immigration and migratory flooding; calls for an end to policies encouraging illegal immigration, such as the principle of quotas among Member States, and for the effective expulsion of illegal immigrants to their country of origin or their point of departure;

criminalisation of the work of those who stand in defence of the human rights of migrants and refugees and provide them with assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 13

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Expresses deep concern at the continuation of serious human rights abuses against children around the world in 2019, the year of the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC, namely child labour, early and forced marriages, the trafficking and exploitation of children, including for sexual purposes, the conscription or enlistment of children into groups, the use of child soldiers in armed conflicts, child sexual abuse and prostitution, family separation and the detention of children, including for immigration-related reasons, as well as the challenges faced by girls in terms of sexual and gender-based violence, untimely pregnancy, HIV infection and school drop-out; finds it regrettable that in the context of the pandemic, numerous children and young people have had to take up jobs in order to meet basic needs and support their households and, as a result, have left school; stresses that this undesired development is a regression in terms of the school education of children;

Amendment

Expresses deep concern at the 28. continuation of serious human rights abuses against children around the world in 2019, the year of the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC, namely child labour, early and forced marriages, the trafficking and exploitation of children, including for sexual purposes, the conscription or enlistment of children into groups, the use of child soldiers in armed conflicts, child sexual abuse and prostitution, family separation and the detention of children, including for immigration-related reasons, as well as the challenges faced by girls in terms of sexual and gender-based violence, untimely pregnancy, HIV infection and school drop-out; finds it regrettable that in the context of the pandemic, numerous children and young people have had to take up jobs in order to meet basic needs and support their households and, as a result, have left school; stresses that this undesired development is a regression in terms of the school education of children; opposes the increase in forced marriages in Member States of the European Union, which is due to increasing reference to Islamic law;

Or. en

Amendment 14

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Expresses its deep sorrow at and condemnation of the terrorist attacks and bombings perpetrated in the first half of 2019 that targeted believers and their places of worship that need to be preserved and protected; is alarmed that these horrific acts coincided with hate campaigns ramped up by certain political leaders and terror groups that aim to deny or limit the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief; urges states to promote the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief and protect vulnerable religious and belief minorities, taking swift action against the perpetrators of violence or incitement to hatred;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 15

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Condemns, in particular, in the 29a. strongest terms the terrorist attacks and bombings targeted against Christian communities; expresses its grave concern about the continued attacks against Christians by Islamic terrorist groups around the world; condemns in the strongest terms the Christmas Eve 2019 attack and the Christmas Day 2019 execution of 11 people in Nigeria; stresses the importance of protecting the largest persecuted religious minority in the world, namely Christians; warns that the persecution of Christians is reaching near genocidal levels; emphasises the role EU Member States have to play in condemning and confronting these attacks against communities that share their Christian heritage; is deeply concerned about the increase in the desecration and vandalism of sacred and religious sites;

Or. en

Amendment 16

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Calls on the Member States to make the EU's foreign and security policy more effective by using the rule of qualified majority voting in the Council, especially in relation to human rightsrelated matters, in particular on issues falling under the EU action plan on human rights and democracy and for the adoption of sanctions; calls on the Member States to speak with a single, strong EU voice in multilateral forums, and act in unison when faced with crises that challenge the European Union's core values and interests, as this is the only way that the Union can play a leading role on the international scene and use its influence to bring about positive changes and more coordinated responses to global challenges, primarily the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as environmental and climate-related challenges;

Amendment

33. Believes that the end of the unanimity rule in relation to foreign and security policy issues would irreparably weaken the sovereignty of Member States; rejects any proposal to introduce qualified majority voting in the Council in relation to foreign and security policy- or human rights-related matters;

Or. en

Amendment 17

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 103

Motion for a resolution

Is appalled by the number of 103. killings, attacks and acts of persecution, discrimination, harassment and incitation to antagonism that took place, and the number of restrictions on rights that were imposed in 2019 against individuals and groups targeted because of their religion, belief, atheism or agnosticism; reaffirms its support for victims of violence based on religion or belief, and its commitment to eradicating such violence; underlines the need to pay special attention to the situation of persecuted religious minorities around the world, who face discrimination, threats, blasphemy laws, anti-conversion laws, demolition of their places of worship, violence, enslavement, rape, forced disappearances, executions and genocide;

Amendment

Is appalled by the number of 103. killings, attacks and acts of persecution, discrimination, harassment and incitation to antagonism that took place, and the number of restrictions on rights that were imposed in 2019 against individuals and groups targeted because of their religion, belief, atheism or agnosticism; reaffirms its support for victims of violence based on religion or belief, and its commitment to eradicating such violence; underlines the need to pay special attention to the situation of persecuted religious minorities around the world, who face discrimination, threats, blasphemy laws, anti-conversion laws, demolition of their places of worship, violence, enslavement, rape, forced disappearances, executions and genocide; notes that today, Christians are the most persecuted group in the world as a result of the rise of radical Islam, which has been encouraged by groups, but also by states, with Islamic law as an institutional, political and social reference;

Or. en

Amendment 18

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 132 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

132a. Urges the EU and its Member States to make aid granted to developing countries conditional upon agreements on the effective readmission of illegal immigrants present in the EU;

Or. en