### Amendment 13 Jean-Paul Garraud, Nicolaus Fest on behalf of the ID Group

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## Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Calls on Member States to protect and develop a vibrant, independent, pluralist and free media sector; condemns in this respect any measures aimed at silencing critical media and undermining media freedom and pluralism, including in sophisticated ways that do not typically lead to an alert being submitted to the Council of Europe Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists; expresses concern about the creation of government-controlled bodies which manage large parts of a country's media landscape and the hijacking of public service media outlets to serve partisan interests; recalls that where media ownership remains highly concentrated, whether in government or private hands, it constitutes a significant risk to the diversity of information and viewpoints represented in media content; recalls that freedom of expression and information, including the freedom of artistic expression, and media freedom are fundamental to democracy and the rule of law and urges Member States to guarantee the independence of their media authorities; recalls that the right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media, is a component of the freedom of artistic

#### Amendment

15. Calls *for* a vibrant, independent, pluralist and free media sector; condemns in this respect any measures aimed at silencing critical media and undermining media freedom and pluralism, including in sophisticated ways such as the misuse of 'fake news' or 'hate speech' for political purposes; recalls that freedom of expression and information, including the freedom of artistic expression, and media freedom are fundamental to democracy and the rule of law and urges Member States to guarantee the independence of their media authorities; recalls that the right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media, is a component of the freedom of expression<sup>54</sup>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Judgment of the ECtHR of 24 May 1988, Case Müller and Others v. Switzerland, paragraphs 27, 33; Judgment of the ECtHR of 8 July 1999, Case Karatas v. Turkey; Judgment of the ECtHR of 22 October 2007, Case Lindon, Otchakovsky-Laurens and July v. France

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Recalls the principle of individual criminal responsibility for serious offences; expresses solidarity, in this regard, with the majority of law-abiding security forces who carry out the fundamental task of maintaining public safety, most of the time in a very hostile environment;

Or. en

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# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Recognises the serious issues that can arise within prevalent Eurosceptic communities, particularly those which are paired with violent political views, and urges the EU and the Member States to encourage the active participation of EU citizens in EU matters, particularly amongst young people, so that their opinions can be voiced through democratic channels;

#### Amendment

25. Recognises the *vibrant democratic* contribution made by opposition parties in fostering public debates; urges the Member States to encourage the active participation of citizens in all public matters;

Or. en

Amendment 16 Jean-Paul Garraud, Peter Kofod, Nicolaus Fest on behalf of the ID Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 30 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30a. Condemns the numerous Islamist attacks in the European Union since 2000, which have claimed the lives of 521 people and injured thousands;

Or. en

Amendment 17 Jean-Paul Garraud, Peter Kofod, Nicolaus Fest on behalf of the ID Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 30 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

30b. Stresses that NGOs and individuals who help illegal immigrants to cross European borders bear a heavy responsibility for Islamist attacks, but also for the daily violence suffered by citizens of the Member States at the hands of some illegal immigrants;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 18**

Jaak Madison, Harald Vilimsky, Peter Kofod, Nicolaus Fest, Jean-Paul Garraud on behalf of the ID Group

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# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Calls on the Commission and the 31. Member States to implement the Recommendation of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights of June 2019 entitled 'Lives saved. Rights protected. Bridging the protection gap for refugees and migrants in the Mediterranean'; reiterates that safe and legal pathways for migration are the best way of avoiding loss of life; urges Member States to intensify resettlement measures, put in place humanitarian corridors to the EU, and introduce the possibility to apply for humanitarian visas for asylum-seekers;

#### Amendment

Emphasises that NGOs acting as a 31. shuttle service in the Mediterranean create additional pull factors for people to risk their lives and those of their children to come to Europe for better economic opportunities, even if their chances of being granted asylum are extremely slim at best; reiterates that the rights of migrants have to be balanced with the rights of Member States' citizens in Europe, specifically as regards their safety and security; notes that the most recent terror attacks in Europe have been carried out by migrants and that the EU's liberal migration policy is directly to blame for this;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 19**

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# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. Condemns the fact that some Member States have adopted laws, policies and practices that undermine the effective protection of the human rights of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, on land and at sea; calls on the European Commission and Member States to put the human rights of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, as well as the principle of responsibility sharing, at the centre of its migration and asylum policies; Expresses grave concern over the humanitarian situation in hotspots; Calls on the Commission to propose an urgent solution to resolve the flagrant human rights violations in reception centres for refugees and migrants on European soil;

#### Amendment

33. *Calls* on the Member States to put the human rights of *Europeans* at the centre of *their* migration and asylum policies; *expresses* grave concern over the humanitarian situation in hotspots *and emphasises the impact the conditions in hotspots has on the local community*;

Or. en

#### Amendment 20

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34. Stresses that the saving of lives is a legal obligation under international law and EU law; condemns the intimidation, arrests and criminal proceedings initiated in some Member States against civil society organisations and individuals for providing humanitarian assistance to migrants, whose lives are at risk; calls on Member States to ensure that acts of humanitarian assistance are not criminalised in line with the UN Smuggling Protocol;

Or. en

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#### Amendment 21

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# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Highlights that almost a third of asylum seekers are children and are therefore particularly vulnerable; calls on the EU and its Member States to step up their efforts to prevent unaccompanied minors from becoming victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation;

#### Amendment

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Or. en

### Amendment 22 Nicolaus Fest on behalf of the ID Group

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# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 42

### Motion for a resolution

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