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A9-0219/49

Amendment 49

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Report

A9-0219/2020

Michael Gahler

EU Association Agreement with Ukraine
(2019/2202(INI))

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Underlines the importance of supporting civil society actors and organisations, including the women's movement, the environmental movement, the LGBTI movement, and human rights defenders;

Or. en

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A9-0219/50

Amendment 50

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EU Association Agreement with Ukraine
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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Welcomes the resumption of the peace talks under the Normandy four format on 9 December 2019 in Paris after a deadlock of three years; urges all sides to adhere to the ceasefire agreement; stresses the importance of identifying additional disengagement areas, of demining activities and of opening checkpoints across the contact line, and calls on Russia to use its decisive influence over the armed formations backed by it to respect and fully implement the commitments undertaken as part of the Minsk Agreements, and of recent meetings of the Normandy four and the Trilateral Contact Group; reiterates, as agreed in Minsk and in the so-called Steinmeier Formula, that local elections *in the occupied parts of eastern Ukraine* must be conducted in accordance with Ukrainian legislation and under supervision of the OSCE; *underlines that the conditions for free and fair elections in Donetsk and Luhansk have not been met in the current situation; welcomes* the dismissal of the plan to include *Russian-backed* separatists as a party to the talks of the Trilateral Contact Group; *regrets* comments made by high-ranking members of the Ukrainian delegation in the Trilateral Contact Group denying Russia's military involvement in the conflict in Donbas region;

Amendment

26. Welcomes the resumption of the peace talks under the Normandy four format on 9 December 2019 in Paris after a deadlock of three years; urges all sides to adhere to the ceasefire agreement; stresses the importance of identifying additional disengagement areas, of demining activities and of opening checkpoints across the contact line, and calls on Russia to use its decisive influence over the armed formations backed by it to respect and fully implement the commitments undertaken as part of the Minsk Agreements, and of recent meetings of the Normandy four and the Trilateral Contact Group; reiterates, as agreed in Minsk and in the so-called Steinmeier Formula, that *Donbas must receive its special status at the same time as the* local elections *are held, which* must be conducted in accordance with Ukrainian legislation and under supervision of the OSCE; *notes* the dismissal of the plan to include separatists as a party to the talks of the Trilateral Contact Group; *notes the* comments made by high-ranking members of the Ukrainian delegation in the Trilateral Contact Group denying Russia's military involvement in the conflict in Donbas region;

Or. en

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A9-0219/51

Amendment 51

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EU Association Agreement with Ukraine
(2019/2202(INI))

A9-0219/2020

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. ***Strongly condemns Russia's destabilising actions and military involvement in Ukraine; expresses concern about Russia's ongoing build-up of military facilities and installations in the Crimean Peninsula, including well over 30 000 troops, new surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missile systems, nuclear-capable submarines and strategic bombers; condemns Russia's illegal actions aimed at seizing control of the Kerch Strait, as they constitute a breach of international maritime law and Russia's international commitments, in particular the construction of the Kerch Bridge and its rail link without Ukraine's consent, the laying of underwater cables and the closing up and militarisation of the Azov Sea, which severely hinders Ukraine's economic activities; calls on the Russian Federation to ensure unhindered and free passage to and from the Azov Sea in line with international law, and access to the occupied Ukrainian territories of Donbas and annexed Crimea for international non-governmental organisations and international humanitarian organisations; calls for the release of all Ukrainian political prisoners and prisoners of war in Russia, Crimea and the parts of Donbas not controlled by the Ukrainian Government; expresses***

Amendment

27. ***Calls*** for the release of all Ukrainian political prisoners and prisoners of war in Russia, Crimea and the parts of Donbas not controlled by the Ukrainian Government;

*concern, however, about the liberation of
Russian citizens suspected of involvement
in the downing of Malaysian Airlines
flight MH17;*

Or. en

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A9-0219/52

Amendment 52

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Urges Ukraine to meet its commitments on reforming state export controls in accordance with the EU's requirements and standards, ***and on the implementation of a consistent and systematic sanctions policy***; calls on the EEAS and the Commission to ***better supervise the implementation of EU sanctions, including the better supervision of the activities of the authorities in the Member States charged with implementing the common EU rules***;

Amendment

29. Urges Ukraine to meet its commitments on reforming state export controls in accordance with the EU's requirements and standards; calls on the EEAS and the Commission to ***reconsider all EU sanctions as they are always unilateral and therefore illegal under international law***;

Or. en

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Amendment 53

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31. Repeats its call for an international format for negotiations on the de-occupation of the Crimean peninsula with the active participation of the EU; calls on the VP/HR, the Commission and the Member States to provide all necessary support for the establishment of a Crimea International Platform that would allow the efforts aimed at the restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine to be to coordinated, formalised and systematised; considers it important to involve the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people, as the only internationally recognised representative body of the Crimean Tatars, in the activities of such a Platform;

Deleted

Or. en

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Amendment 54

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32. Recalls, in the meantime, that according to international humanitarian law, the Russian Federation, as an occupying state, bears full responsibility for meeting the needs of the population of the temporarily occupied Crimean peninsula, including its water supply; points out, furthermore, that pursuant to the Fourth Geneva Convention, to which Russia is a party, an occupying power may not compel residents of the occupied territory to serve in its armed or auxiliary forces;

Deleted

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

33. *Condemns the Russian Federation for settling Russian citizens in occupied Crimea and the territories of Donetsk and Luhansk, thus upsetting the balance between holders of Russian passports and Ukrainians, as well as its attempts to organise local elections in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea in Ukraine on 13 September 2020; states that the election of the governor of Sevastopol was illegal and in violation of international law, as was the vote for representatives to the so-called State Council of the ‘Crimean Republic’, the so-called Legislative Assembly of the city of Symferopol and the so-called Rural Council of the Razdolno region; calls for the EU to impose sanctions on those responsible for organising and conducting the votes; deplores the actions of Russia in conscripting young men in occupied Crimea to serve in the Russian armed forces, of whom 85 % were sent to serve in the Russian Federation; calls on Russia to stop conscripting people in Crimea and to fully abide by its obligations under the Geneva Conventions;* ***Deleted***

Or. en

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Amendment 56

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EU Association Agreement with Ukraine
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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Expresses its full support for all efforts to obtain justice for all 298 victims of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 **by a Russian-supplied surface-to-air missile** and their next of kin, including the **internationally supported** criminal proceedings against four suspects under Dutch law and the case lodged against Russia with the European Court of Human Rights; **commends Ukraine for its continued collaboration within the JIT to determine the truth, identify suspects and bring the perpetrators to justice;** condemns **Russia's unilateral withdrawal from the trilateral truth-finding consultations with Australia and the Netherlands; calls on Russia to cooperate fully with all ongoing efforts to ensure the accountability of any individual or entity engaged in the downing of MH17, inter alia by resuming the truth-finding dialogue with Australia and the Netherlands, ensuring its cooperation with the inter-State application lodged by the Netherlands against Russia with the European Court of Human Rights regarding the matter, and through the extradition of Volodymyr Tsemakh to the Netherlands; urges Russia to cease its promotion of disinformation with regard to Flight MH17;**

Amendment

34. Expresses its full support for all efforts to obtain justice for all 298 victims of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 and their next of kin, including the criminal proceedings against four suspects under Dutch law and the case lodged against Russia with the European Court of Human Rights; **condemns the role played by National Endowment for Democracy-funded Bellingcat in this case and its uncritical dissemination of leaks by the Ukrainian secret service, the SBU, that placed blame on Russia before the official investigation had begun; notes that Eliot Higgins and others on the Bellingcat team have taken to publicly ridiculing and smearing the defence lawyers and investigators involved in the case;** condemns **the dissemination in public media of unsupported claims and smears by Bellingcat in relation to those involved in the trial who have questioned the Bellingcat and SBU narrative that it was a Russian BUK missile and not a Ukrainian fighter jet that downed Flight MH17;**

Or. en

3.2.2021

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Amendment 57

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EU Association Agreement with Ukraine
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A9-0219/2020

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 52

Motion for a resolution

52. *Strongly condemns the large-scale and permanent violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms such as freedom of expression, religion or belief and association, as well as the right to peaceful assembly, perpetrated by the Russian occupying forces in the temporarily occupied territory of Crimea and by the so-called separatist forces in the non-government-controlled areas of Donbas, including forced conscription, deportation, passportisation, restrictions on education rights, arbitrary detention, torture and other harsh detention conditions, as well as restrictive measures such as the unilateral closure of checkpoints and denied access to UN and humanitarian missions, which are particularly worrying during the current pandemic;*

Amendment

52. *Expresses deep concern at the increase in reports of far-right violence, ultra-nationalism, neo-Nazi pogroms against the Roma, rampant attacks on feminists and LGBT groups, book bans and the state-sponsored glorification of Nazi collaborators; urges the Ukrainian Government and Parliament to swiftly respond to these recent instances of violence and intimidation with unambiguous public condemnation; urgently calls on the Ukrainian authorities to conduct prompt, thorough, impartial and independent investigations to hold those responsible to account; urges the Ukrainian Government to take effective action to prevent and stop acts that promote hatred and discrimination;*

Or. en

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A9-0219/58

Amendment 58

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

54. Is extremely concerned, however, by the worsening humanitarian situation in ***the eastern territories currently not controlled by the Ukrainian Government***, especially in the light of the current COVID-19 emergency; urges the ***de facto local authorities*** to adopt all the measures necessary to ensure that the basic needs of the population, including access to good quality health facilities and treatment, are met, ***and to fully cooperate with the legitimate Ukrainian Government to that end***;

Amendment

54. Is extremely concerned, however, by the worsening humanitarian situation in ***government-controlled Ukraine***, especially in the light of the current COVID-19 emergency; ***regrets the fact that after the Ukrainian Government rejected the offer of Russia's Sputnik vaccine, Ukrainians have been left with little access to vaccines as the roll-out begins in Crimea and the Donbas region***; urges the ***government*** to adopt all the measures necessary to ensure that the basic needs of the population, including access to good quality health facilities and treatment, are met;

Or. en