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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Hilde Vautmans
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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2025 - all sections
(2024/0176(BUD))

Amendment 1

Matthieu Valet, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to ***act with a budget fit*** for that ***purpose*** and to ***significantly strengthen its*** security and defence capabilities;

Amendment

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to ***have a budget that is appropriate*** for that ***situation, enabling it to support and facilitate Member States' efforts to procure and produce*** security and defence capabilities, ***without laying claim to any additional competences in the area of defence;***

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment ***increases the demands on*** the Union ***to act with a budget fit for that purpose and to significantly strengthen its*** security and defence capabilities;

Amendment

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment ***necessitate a careful and prudent allocation of resources, ensuring that*** the Union ***does not overextend its budgetary commitments or unduly prioritize*** security and defence capabilities ***which fall under the remit of individual EU Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Michael von der Schulenburg

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to act with a budget fit for that purpose and to ***significantly strengthen its security and defence capabilities***;

Amendment

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to act with a budget fit for that purpose and to ***strengthen its efforts towards a peaceful Europe whose citizens can live in prosperity and security and which is committed to a just and peaceful international order***;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to act with a budget fit for that purpose and to significantly strengthen its security and defence capabilities;

Amendment

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to act with a budget fit for that purpose and to significantly strengthen its security and defence capabilities, ***while avoiding duplication with NATO structures***;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Hana Jalloul Muro

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to act with a budget fit for that purpose and to significantly strengthen its security and defence capabilities;

Amendment

A. whereas the growing instability and the rise of unprecedented challenges in the immediate European neighbourhood and the international environment increases the demands on the Union to act with a budget fit for that purpose and to significantly strengthen its security and defence capabilities ***and humanitarian response***;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Matthieu Valet, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas ***that*** sufficient funding is key to ***the EU's credibility as a stronger, more assertive, and more strategic actor*** on the world stage;

Amendment

B. whereas sufficient funding is key ***but will only be effective if used to shore up national policies so that cooperation among the Member States affords Europe greater strategic autonomy*** on the world stage;

Or. fr

Amendment 7

Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas ***that sufficient*** funding is ***key to*** the EU's credibility as a ***stronger, more assertive, and more strategic actor*** on the world stage;

Amendment

B. whereas ***the judicious use of*** funding is ***essential for*** the EU's credibility, ***avoiding unnecessary budget increases while maintaining a balanced***

approach as a strategic actor on the world stage;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Nathalie Loiseau

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the EU and its Member States have contributed approximately EUR 95 billion in financial, humanitarian, refugee and military assistance to Ukraine, as of July 2024, to support it in the context of Russia's war of aggression, including approximately EUR 32 billion of military aid with a further EUR 21 billion reportedly to be allocated until 2025; whereas the EU must remain steadfast in its unwavering support and take all necessary actions, including from a budgetary standpoint, for as long as it takes to secure Ukraine's victory;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the efficiency of the EU's actions worldwide is subjected to ensuring the highest level of coordination and coherence in the EU's external action, particularly by ascertaining the HR/VP leading role as a bridge builder between the CFSP and EU external relations;

whereas coordination among the Commission and the EEAS should be strengthened, particularly due to the lack of operational budget of the EEAS, including by guaranteeing full compliance of Article 3.2 and 9 of the EEAS Decision;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) acts as the backbone of the humanitarian response in Gaza and provides stability to the region through the provision of essential services amid increasing needs;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the Member States and the Union as a whole must continue to support Ukraine both economically and militarily until Ukraine's victory in the war;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas the Union must continue to provide long-term support to Ukraine in its struggle for independence and self-defence against Russia's war of aggression and respond to other urgent global needs as they evolve;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Michael von der Schulenburg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Calls to double the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 14
Hana Jalloul Muro

Draft opinion
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Amendment

1. Calls to double the budget allocated

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to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally;

to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally; ***including humanitarian cooperation; cybersecurity; bolster cybersecurity defences to counter cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure, businesses, and governmental institutions, which is vital for safeguarding both the economy and citizen safety; crisis preparedness and response; build up rapid response capabilities for natural disasters, pandemics, or conflict situations, ensuring the EU can respond quickly and efficiently to crises;***

Or. en

Amendment 15

Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

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1. Calls to double the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally;

Amendment

1. Calls to double the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally; ***reaffirming that the national defence and the employment of national armed forces represent a pure expression of national sovereignty;***

Or. en

Amendment 16

Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls **to double** the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy **in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally**;

Amendment

1. Calls **for a thorough review of** the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy, **ensuring that any increase is justified by clear and measurable outcomes, and avoiding unnecessary financial burdens on the Union**;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Calls to double the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally;

Amendment

1. Calls **on the Member States** to double the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to **make cooperation in defence at the EU level the rule** to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Adam Bielan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls **to double the** budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy

Amendment

1. Calls **for an appropriate** budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence

in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally;

Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability both within Europe and globally;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Calls to double the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability ***both*** within Europe ***and globally***;

Amendment

1. Calls to double the budget allocated to the development of capabilities under the Common Security and Defence Policy in order to ensure the safety of its citizens, and maintain stability within Europe;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that Russia's genocidal war of aggression against Ukraine is existential in nature for both Ukraine and the European continent as a whole; calls therefore to make cuts throughout the EU budget and to rechannel the spared funds for the defence of Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Emmanouíl Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; **furthermore welcomes** the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;

Amendment

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; **notes** the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;

Or. el

Amendment 22

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
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2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two

Amendment

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; **is, however, concerned about the significant**

new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;

increase of budgetary allocations dedicated to the external dimension of migration; in this context, urges the Commission to increase transparency and ensure full human rights compliance with regards to this funding, including through the use of monitoring and application of human rights conditionality; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries; against this background, warns that the growing costs of Ukraine's sustainable reconstruction and recovery will tremendously transcend the 50 billion euros budget of the Facility, especially as Russia continues escalating its destruction of Ukraine, particularly targeting residential areas and the country's natural environment; expresses concern about the growing humanitarian needs in Ukraine over the course of 2024 and calls for sustained sufficient EU funding for both emergency and long-term humanitarian aid in Ukraine; urges Hungary to lift its blockade of the European Peace Facility funding for Ukraine, including the agreed reimbursement for Member States for military assistance already delivered;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Emmanouíl Fragkos

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matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support; *considers it, however, appropriate to exclude Albania from the Western Balkans Facility, for the following reasons: (a) its foreign policy aligns with countries that target the interests of EU Member States and international law, (b) it is a long way from showing even basic respect for the rule of law, with the executive fully controlling the courts, (c) it violently attacks the rights of minorities, such as the Greek ethnic minority of Northern Epirus, in manifold ways.*

Or. el

Amendment 24

Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Roberto Vannacci

Draft opinion

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Draft opinion

2. *Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two*

Amendment

2. *Notes that Turkey is still a candidate for accession and receives substantial EU funding under pre-accession aid; calls for a definitive end to accession negotiations with Turkey and a halt to IPA funding;*

new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Emmanouíl Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support *to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;*

Amendment

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support; ***regrets the complete failure to deal effectively with Skopjan expansionism, considering it a failure of the European policy of pre-accession assistance. Therefore calls for the exclusion of Skopje from the Facility and for EU funding for Skopje to be suspended for the current programming period.***

Or. el

Amendment 26
Matthieu Valet, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia

Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;*

Amendment

2. *Notes that Türkiye is still a candidate for EU membership and receives substantial EU funding in the form of pre-accession assistance; calls for the accession negotiations with Türkiye to be halted once and for all, and for the funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance to be cut off;*

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Michael von der Schulenburg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two*

Amendment

2. *Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by committed diplomatic efforts by the EU, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges it faces;*

new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, ***along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;***

Amendment

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, ***should be met with caution, ensuring that the EU's reaction is proportional and budgetary means are allocated efficiently without overextending financial commitments;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
Hana Jalloul Muro

Draft opinion
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challenges in the global environment, ***peace and geopolitical instability*** along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;

Or. en

Amendment 30 **Sebastian Tynkkynen**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be met by a substantial EU reaction, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical ***challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore*** welcomes the adoption of ***two new instruments, namely*** the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine ***and*** the six Western Balkans countries;

Amendment

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, ***especially with regard to Russia's war against Ukraine***, along with the threats the EU is facing ***as a result*** must be met by a substantial EU reaction; ***highlights that these threats must be*** matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the ***aforementioned*** geopolitical ***threats; warmly*** welcomes the adoption of the Ukraine Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine; ***anticipates that the additional targeted support provided by the Western Balkans Facility will bring*** the six Western Balkans countries ***closer to the EU***;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the unprecedented challenges in the global environment, along with the threats the EU is facing must be ***met by a substantial EU reaction***, matched by appropriate and sufficient budgetary means for the EU to protect itself and the citizens and live up to the geopolitical challenges; welcomes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; furthermore welcomes the adoption of two new instruments, namely the Ukraine Facility and the Western Balkans Facility, which will provide additional targeted support to Ukraine and the six Western Balkans countries;

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Michael Gahler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the decision to grant Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova candidate country status and insists on the need to deploy the necessary funds to support their accession process; stresses that the allocation for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) and pertinent budget lines under the NDICI -

Global Europe in 2025 should catalyse the cooperation with Moldova as well as with Georgia in line with the agreement on the MFF revision;

Or. en

**Amendment 33
Geadis Geadis**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that Turkey's complete break with international legitimacy and with respect for the national sovereignty of its neighbouring states and the lack of respect it shows towards the European Union by not recognising the Republic of Cyprus, which is one of the 27 Member States, calls for a proportionate European reaction. Therefore considers that European spending that benefits Turkey in any way must stop.

Or. el

**Amendment 34
Emmanouíl Fragkos**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Notes that Turkey's break with international legitimacy, with respect for the national sovereignty of its neighbouring states and with the basic European requirements in favour of the rule of law, calls for a proportionate European response. Therefore considers that European spending that benefits

Turkey in any way must be suspended.

Or. el

Amendment 35

Matthieu Valet, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Roberto Vannacci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers that in its relentless pursuit of enlargement the EU is now disregarding the stringent economic criteria, instead using enlargement as a geopolitical tool, thereby jeopardising the economic, political and social stability of its existing Member States;

Or. fr

Amendment 36

Michael Gahler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls for additional funding for Ukraine ahead of winter, especially in the area of humanitarian aid and energy security;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Michael Gahler

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls for greater support for independent media fighting Russian disinformation and propaganda, in particular media in the national languages of the Eastern Partnership countries, Russian-language media inside and outside Russia, as well as media in the Western Balkans and in the African countries where the Wagner Group is active;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Is particularly concerned about the approach taken in the MFF revision to only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading; is not convinced that these redeployments will actually materialise to that extent;

3. Notes the revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) earlier this year which led to an increase in Heading 6; is of the opinion that certain reductions are needed in Heading 6 to cut inefficient development aid from geographical areas other than the Eastern Neighbourhood;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

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highlights that sufficient funding is key to the EU's credibility as a stronger, more assertive, and more strategic actor on the world stage;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

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3. ***Is particularly concerned about*** the approach taken in the MFF revision to only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading; ***is not convinced that these redeployments will actually materialise to that extent;***

Amendment

3. ***Notes that*** the approach taken in the MFF revision to only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Michael von der Schulenburg

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3. Is particularly concerned about the approach taken in the MFF revision to ***only*** have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion ***whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through***

Amendment

3. Is particularly concerned about the approach taken in the MFF revision to have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion; is not convinced that ***this increase contributes to a peaceful and prosperous***

*redeployments within this heading; is not convinced that **these redeployments will actually materialise to that extent;***

future for the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Is particularly concerned about the approach taken in the MFF revision to **only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading; is not convinced that these redeployments will actually materialise to that extent;**

Amendment

3. Is particularly concerned about the approach taken in the MFF revision to increase Heading 6 **by EUR 3,1 billion, emphasizing the need for greater scrutiny and justification of any budget increases;**

Or. en

Amendment 43
Michael Gahler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Is particularly concerned about the approach taken in the MFF revision to only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading; is **not convinced that these redeployments will actually materialise to that extent;**

Amendment

3. Is particularly concerned about the approach taken in the MFF revision to only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading; is **concerned if there will be sufficient amount of decommitments for the latter to actually materialise;**

Or. en

Amendment 44
Adam Bielan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Is particularly concerned about*** the approach taken in the MFF revision to only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading; is not convinced that these redeployments will actually materialise to that extent;

Amendment

3. ***Takes note of*** the approach taken in the MFF revision to only have a net increase of Heading 6 of EUR 3,1 billion whereas the other EUR 4,5 billion shall be covered through redeployments within this heading; is not convinced that these redeployments will actually materialise to that extent;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises;

Amendment

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises; ***recalls that the Parliament from the outset considered the MFF ceiling in Heading 6 as insufficient given the geopolitical necessities;***

Or. en

Amendment 46

Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises;

Amendment

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises; ***highlights that substantial budget resources should be focused on enhancing the security of the EU's external border;***

Or. en

Amendment 47

Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, ***believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises;***

Amendment

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, ***believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises;***

Amendment

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, ***close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises;***

Amendment

4. Notes ***with concern*** that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, ***approaching the MFF ceiling in Heading 6, and stresses the importance of maintaining a more substantial margin to ensure financial flexibility and avoid unnecessary strain on the Union's budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 50

Nathalie Loiseau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to emerging crises;

Amendment

4. Notes that the Commission presented a budget proposal of EUR 16 258 million, close to MFF ceiling in Heading 6 with a remaining available margin of EUR 44,8 million; notes furthermore that Council increased the budget for humanitarian aid by EUR 30 million, believes however that this amount will not be sufficient to be able to respond to **both** emerging **and lasting** crises;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Michael von der Schulenburg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes with concern the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 52
Emmanouíl Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes *with concern* the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Amendment

5. Notes the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Or. el

Amendment 53

Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Notes with concern the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Amendment

5. Notes with concern the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million; ***emphasizes that additional support related to emerging threats should not come at the expense of ongoing and long-term geopolitical challenges worldwide, particularly in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean; highlights that a well-funded Global Europe Instrument is essential for the EU to be seen as a trustworthy partner and counteract the influence of other global powers;***

Or. en

Amendment 54

Nacho Sánchez Amor

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Notes with concern the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Amendment

5. Notes with concern the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million; ***reminds that against a backdrop of increasing violations of human rights and democratic values across the world, as well as the weakening of protection of democratic institutions and the shrinking space for civil societies, the EU needs to count with a strong budget for the NDICI;***

Or. en

Amendment 55

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes with concern the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Amendment

5. ***Regrets that, with the exception of the Southern Neighbourhood, the Commission and the Council foresee reductions in the commitments for all geographic programmes under NDICI; in this context,*** notes with concern the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Notes ***with concern*** the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; ***considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;***

Amendment

5. Notes the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF;

Or. en

**Amendment 57
Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Notes ***with concern*** the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI ***which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;***

Amendment

5. Notes the reductions for the Neighbourhood East in NDICI; ***emphasizes the need to carefully assess and justify any increases to the 2025 Union budget, ensuring that resources are allocated based on clear priorities and not solely to address underfunding;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58
Michael Gahler**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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for the Neighbourhood East *in NDICI* which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

in geographic envelopes in NDICI, in particular for the Neighbourhood East, which is underfunded by EUR 150 million for the remainder of this MFF; considers it therefore necessary for the 2025 Union budget to increase this budget line by EUR 50 million;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Michael Gahler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to improve the consistency, efficiency and transparency of pre-accession assistance, clearly reflecting the priorities in the fundamental areas in the allocation of IPA III funding; calls, in particular, for the introduction of stricter and more enforceable accountability with regard to spending and for improvement of the overall cycle of disbursement, implementation and scrutiny of pre-accession funding, applying strict conditionality, including in the implementation of the Economic and Investment Plan and the new Growth Plan for the Western Balkans;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Davor Ivo Stier, Michael Gahler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Underlines that in the context of the current dynamic geopolitical circumstances, and growing global instability, one of the European priorities is safeguarding the EU external borders; therefore, a consistent and reliable budget of Frontex is of utmost importance to adequately address the need for a comprehensive management of the EU borders;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, ***even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;***

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety ***and*** support for civil society organisations; ***furthermore believes the need to also propose reductions across all budget lines; highlights in this context the need to prioritise strengthening the Union's support to Ukraine;***

Or. en

Amendment 62
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as

the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, ***even if this will require*** the use of flexibility instruments;

digital diplomacy and cybersecurity, the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations ***and human rights defenders; calls, in this regard, for*** the use of flexibility instruments, ***such as the Single Margin Instrument***;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Matthieu Valet, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against ***disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety***, support for ***civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments***;

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against ***foreign interference***, support for ***the development and strengthening of key military capabilities, and nuclear safety***;

Or. fr

Amendment 64

Michael Gahler

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, ***tackling root causes for migration and encourage***

private sector investments, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Hana Jalloul Muro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, ***digital transformation, environmental challenges and social development*** even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against ***disinformation, which must not turn into censorship or further*** disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements *are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;*

Amendment

6. Believes that *any* further targeted reinforcements *should be carefully evaluated, ensuring that funds are used efficiently and effectively;*

Or. en

Amendment 68
Michael von der Schulenburg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as *the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement,* election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Emmanouíl Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed ***in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;***

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed ***in the area of Member States' defence capacity building for the protection of their borders, national sovereignty and sovereign rights, as determined by international law;***

Or. el

Amendment 70
Nathalie Loiseau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against ***foreign interference and*** disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require the use of flexibility instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Roberto Vannacci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. ***Believes*** that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, ***capacity development, enlargement, election observation,*** nuclear safety, ***support for civil society organisations, even if this will***

Amendment

6. ***Considers*** that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against ***foreign interference and*** disinformation, ***which must not turn into censorship or further disinformation,*** ***support for the development and***

require the use of flexibility instruments;

*strengthening of key military capabilities,
and nuclear safety;*

Or. en

Amendment 72

Adam Bielan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require *the* use of flexibility instruments;

Amendment

6. Believes that further targeted reinforcements are needed in areas such as the fight against disinformation, capacity development, enlargement, election observation, nuclear safety, support for civil society organisations, even if this will require *a limited* use of flexibility instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 73

Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Considers that resources and tools for digital diplomacy and the use of Artificial Intelligence in the EU's External Action and security and defence should be further strengthened; stresses that in a moment of rapid technological advancements and geopolitical competition, the EU's leadership in these areas is crucial for its relevance and resilience; highlights that it is crucial to explore new ways on how to collaborate with third countries in this regard and create platforms for the transfer of*

knowledge and for co-creation;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Ioan-Rareş Bogdan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that, against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine, Russia is conducting sophisticated fake news campaigns in vulnerable countries, including some that are in the throes of elections, and exploiting digital platforms to foment hatred of the EU; points to the Republic of Moldova, which is a key country for Europe's security, as being a pertinent example of this; considers that the margin left available of EUR 44.8 million could serve to address the need to combat disinformation campaigns in the Eastern Neighbourhood.

Or. ro

Amendment 75
Petras Auštrevičius, Lucia Yar, Urmas Paet, Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Urges a review of EU financial assistance to countries which support and do not condemn Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which do not respect their international obligations, including obligations to the International Criminal Court, and which help Russia to

evade EU sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Urges the HR/VP and the Commission to team up in order to double the funding for peacebuilding, conflict prevention, mediation and reconciliation;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the need to increase allocations for military mobility in 2025 budget;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Highlights the importance of an

increase in funding for additional permanent staff for including and streamlining the fight against malicious interference and disinformation and an effective institutional set-up within the EU such as for the implementation of those structures identified in the recently adopted INGE report, including a dedicated EEAS Strat Com Far East team, a Commission taskforce and a European Centre for Interference Threats and Information Integrity;

Or. en

Amendment 79
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Insists that “green diplomacy” and the green transition, as one of the EU's priorities, should be enhanced towards third countries through the EU's External Action; stresses the need to explore new ways and resources on how to collaborate with third countries in this regard; highlights its crucial role in the respect for international obligations and multilateralism;

Or. en

Amendment 80
Emmanouíl Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Recognises that is still necessary to **deleted**

increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;

Or. el

Amendment 81

Adam Bielan, Rihards Kols, Cristian Terheş, Sebastian Tynkkynen, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Assita Kanko

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. *Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 82

Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 7**

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. *Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;* **deleted**

Or. en

Amendment 83
Nathalie Loiseau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;

Amendment

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively; **welcomes the new commitments made by UNRWA to the European Commission in March 2024 to strengthen neutrality and oversight in light of the extremely serious allegations that employees might have participated in the October 2023 terrorist attacks in Israel; stresses that additional measures may be needed in the future to strive for ever greater transparency and neutrality monitoring; warns of the disastrous consequences that any attempt to side-line UNRWA as an essential partner or to cut its resources would entail for the entire region;**

Or. en

Amendment 84
Tineke Strik
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;

Amendment

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively, **namely its crucial and irreplaceable role in alleviating human**

suffering in Gaza, providing vital services to millions of Palestinian refugees and contributing to regional stability; in this regard and in view of the unprecedented and extremely dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the ongoing instability in the Middle East, urges the Commission to substantially increase the funding by EUR 60 million to the UNRWA's Programme Budget in 2025;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;

Amendment

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively; *reiterates the importance of providing assistance to UNRWA as a central component of the EU's strategy to promote security, stability, and development in the Middle East; calls therefore for an increase of EUR 60 million in the EU's financial support to UNRWA in 2025 to ensure the continuation of vital services provided to millions of Palestinian refugees;*

Or. en

Amendment 86
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;

Amendment

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively; ***reminds that UNRWA is the principal humanitarian assistance structure in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as an essential service provider in the region; stresses that the UN-commissioned "Colonna Report" highlights that UNRWA has established numerous mechanisms and procedures to ensure neutrality, which has in some cases a more developed than other similar UN or NGO entities;***

Or. en

Amendment 87
Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. ***Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;***

Amendment

7. ***Considers that the disbursement of EU financial support to UNRWA for 2025 should be made contingent upon the adoption and implementation of effective measures to ensure transparency and traceability in the use of public funds, including regular financial reporting, independent audits and greater access to information for the relevant institutions; stresses that such measures must seek to prevent contributions from ending up in the hands of international terrorist organisations or being used for activities liable to undermine security and stability in the region.***

Or. it

Amendment 88

Alice Teodorescu Măwe, Niclas Herbst, Lukas Mandl, Antonio López-Istúriz White, Andrey Kovatchev

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to *UNRWA* in 2025, due to the *agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively*;

Amendment

7. Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to *the Southern neighbourhood* in 2025; *stresses that no EU funds shall, directly or indirectly, be used to fund terrorism or incitement to violence and martyrdom; highlights that aid to organisations that are operating in or close to areas affected by the Israel-Hamas war must be further scrutinised*, due to the *urgent humanitarian situation, and the very serious allegations about misused EU funds*;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. *Recognises that is still* necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, *due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively*;

Amendment

7. *Considers not* necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, *in light of the alarming reports indicating the involvement of individuals associated with UNRWA in the 7 October attacks in Israel, which prompted the European Commission to suspend funding; recalls that there is no need to maintain a specific organization for Palestinian refugees distinct from the already existing UNHCR; calls for the*

much suspected UNRWA to be entirely defunded;

Or. en

Amendment 90

Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. *Recognises that is still necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, due to the agency's critical financial situation that jeopardizes its ability to fulfil its important role effectively;*

Amendment

7. *Considers not necessary to increase the financial support of the EU to UNRWA in 2025, in light of the alarming reports indicating the involvement of individuals associated with UNRWA in the 7 October attacks in Israel, which prompted the European Commission to suspend funding;*

Or. en

Amendment 91

Adam Bielan, Alberico Gambino, Rihards Kols, Cristian Terheş, Sebastian Tynkkynen, Carlo Fidanza, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Assita Kanko

Draft opinion Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. *Insists that the Commission must guarantee that EU funds are not allocated or linked to any form of terrorism and/or religious and political radicalisation; reiterates its position that all schoolbooks and school materials supported by Union funds must be in line with UNESCO standards of peace, tolerance, coexistence, and non-violence; is concerned about the antisemitism, hate speech and incitement to jihad and violence taught in*

Palestinian school textbooks, indirectly funded by the EU; underlines the importance of EU funds to be directed towards the proper training of Palestinian teachers in line with UNESCO education standards; stresses that conditionality of EU financial assistance in the educational sector needs to be duly considered;

Or. en

Amendment 92

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Reminds that the EU's support and assistance to the enlargement countries foresees a strong conditionality element and funding must be modulated or even suspended in the case of significant regression or persistent lack of progress in the area of the "fundamentals", notably in the fields of the rule of law and fundamental rights; stresses the need to prioritise the alignment of accession countries with the EU's common foreign and security policy and consider any funding in this light in order to ensure that this funding is fully in line with the EU's strategic goals and interests;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Roberto Vannacci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Highlights its support, including appropriate financial backing, to the EU Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU; advises a reinforcement of programmes against antisemitism and any other type of discrimination because of religion or belief; demands, in particular, that the Thematic Programme on Human Rights and Democracy allocates a specific and ambitious budget line to tackle rising threats to freedom of religion and belief in the world, especially against Christians, who make up the most persecuted religion in the world;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Stresses the need to sufficiently and consistently fund the implementation of the principles of the EU's Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, including promoting women's empowerment and gender equality in international partnerships, in dialogues with third countries and in the EU's trade policy;

Or. en

Amendment 95

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Emphasises that the protection and promotion of human rights globally is at the core of the EU's external action; in this context, reiterates the need for increased funding dedicated to supporting human rights worldwide, especially where there is a closure of civic spaces and with a particular focus on the protection of human rights defenders and journalists at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 96

Tineke Strik

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7d. Believes that the support of third countries in the fight against climate change needs to be substantially increased as a matter of urgency; stresses that the 2025 Union budget should be aligned with the Union's ambitions of making the Union climate neutral by 2050 at the latest, as well as with the Union's international commitments, and should significantly contribute to the implementation of the European Green Deal; stresses the need to ensure consistency between climate and biodiversity funding and calls on the Commission to publish the amounts and shares of expenditure that will contribute to both targets per programme when presenting the draft budget; highlights the urgent need to ensure the respect of the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle through the entire budget and to take

necessary corrective measures if and when needed without undue delay;

Or. en

Amendment 97
Michael von der Schulenburg

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. *Believes that the European External Action Service is structurally underfunded and should not be treated like the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget; notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;*

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 98
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. *Believes* that the European External Action Service is structurally underfunded and should not be *treated like* the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget; notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;

Amendment

8. *Stresses* that the European External Action Service is structurally underfunded and should not be *subjected to the same constraints as* the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget; *is deeply concerned by the serious and far-reaching negative consequences for the EU's External Action, and the performance of the EU institutions in this area, of these abovementioned budgetary issues;*

highlights the increasing responsibilities tasked to the EEAS by EU institutions, including the Council and the Parliament; notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location; acknowledges that the lack of action to rectify the current budgetary situation of the EEAS can severely impact in the EU's relations with third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Michael Gahler

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Believes that the European External Action Service is structurally underfunded and should not be treated like the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget; notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;

Amendment

8. Believes that the European External Action Service is structurally underfunded and should not be treated like the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget; notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location; ***underlines the EEAS shall develop and implement targeted recruitment procedures, in particular taking into account currently underrepresented groups in terms of geographical balance, gender and minorities; underlines that the additional funding should be coupled with increased information sharing between the EEAS and EP, including during NDICI-Global Europe High Level Geopolitical Dialogue and in-camera meetings in the Committee on Foreign Affairs;***

Or. en

Amendment 100
Sebastian Tynkkynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Believes that the European External Action Service ***is structurally underfunded and should not be treated like the other institutions regarding the approach to the*** administrative budget; ***notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;***

Amendment

8. Believes that the European External Action Service should ***be able to conduct its operations with the current*** administrative budget;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Believes that the European External Action Service is ***structurally underfunded and should not be treated like the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget;*** notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;

Amendment

8. Believes that the European External Action Service is ***sufficiently funded;*** notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Believes that the European External Action Service *is structurally underfunded and should not be treated like the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget; notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;*

Amendment

8. Believes that the European External Action Service should *operate within its current budgetary constraints, emphasizing the need for efficient use of resources rather than increasing its budget unnecessarily;*

Or. en

Amendment 103
Matthieu Valet, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. *Believes* that the European External Action Service *is structurally underfunded and should not be treated like the other institutions regarding the approach to the administrative budget; notes that the requirements for an institution with 145 diplomatic missions and offices around the world is fundamentally different to institutions operating at a single location;*

Amendment

8. *Recalls that foreign policy is the prerogative of the Member States, and believes* that the European External Action Service *and its delegations duplicate and take the place of the diplomatic efforts of the Member States, thereby undermining their sovereignty;*

Or. fr

Amendment 104
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Stresses that, ahead of increasing geopolitical challenges and crisis worldwide, the EU needs to count with the necessary first-hand information on global issues occurring outside its borders; calls, in this regard, for strengthening the EU INTCEN, the EEAS Crisis Response Center and the SatCen by enhancing its staff and financial resources, as well as capabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Notes that increases in external action spending need to be accompanied by a strengthened monitoring and anti-corruption framework; calls on the Commission, following recommendations from the European Court of Auditors, to make external action spending more standardised and transparent;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Emphasises the need for coherence, accountability and efficiency of financing the EU external action; calls for increased transparency and democratic scrutiny of EFIs' funding through strategic steering by the Parliament and an enhanced geopolitical dialogue between the Parliament and the Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Insists on the budgetary increase for CFSP actions and other appropriate conflict and crisis response instruments in order to fully match EU's activities and capabilities with current challenges and conflicts worldwide;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Reminds that the EU's Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) foresees a strong conditionality and funding must be modulated or even suspended in the case of significant regression or persistent lack of progress

*regarding the rule of law and
fundamental rights;*

Or. en

Amendment 109
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Highlights that given the increasing cyber threats/attacks from third countries and proxies, the EEAS needs to count with strong IT systems and security protocols that ensure a robust protection of the information and "intelligence" that EU Delegations and HQ deal with;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8d. Calls to guarantee that EU Delegations count with a focal point on conflict prevention and resolution, as well as peace building; ensure that EU Delegations, and particularly the abovementioned focal points, provide constant ground information to the EU conflict Early Warning System, the EU INTCEN and the EEAS Crisis Response Center;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Nacho Sánchez Amor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8e. *Stresses the need to allocate the necessary resources to the Strategic Communication and Foresight division of the EEAS given the necessity for the EU to increase its investment in public and cultural diplomacy and communication efforts;*

Or. en

Amendment 112
Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Strongly believes that a **considerable** reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to emerging crises.

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people they oppress; demands that suspected human rights violations by a recipient country be met with the immediate termination of all financial support;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi, António Tânger Corrêa, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hermann Tertsch, Nikola Bartůšek

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Strongly believes that a **considerable** reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to emerging crises.

Amendment

9. Strongly believes that a reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, **and measures to discourage and limit illegal migration**, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to emerging crises; **calls that the recipients and use of such aids have to be carefully monitored and that the European Parliament have to be constantly informed about their use;**

Or. en

Amendment 114

Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Strongly believes that a considerable reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to emerging crises.

Amendment

9. Strongly believes that a considerable reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to emerging crises **and to**

meet the unprecedented global humanitarian needs, exacerbated by the war in Ukraine and its global economic repercussions, particularly in terms of food insecurity;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Alexander Sell, Hans Neuhoff

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Strongly believes that *a considerable reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond* to emerging crises.

Amendment

9. Strongly believes that *while humanitarian aid is essential, any reinforcement should be carefully calibrated, ensuring that the Union's response to emerging crises is financially sustainable and aligned with long-term strategic goals, rather than driven by immediate budgetary increases.*

Or. en

Amendment 116
Matthieu Valet, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Roberto Vannacci, Silvia Sardone, Susanna Ceccardi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Strongly believes that *a considerable reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to emerging crises.*

Amendment

9. Strongly believes that *the Union's development aid for third countries must be accompanied by clear objectives in terms of management of their migration flows to Europe.*

Or. fr

Amendment 117
Nathalie Loiseau

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Strongly believes that a considerable reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to emerging crises.

Amendment

9. Strongly believes that a considerable reinforcement of humanitarian aid, accompanied by clear objectives in terms of the rule of law and governance, is needed for the Union to be able to respond to ***both*** emerging ***and lasting*** crises.

Or. en

Amendment 118
Emmanouíl Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Notes the primary importance of bolstering the defence capabilities of European states and supporting them in exercising their sovereignty and their sovereign rights.

Or. el

Amendment 119
Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Roberto Vannacci

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Expresses its concern with the worldwide wave of attacks against

freedom of speech, especially when they exploit the fight against disinformation as a façade to conceal their true nature; deplores that, under such a façade, former liberal democracies have started to implement nationwide censorship in order to silence internal opposition; believes that such attacks should have financial consequences reflected in the EU budget; highlights the alarming case of Brazil and the unjustified shut down of the social network X, formerly known as Twitter; condemns any attempt by the Brazilian State to impair the right of the Brazilian people to voice its dissent;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Loucas Furlas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Considers that there should be sufficient appropriations for the Turkish Cypriot Community budget line for the purpose of contributing decisively to the continuation and intensification of the mission of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus, and of supporting the bicomunal Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage;*

Or. en

Amendment 121
Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. *Underlines the need for specific*

child trackers in relation to the EU Budget and expenditures, as to capture the extent to which the upcoming budget, as well as future ones, concretely work for current and future generations of children;

Or. en

Amendment 122

Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Roberto Vannacci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. Firmly believes that at a time when liberal democracies are increasingly threatened around the world, reiterates its support to funding election observation missions, including local observers, as they play a key deterrent role against electoral fraud and violence; calls for serious measures to be taken against those countries that hinder and/or prevent observers from doing their job, and which, in the aftermath of manifestly fraudulent electoral processes, engage in violent actions aimed against the civilian population demanding transparency, peace and democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 123

Hilde Vautmans, Lucia Yar, Petras Auštrevičius, Urmas Paet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. Stresses that the EU should prioritise investment in training border

officials and police on child rights-based procedures and should support child-sensitive critical services such as protection, education, and health;

Or. en

Amendment 124

Hermann Tertsch, Jorge Martín Frías, Roberto Vannacci

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9c. Strongly condemns the electoral fraud perpetrated by Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela; calls on all Member States, the President of the European Commission and the High Representative to expressly condemn the fraud and bow to work in support of a peaceful transition of power in accordance with the will of the Venezuelan people; stresses the strong need for increased financial support to Venezuelan civil society, opponents of the regimen, human rights defenders, independent media and other civil organisations in Venezuela, while freezing all EU financial transfers to the illegitimate Maduro regime;

Or. en