

Amendment 18**Michael Gahler**

on behalf of the PPE Group

Report**Michael Gahler**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 concern, however, about the **liberation** of Russian citizens suspected of

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involvement in the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17;

for the region; 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 concern, however, about the *forced inclusion* of Russian citizens suspected of involvement in the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 *in the detainee exchange between Ukraine and Russia;*

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

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;

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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, ***the continuous issuing of Russian passports to residents of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, in violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty and the objectives and provisions of the Minsk agreements***, 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;

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Motion for a resolution

Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Justice, freedom *and* security

Justice, freedom, security *and the fight
against corruption*

Or. en

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A9-0219/21

Amendment 21

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 60

Motion for a resolution

60. Calls on the EEAS and the Commission to swiftly operationalise **and implement an** EU human rights sanctions **mechanism**, a European Magnitsky-type legislation, **based on Article 215 of the TFEU**, allowing sanctions to be applied against individuals and companies involved in grave human rights violations and responsible for other crimes, including corruption, **and** invites Ukraine to follow this example and to introduce a Ukrainian version thereof;

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60. Calls on the EEAS and the Commission to swiftly operationalise **the** EU **global** human rights sanctions **regime** (a European Magnitsky-type legislation), allowing sanctions to be applied against individuals and companies involved in grave human rights violations, **paying particular attention to the situation in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine in Crimea and in parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and sanctions against those** responsible for other crimes, including corruption; invites Ukraine to follow this example and to introduce a Ukrainian version thereof;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Subheading 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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Media landscape

Or. en

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Amendment 23

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 71 a (new)

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71a. Regrets the fact that the political climate in the country has worsened, with intimidation, hate speech and political pressure being widely used for political purposes; urges the authorities to firmly condemn and ban the operations of extremist and hate-incentivising groups and websites, such as Myrotvorets, which incite tensions in society and misuse the personal data of hundreds of people, including journalists, politicians and members of minority groups;

Or. en

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Subheading 5 b (new)

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Gender equality and LGBTI rights

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Subheading 6

Motion for a resolution

Trade and economic cooperation, labour
and social affairs, mobility of workers

Amendment

Trade and economic cooperation, **public
health**, labour and social affairs, mobility
of workers

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 91

Motion for a resolution

91. Urges Ukraine to tackle the pervasive cronyism and corruption that continues to exist in its healthcare sector, and especially in the Ministry of Health, and to effectively investigate any corrupt activities, in particular attempts to procure medical equipment at disproportionately high costs in the midst of the pandemic;

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 91 a (new)

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Amendment

91a. Acknowledges the good work of the National Health Service of Ukraine in setting up a transparent system tasked with financing the specific treatments provided to patients; calls on the Ministry of Health to support the work of the National Health Service of Ukraine;

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Motion for a resolution

Subheading 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

People-to-people contacts

People-to-people contacts ***and border
management***

Or. en