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Amendment 1
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Citation 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the joint Declaration signed by the Presidents of Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Russian Federation on 23 January 2012 in Sochi,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Traian Ungureanu, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Constituent Act of the EU-Neighbourhood East Parliamentary Assembly (EURONEST) of 3 May 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the statements by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the human rights situation in Azerbaijan of 20 May, 27 May and 12 October 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 4
Marietta Giannakou

Motion for a resolution
Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the statements by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the situation of human rights in Azerbaijan of 20 May, 27 May and 12 October 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 5
Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion on the compatibility with human right standards of the legislation on non-governmental organisations of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe on 14-15 October 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 6
Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Citation 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the opinion on the draft law on amendments to the law on political parties of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe on 16-17 December 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 7

Traian Ungureanu, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to its resolutions of 20 January 2011 on a EU Strategy for the Black Sea, and of 17 January 2008 on a Black Sea Regional Policy Approach,

Or. en

Amendment 8

Traian Ungureanu, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to Council Decision 201/518/CFSP of 25 August 2011 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia,

Or. en

Amendment 9
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Citation 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to a new National Action Program on increasing the effectiveness of the protection of the human rights and freedoms in the Republic of Azerbaijan approved by the President of the country on 27 December 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Citation 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Pardon Decree signed by the President of Azerbaijan on 26 December 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 11
Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A. whereas Azerbaijan ***plays an important*** role in the context of European Union's Eastern Partnership, ***and whereas the level of economic growth which Azerbaijan has experienced in the last few years has been***

A. whereas Azerbaijan ***has a*** role in the context of European Union's Eastern Partnership;

noteworthy;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Azerbaijan *plays an important role in the context of* European Union's Eastern Partnership, and whereas the level of economic growth which Azerbaijan has experienced in the last few years has been noteworthy;

Amendment

A. whereas Azerbaijan *together with* European Union *is a founding member of the* Eastern Partnership, and whereas the level of economic growth which Azerbaijan has experienced in the last few years has been noteworthy *although mainly due to oil and gas revenues;*

Or. en

Amendment 13

Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas Azerbaijan plays an important role in the context of European Union's Eastern Partnership, and whereas the level of economic growth which Azerbaijan has experienced in the last few years has been noteworthy;

Amendment

A. whereas Azerbaijan plays an important role in the context of European Union's Eastern Partnership *and is an important regional player in the South Caucasus*, and whereas the level of economic growth which Azerbaijan has experienced in the last few years has been noteworthy;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Traian Ungureanu, Inese Vaidere, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

A a. whereas the Eastern Partnership strengthens the multilateral relations between the countries involved, contributes to the exchange of information and experience on the issues of transformation, reform and modernisation, and provides the European Union with additional instruments to support these processes;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas Azerbaijan has become an important energy supplier for the EU and the EU is a major energy market for Azerbaijan;

B. whereas Azerbaijan has become an important energy supplier for the EU *as well as an important transit country for energy resources coming in particular from Central Asia* and the EU is a major energy market for Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Azerbaijan has become an important energy supplier for the EU and the EU is a major energy market for Azerbaijan;

Amendment

B. whereas Azerbaijan has become an important energy supplier ***as well as a transit country*** for the EU and the EU is a major energy market for Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas Azerbaijan has become an important energy supplier for the EU and the EU is a major energy market for Azerbaijan;

Amendment

B. whereas Azerbaijan has become an important energy supplier for the EU and the EU is a major energy market for Azerbaijan; ***whereas there has been good progress in the field of energy cooperation, which includes Azerbaijan's support to the Southern Gas Corridor;***

Or. en

Amendment 18

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the Eastern Partnership provides the political framework for strengthening bilateral relations by means of new Association Agreements, taking into account the specific situation, mutual benefits and the ambitions of the EU and partner country;

Amendment

C. whereas the Eastern Partnership provides the political framework for strengthening bilateral relations by means of new Association Agreements, taking into account the specific situation, mutual benefits and the ambitions of the EU and partner country ***and the EU strategic interest in the stability and democratic***

development of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas Azerbaijan plays a positive role in the framework of the ENP and contributes to the solution of the EU's energy security problems;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. whereas parliamentary cooperation, within the framework of the European Eastern Partnership and bilaterally, is a key element in order to develop an advanced political cooperation between the EU and Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the Association Agreements constitute the appropriate framework to deepen relations, by enhancing political association, economic integration and legal approximation with the EU and developing cultural relations;

Amendment

D. whereas the Association Agreements constitute the appropriate framework to deepen relations, by enhancing political association, economic integration and legal approximation with the EU and developing cultural relations; ***thus having an important impact on the democratisation process;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas, in this respect, the multilateral dimension of the Eastern Partnership is complementary and inseparable from the bilateral one and should develop simultaneously with the ongoing negotiations of association agreements in order to pave the way for their full implementation and lay down the basis for a genuine regional cooperation as provided for by the principles underlying the European Neighbourhood Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the European Union has made human rights and **democracy** a central aspect of the ENP;

Amendment

E. whereas the European Union has made human rights, **democracy** and **rule of law** a central aspect of the ENP;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Graham Watson

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas Azerbaijan's active commitment to shared values and principles, including democracy, the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights, is essential to take the process forward and to make the negotiation and subsequent implementation of Association Agreement meaningful;

Amendment

F. whereas Azerbaijan's active commitment to shared values and principles, including democracy, the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights, is essential to take the process forward and to make the negotiation and subsequent implementation of Association Agreement meaningful ***but currently, there are concerns about respect for the rule of law and freedom of expression for political opponents of the current administration;***

Or. en

Amendment 25
Kristiina Ojuland

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

F a. whereas Azerbaijan has progressed rapidly in the field of ICT, in particular with regard to e-governance, which increases the transparency of public administration and helps to combat

Amendment

corruption and increased ease of access to public services and information provides an additional impetus to the democratisation of Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the Association Agreement *should* bring tangible benefits and opportunities to the people of Azerbaijan and the European Union;

Amendment

G. whereas the Association Agreement *will* bring tangible benefits and opportunities to the people of Azerbaijan and the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Traian Ungureanu, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly will hold its second Plenary Session in Baku in April 2012, providing a meaningful forum for discussing questions of democracy, politics, energy, security and social affairs;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas unresolved **conflicts are** undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on ‘A new response to a changing neighbourhood’ the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

H. whereas **the** unresolved **conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh is** undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on ‘A new response to a changing neighbourhood’ the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus **and to step up its involvement in formats where it is not yet represented, e.g. the OSCE Minsk Group;**

Or. en

Amendment 29

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas unresolved conflicts are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on ‘A new response to a changing neighbourhood’ the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

H. whereas unresolved conflicts **and problems with still occupied territories** are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on ‘A new response to a changing neighbourhood’ the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas unresolved conflicts are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on 'A new response to a changing neighbourhood' the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

H. whereas unresolved conflicts are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region ***and hampering the full development of the European Neighbourhood Policy***; whereas in its Joint Communication on 'A new response to a changing neighbourhood' the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Traian Ungureanu, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas unresolved conflicts are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on 'A new response to a changing neighbourhood' the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

H. whereas unresolved conflicts are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on 'A new response to a changing neighbourhood' the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus; ***whereas the EUSR for the South Caucasus has an important role in contributing to peaceful conflict settlement in the region;***

Or. en

Amendment 32
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas unresolved conflicts are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on ‘A new response to a changing neighbourhood’ the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

H. whereas unresolved conflicts are undermining the stability and development of Azerbaijan and the South Caucasus region; whereas in its Joint Communication on ‘A new response to a changing neighbourhood’ the EU stated its ambition to engage more pro-actively in conflict resolution in the South Caucasus ***both supporting of the existing negotiation formats and proposing new initiatives;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Vytautas Landsbergis, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas the EU in its relations with Armenia and Azerbaijan respects the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and in its approach to resolving regional conflicts supports the basic principles of the Helsinki Final Act, i.e. Non-Use of Force, Territorial Integrity, and the Equal Rights and Self-Determination of Peoples;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas in deepening its relations with Azerbaijan, the EU should promote stability and confidence-building, including by contributing proactively to finding a timely, viable solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, which is a source of regional instability;

Or. en

**Amendment 35
Kristian Vigenin**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas Azerbaijan shows strong commitment to the multilateral parliamentary cooperation within the Euronest PA and is the first Eastern Partnership country to host its plenary session in Baku on 2-4 April 2012;

Or. en

**Amendment 36
Andreas Mölzer**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital I**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas the election of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Security Council for the period 2012-2013 offers a good opportunity for further consultation and alignment of the country's policies with the EU's Common Foreign Security

deleted

Policy (CFSP) declarations;

Or. de

Amendment 37

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the election of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Security Council for the period 2012-2013 offers a good opportunity for further consultation and alignment of the country's policies with the EU's Common Foreign Security Policy (CFSP) declarations;

Amendment

I. whereas the election of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Security Council for the period 2012-2013 offers a good opportunity for further consultation and alignment of the country's policies with the EU's Common Foreign Security Policy (CFSP) declarations ***to the end of fostering further international peace and stability;***

Or. en

Amendment 38

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) ensure that the Association Agreement is a comprehensive and forward-looking framework for the future development of relations with Azerbaijan, one which enhances political convergence and reflects the relationship that both the European Union and Azerbaijan have decided to develop;

Amendment

(a) ensure that the Association Agreement is a comprehensive and forward-looking framework for the future development of relations with Azerbaijan, one which enhances political ***association, economic*** convergence and ***legal approximation and*** reflects the relationship that both the European Union and Azerbaijan have decided to develop;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) ensure that the Association Agreement is a comprehensive and forward-looking framework for the future development of relations with Azerbaijan, one which enhances political **convergence** and reflects the relationship that both the European Union and Azerbaijan have decided to develop;

Amendment

(a) ensure that the Association Agreement is a comprehensive and forward-looking framework for the future development of relations with Azerbaijan, one which enhances political **cooperation** and reflects the relationship that both the European Union and Azerbaijan have decided to develop ***including in the framework of the Eastern Partnership***;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Elisabeth Jeggle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) ensure that the Association Agreement is a comprehensive and forward-looking framework for the future development of relations with Azerbaijan, one which enhances political convergence and reflects the relationship that both the European Union and Azerbaijan have decided to develop;

Amendment

(a) ensure that the Association Agreement is a comprehensive and forward-looking framework for the future development of relations with Azerbaijan, one which enhances political **and economic** convergence and reflects the relationship that both the European Union and Azerbaijan have decided to develop;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Vytautas Landsbergis, Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(a a) ensure that the conclusion of the EU-Azerbaijan Association Agreement, in line with the demands made in the Parliament's Report on the need for an EU strategy for the South Caucasus of 23 April 2010 and with OSCE Minsk Group Basic Principles, is linked to a substantial progress towards the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, including confidence-building measures and active incident-prevention on the line of contact, the right of all internally displaced persons and refugees to return to their home places and properties and international security guarantees that would include a genuine multinational peacekeeping operation;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Pino Arlacchi, Ivo Vajgl, Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(a a) ensure that the conclusion of the EU-Azerbaijan Association Agreement, in line with the demands made in the Parliament's Report on the need for an EU strategy for the South Caucasus of 23 April 2010 and with OSCE Minsk Group Basic Principles, is linked to a substantial progress towards the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, including confidence-building measures and active incident-prevention on the line of contact; the right of all internally displaced persons and refugees to return to their

home places and properties and international security guarantees that would include a genuine multinational peacekeeping operation;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(a a) ensure that the conclusion of the EU-Azerbaijan Association Agreement, in line with the demands made in the Parliament's Report on the need for an EU strategy for the South Caucasus of 23 April 2010 and with OSCE Minsk Group Basic Principles, is linked to a substantial progress towards the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, including confidence-building measures, such as the demilitarisation and active incident-prevention on the line of contact and the full and timely investigation of all incidents taking place on and around this line, the right of all internally displaced persons and refugees to return to their home places and international security guarantees that would include a peacekeeping operation;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Amendment

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons, ***and that in fact Azerbaijan does not carry responsibilities about human rights on its territories that were forcibly occupied by neighbouring state***;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Amendment

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights, ***especially in regard to freedom of the media, the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of assembly***, which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks ***to which Azerbaijan has committed itself; call on the government of Azerbaijan to implement these commitments, inter alia, immediately allowing the Council of***

Europe special rapporteur on political prisoners to visit Azerbaijan and releasing those imprisoned for political reasons;

ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Amendment

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights ***especially in regard to freedom of the media, the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of assembly***, which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Kristian Vigenin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Amendment

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights, which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, ***especially with regard to freedom of the media, the rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of assembly***, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Amendment

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks ***and insisting particularly on the rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and their right to return in safety and dignity to their home lands***; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Amendment 49
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons;

Amendment

(b) incorporate in the Association Agreement clauses and benchmarks on the protection and promotion of human rights which reflect the principles and rights enshrined in the Constitution of Azerbaijan and the highest international and European standards, drawing to the fullest possible extent on Council of Europe and OSCE frameworks; ensure that the negotiations take full account of the need to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of internally displaced persons *and refugees*;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(b a) call on the Azerbaijani authorities to fully address all the problems and shortcomings observed and identified in its final recommendation by the OSCE concerning the 2010 parliamentary elections;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(b a) notes that a genuinely international peacekeeping mission should monitor the safe return of the displaced people to their home in the Nagorno-Karabakh region and the complete withdrawal of Armenian troops of the occupied territories;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(b b) believes that the presence of the EU in the OSCE Minsk group should be considered to increase the EU's involvement in the resolution of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing

citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary;

citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, ***including the right of assembly and association, the*** development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Justas Vincas Paleckis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary;

Amendment

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, ***including private property rights,*** the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary;

Amendment

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary, ***with except of***

territories over mentioned;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

c) *emphasise* in the Association Agreement ***the importance of guaranteeing*** citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary;

Amendment

c) ***urgently promote*** in the Association Agreement citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism and the independence of the media and the judiciary;

Or. de

Amendment 57
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism ***and*** the independence of the media and the judiciary;

Amendment

(c) emphasise in the Association Agreement the importance of guaranteeing citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms, the development of civil society, the rule of law, the continued fight against corruption, political pluralism, the independence of the media and the judiciary ***and the end of all forms of torture and ill-treatment by law-enforcement officials; increase support to independent media and genuinely independent civil society organisations;***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c a) underline in the Association Agreement the importance that the Republic of Azerbaijan fully complies with judgements of the European Court of Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Kristian Vigenin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c a) underline in the Association Agreement the importance for Azerbaijan to fully comply with judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Graham Watson

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c a) emphasise in the Association Agreement the crucial importance of freedom of expression for political

opponents and to stress that deeper relations with the EU are predicated on the Azerbaijani authorities adhering to the rule of law, ensuring fair trials for all prisoners and the unconditional release of all those imprisoned on politically motivated charges;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Andrey Kovatchev, Ioannis Kasoulides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c a) assist both technically and financially Azerbaijan's parliament to fully develop its constitutional functions, bodies and services including an enhanced interaction with civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c a) support development aid programs aimed improving the living conditions of refugees and displaced persons in Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c a) incorporate in the agreement clauses on the protection of human rights defenders, in line with the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c b) demand the immediate and unconditional release of those currently imprisoned on politically motivated charges and the cessation of arrests of persons for politically motivated reasons; to grant a visa to the PACE Special Rapporteur on Political Prisoners in order to allow him to undertake a visit to the country for his mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c c) express concern about the increasing number of arrests of human rights and youth activists, the difficulties encountered with regard to the registration of NGOs and political parties as well as intimidation and restrictions of the freedom of expression, of assembly and in internet; set benchmarks in this areas including the suspension of the agreement if these benchmarks are not met;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c d) express concern about restrictions to freedom of assembly which is currently limited in Baku to the outskirts of the city and about the ongoing demolition of houses and neighbourhoods in Baku, taking place without transparent legal procedures, supposedly linked to the upcoming Eurovision Song Contest and the increasing government criticism of human rights activists who are using this opportunity to draw the attention of the international community to the poor democratic and human rights record of the country;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c e) urge the Azerbaijani authorities to adopt an anti-discrimination legislation that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in any area;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point c f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(c f) urge Azerbaijan authorities to execute the judgements of the European Court of human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Anneli Jäätteenmäki, Tomasz Piotr Poręba

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e) ensure *that* the Association Agreement *is consistent* with the principles of international law - in particular, the *non-use of force, self-determination* and

(e) ensure the *coherence of the* Association Agreement with the principles of international law - in particular, *those defined in the UN*

territorial integrity - and that the Agreement, once concluded, applies to the whole territory of Azerbaijan;

Charter and *in the Helsinki Final Act*, and that the Agreement, once concluded, applies to the whole territory of Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) ensure that the Association Agreement is consistent with the principles of international law - in particular, the *non-use of force, self-determination* and *territorial integrity* - and that the Agreement, once concluded, applies to the whole territory of Azerbaijan;

Amendment

(e) ensure that the Association Agreement is consistent with the principles of international law - *with regard*, in particular, *to the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act* and *the principles and commitments of the OSCE* - and that the Agreement, once concluded, applies to the whole territory of Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu, Cristian Dan Preda, Krzysztof Lisek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e a) call for stronger role for the EU in resolution of the conflict, by continuing the implementation of confidence building measures, which will bring together both – the Armenian and the Azerbaijani communities of the Nagorno-Karabakh region and spreading the ideas of peace, reconciliation and trust among them;

Amendment 72

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e a) express concern about the military build-up in the region and in particular about Azerbaijan high military expenditures and call, in this respect, on Member States to stop supplying weapons and munitions to both Azerbaijan and Armenia in compliance with the OSCE request of February 1992 as long as a comprehensive settlement is not agreed and signed by the two parties;

Amendment 73

Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu, Cristian Dan Preda, Krzysztof Lisek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point e b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e b) stress that the resolution of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan is essential to economic and social development in the region as a whole and to build trust, improve good neighbourly relations, achieve full-scale regional cooperation; and stress s that real efforts are needed to pave the way for a lasting peace; asks all relevant authorities to avoid provocative policies and rhetoric, inflammatory statements and manipulation of history; stress to continue

to do everything possible within the framework of the Eastern Partnership to bring about political and economic rapprochement between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and to firmly establish regional conflict resolution as an integral component of this;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point e b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(e b) request to the Azerbaijani authorities unconditional and unfettered access to Nagorno Karabakh and the surrounding occupied territories for the EU representatives from any side;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by *supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group* and *clearing the way for the implementation of* confidence-building measures, as the *Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed;*

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution *and mediation* capacity, inter alia by *stepping up its support to* the Minsk *Group's efforts* and *offering a more active role with regards to increasing trust between the conflict parties including by assisting them through EU funded* confidence-building *projects aiming at increasing the popular support for mutual*

concessions and peaceful settlement;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed;

Amendment

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity ***and adopt a more active and effective role***, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and ***envisaging the option of the EU replacing France as co-chair and*** clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed;

Amendment

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and ***other forms of engagement thus*** clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Ivo Vajgl, Pino Arlacchi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed;

Amendment

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed; ***the EU should also consider direct and more active participation in the Minsk Group;***

Or. en

Amendment 79

Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed;

Amendment

(f) strengthen the European Union's conflict-resolution capacity, inter alia by supporting the efforts of the Minsk Group and clearing the way for the implementation of confidence-building measures, as the Presidents of both Azerbaijan and Armenia have agreed; ***calls on the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan to act responsibly, avoid inflammatory speeches and prepare the ground, so that the public opinions accept and fully understand the benefits of a comprehensive settlement;***

Or. en

Amendment 80
Pino Arlacchi, Ivo Vajgl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f a) calls on Armenia and Azerbaijan to undertake confidence-building measures along the front lines, including withdrawal of snipers from the line of contact (in accordance with OSCE recommendations), the pullback and cessation of use of any artillery, significant increase in the number of the OSCE monitors, as an interim measure until a UN-mandated multinational peacekeeping force is deployed as part of the implementation of a peace agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f a) stress that both Azerbaijan and Armenia should take the appropriate measures to ensure that any decisions taken under the Minsk Group format towards establishing and consolidating a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict are carried out fully and in a timely fashion;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Monica Luisa Macovei, Traian Ungureanu, Cristian Dan Preda, Krzysztof Lisek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f a) welcome that much work had been done by the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs and the parties to make progress towards agreement on the Basic Principles and call to continue to work with the all the parties OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f a) ensure that the conclusion of the EU-Azerbaijan Association Agreement is linked to the constructive efforts on behalf of Azerbaijan leading to substantial progress towards the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and in line with the European Parliament's resolution of 20 May 2010 (on the Need for an EU Strategy for the South Caucasus) and with OSCE Minsk Group Basic Principles; In this regard recall the need for unconditional access for representatives of the EU to Nagorno-Karabakh and the surrounding regions under the modality of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Kristiina Ojuland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f a) reiterate that neither of the conflicting parties could by any means profit from any attempt to resolve the issue in a non-peaceful way, but would, as a consequence, instead invite third parties to extend their sphere of influence;

Or. en

Amendment 85
Charles Tannock

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f a) reminds all parties, that there can be no alternative to the peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; emphasises any threat to use force undermines joint efforts of the international community;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f a) reaffirm the European Union's support for the principle of territorial

integrity of Azerbaijan;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Kristiina Ojuland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*(f a) reassure the EU's support for the
sovereignty and territorial integrity of
Azerbaijan;*

Or. en

Amendment 88
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*(f a) urge the Azerbaijani authorities to
tone down statements and refrain from
inflammatory declarations in order to
pave the way for a genuine dialogue at all
levels of society and lay the ground for
effective confidence-building measures;*

Or. en

Amendment 89
**Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Cristian Dan Preda, Vytautas Landsbergis,
Traian Ungureanu, Inese Vaidere**

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f b) stress that hundreds of thousands of refugees and internally displaced persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and denied their rights, including the right to return, property rights and the right to personal security; those rights should be unconditionally respected and provided without any delay; call to the Commission and Members States to continue and extend the EU assistance and financial support to Azerbaijan in dealing with the situation of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f b) call on all external actors to the conflict to show good will and contribute in a positive way to its prompt and peaceful resolution;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Kristiina Ojuland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f b) consider that a peacekeeping

operation would probably involve monitoring the return of displaced ethnic Azerbaijanis to the region, along with the withdrawal of Armenian troops; stress that the peacekeeping forces to be deployed between the conflicting sides should have a genuine multinational composition, which is a prerequisite for guaranteeing the necessary trust of both parties to those forces;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point f b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(f b) insist with the Azerbaijani authorities to allow the EU to start assistance and rehabilitation programmes in the conflict areas;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three *countries* in the South Caucasus;

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three *democracies* in the South Caucasus;

Amendment 94
Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation *by establishing a level playing field* for all *three countries in* the South Caucasus;

Amendment

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation; *emphasise the mutually reinforcing links between democratic pluralistic development and conflict resolution; ensure that the Association Agreement contains provisions to encourage visa facilities* for all *people from* the South Caucasus *countries*;

Amendment 95
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three countries in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three countries in the South Caucasus; *stress the mutually reinforcing links between democratic, pluralistic development and conflict resolution*;

Amendment 96

Ioannis Kasoulides, Andrey Kovatchev

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three countries in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three countries in the South Caucasus; ***call on all parties to fully engage in the multilateral cooperation track of the Eastern Partnership without linking it to the conflicts;***

Or. en

Amendment 97

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three countries in the South Caucasus;

Amendment

(g) emphasise the need to use the Association Agreement as a platform to promote regional synergies and cooperation by establishing a level playing field for all three countries in the South Caucasus; ***particularly stress the importance of creating synergies in the areas of transport and energy;***

Or. en

Amendment 98

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(g a) take into account the importance of the EU-Azerbaijan energy cooperation and the Joint Declaration on gas delivery signed by the President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev on 13 January 2011 in Baku as an important step in the realization of the Southern Gas Corridor and the diversification of Europe's energy supplies;

Or. en

Amendment 99

Monica Luisa Macovei, Inese Vaidere, Traian Ungureanu, Cristian Dan Preda, Krzysztof Lisek

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(g a) encourage Russia which is a key partner in the resolution of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, to assume a more constructive role that is not based on maintaining the status quo but on ending the regional arms race and on achieving a permanent solution, to refrain from any unilateral attempts to modify the updated version of Madrid principles and to continue to work closely with two other Co-chairs to convince the parties to accept them as a basis for further negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 100

Traian Ungureanu, Monica Luisa Macovei

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(g a) clarify how the substantial degree of complementarity between the various EU initiatives in the region, namely the Eastern Partnership and the Black Sea Synergy, is to be exploited;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(g a) take into account the fact that hundred of thousands of refugees and internally displaced persons who fled their homes during or in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh war remain displaced and were denied their rights including the right to return and property rights;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Monica Luisa Macovei, Inese Vaidere, Traian Ungureanu, Cristian Dan Preda, Krzysztof Lisek

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point g b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(g b) call for the support of Turkey in playing a constructive role in the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and in fulfilling its responsibility

in that region;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point g b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(g b) extend EU assistance and financial support to Azerbaijan in dealing with the situation of displaced persons;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

h) ensure that the trade component of the Association Agreement can be upgraded to a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area as soon as Azerbaijan meets all the necessary conditions, including joining the WTO; with that aim in view, provide the necessary technical assistance to prepare Azerbaijan for the negotiations and to encourage the adoption of the reforms required;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 105

Leonidas Donskis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) ensure that the trade component of the Association Agreement can be upgraded to a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area as soon as Azerbaijan meets all the necessary conditions, including joining the WTO; with that aim in view, provide the necessary technical assistance to prepare Azerbaijan for the negotiations and to encourage the adoption of the reforms required;

Amendment

(h) ensure that the trade component of the Association Agreement can be upgraded to a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area as soon as Azerbaijan meets all the necessary conditions, including joining the WTO ***and fulfilling its commitments in respect to human rights***; with that aim in view, provide the necessary technical assistance to prepare Azerbaijan for the negotiations and to encourage the adoption of the reforms required;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Andrey Kovatchev, Ioannis Kasoulides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point h a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(h a) insist that the EU should play a stronger role in settlement of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh by supporting the implementation of confidence building measures which will bring together Armenian and the Azerbaijani communities and spread the ideas of peace, reconciliation and trust among all sides; call on all parties for unconditional access for representatives of the EU to Nagorno-Karabakh and surrounding regions under the modalities and practice of the OSCE Minsk Group; strongly urge Armenia and Azerbaijan for full political commitment to achieving compromise based on the agreed basic principles elaborated by the Minsk Group;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(i a) urge Azerbaijani authorities to sign and ratify the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction and the Convention on Cluster Munitions;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

j) ensure speedy negotiations on ***visa facilitation and readmission agreements*** in order to promote people-to-people contacts ***and treat youth and student mobility as a priority***; contribute to the fight against illegal immigration; ensure that the provisions on asylum are fully in line with international obligations and commitments and EU standards, especially in the human rights field;

j) ensure speedy negotiations on ***readmission agreements*** and ***visa facilitation for students*** in order to promote people-to-people contacts; contribute to the fight against illegal immigration; ensure that the provisions on asylum are fully in line with international obligations and commitments and EU standards, especially in the human rights field;

Or. de

Amendment 109

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

(j) ensure speedy negotiations on visa facilitation and readmission agreements in order to promote people-to-people contacts and treat youth and *student* mobility as a priority; contribute to the fight against illegal immigration; ensure that the provisions on asylum are fully in line with international obligations and commitments and EU standards, especially in the human rights field;

Amendment

(j) ensure speedy negotiations on visa facilitation and readmission agreements in order to promote people-to-people contacts and treat youth and *academic* mobility as a priority; contribute to the fight against illegal immigration; ensure that the provisions on asylum are fully in line with international obligations and commitments and EU standards, especially in the human rights field;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(j a) underline the importance of building and developing a strong youth sector and welcome in this regards the various state programmes offering scholarships for studying abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Andrey Kovatchev, Ioannis Kasoulides

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point j a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(j a) urge Azerbaijan not to hamper visa

issues for third country nationals of Armenian origin wishing to enter Azerbaijan and to lift the ban on international phone calls to Armenia;

Or. en

Amendment 112

Evgeni Kirilov

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) encourage broad sectoral cooperation between the EU and Azerbaijan; in particular, explain the benefits of and promote regulatory convergence;

Amendment

(k) encourage broad sectoral cooperation between the EU and Azerbaijan; in particular, explain the benefits of and promote regulatory convergence *and to this end provide the necessary technical assistance*;

Or. en

Amendment 113

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(k a) urge the Azerbaijan authorities to step up the implementation of the Core Conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO);

Or. en

Amendment 114

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point l

Motion for a resolution

(l) enhance transparency in the management of public finances and improve public procurement legislation in order to contribute significantly to good governance and transparent decision-making;

Amendment

(l) enhance transparency in the management of public finances and improve public procurement legislation in order to contribute significantly to good governance and transparent decision-making; ***welcome, in this respect, the participation of Azerbaijan in the Extractive Energy Transparency Initiative aiming at increasing openness on oil and gas revenues and monitor the government of Azerbaijan's compliance with its obligation to release information about public finances under the right to access information legislation;***

Or. en

Amendment 115

Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point l

Motion for a resolution

l) enhance transparency in the management of public finances and improve public procurement legislation in order to contribute significantly to good governance and transparent decision-making;

Amendment

l) enhance transparency in the management of public finances and improve public procurement legislation in order to contribute significantly to good governance and transparent decision-making ***and regularly report to the EU on progress in this sector;***

Or. de

Amendment 116

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

(m) take the necessary action to incorporate in the Association Agreement provisions enabling Azerbaijan to participate in Community programmes and agencies, as a tool to promote European integration at all levels;

Amendment

(m) take the necessary action to incorporate in the Association Agreement provisions enabling Azerbaijan to participate in Community programmes and agencies, as a tool to promote **advancing** European integration at all levels;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

m) **take** the necessary action to incorporate in the Association Agreement provisions enabling Azerbaijan to participate in Community programmes and agencies, as a tool to promote European integration at all levels;

Amendment

m) **discuss** the necessary action to incorporate in the Association Agreement provisions enabling Azerbaijan to participate in Community programmes and agencies, as a tool to promote European integration at all levels;

Or. de

Amendment 118
Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point m a (new)

Motion for a resolution

(m a) welcomes the reforms taken made by Azerbaijani authorities in the judiciary, with a view to ensuring greater independence of judges, improving

Amendment

selection and appointment procedures, eliminating judicial corruption and susceptibility to the influence of the executive; acknowledges that the relevant laws, including the law on the Bar, have been adopted; encourages the authorities in charge to continue implementing legislation to combat corruption and to focus on high-level corruption cases as well as to improve significantly transparency of public expenditure and of the funding of political parties; emphasizes on the need to improve the independence, the efficiency and resources of the judiciary; reminds of the importance of the court system functioning free from political interference; stresses the need to establish a convincing track record of recruiting and appointing judges and state prosecutors based on the application of uniform, transparent, objective and nationally applicable criteria and to build up an enforcement record of prosecutions and convictions against which progress can be measured; calls for the unification of jurisprudence in order to ensure a predictable judicial system and public trust;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point m a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(m a) takes note of the impressive legislative work accomplished by the Azerbaijani authorities with a view to bringing laws in conformity with EU standards;

Amendment 120

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point m a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(m a) set up twinning programmes with EU regions and local communities with national minorities experiencing a high degree of autonomy;

Or. en

Amendment 121

Kristian Vigenin

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n) emphasise the need for a sustainable economy, including by enhancing its diversification; promote greater openness and transparency in the energy sector and ensure that its development is carried out in accordance with international environmental standards; support the development of the renewable energy market;

(n) emphasise the need for a sustainable economy, including by enhancing its diversification; promote greater openness and transparency in the energy sector and ensure that its development is carried out in accordance with international environmental standards; support the development of the renewable energy market; ***underline the need for corresponding environmental legislation;***

Or. en

Amendment 122

Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Vytautas Landsbergis, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n a) emphasise the vital importance of Azerbaijan in the diversification of the energy supplies and routes of their delivery to Europe, and in this connection commends the efforts of Azerbaijan in promoting such pioneering projects as the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan and the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum pipelines, which played a significant role in the opening-up the resource potential of the Caspian basin to the international markets as well as the fulfilment of the AGRI Project, the first ever Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) transport and delivery system at the Black Sea, together with Georgia and Romania;

Or. en

Amendment 123
Norica Nicolai

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n a) stresses the importance of Azerbaijan's unique geographic location for enabling a direct and unimpeded transit link between the EU and the countries of the Central Asia; welcomes the efforts to develop the trans-Caspian transit cooperation with Kazakhstan and explore ways of establishing such cooperation with Turkmenistan;

Or. en

Amendment 124
Kristiina Ojuland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n a) stress the importance of Azerbaijan's unique geographic location for enabling a direct and unimpeded transit link between the EU and the countries of the Central Asia. In this connection welcome the efforts to develop the trans-Caspian transit cooperation with Kazakhstan and explore ways of establishing such cooperation with Turkmenistan;

Or. en

Amendment 125
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n a) provide technical assistance to the Azerbaijani State agency of alternative and renewable energy sources in order to help Azerbaijan to diversify its energy resources, promote energy efficiency and bring the country in line with the EU targets on climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 126
Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n a) welcomes the Council mandate signed on 12 September 2011 to conclude a legally binding agreement between the EU, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan on the Trans-Caspian pipeline;

Or. en

Amendment 127

Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Vytautas Landsbergis, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n b) ensure the continued focused attention of the EU to the development of the energy cooperation with Azerbaijan and sustainable support by the EU in political, financial and technological fields;

Or. en

Amendment 128

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point n b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(n b) find ways to encourage dialogue and regional cooperation by supporting organisations like the Regional Environmental Centre (REC) through joint cross-border projects that involve

NGOs, local communities and stakeholders of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia;

Or. en

Amendment 129
Knut Fleckenstein

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point o

Motion for a resolution

(o) incorporate in the Association Agreement a strong parliamentary dimension which provides for the full involvement of the Milli Mejlis and the European Parliament;

Amendment

(o) incorporate in the Association Agreement a strong parliamentary dimension which provides for the full involvement of the Milli Mejlis and the European Parliament *and enhances the work of the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly*;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

q) provide *better-targeted* technical assistance to Azerbaijan to ensure that it can meet the commitments stemming from the negotiations on the Association Agreement and its full implementation, by continuing to offer Comprehensive Institution-Building programmes;

Amendment

q) provide *targeted* technical assistance to Azerbaijan to ensure that it can meet the commitments stemming from the negotiations on the Association Agreement and its full implementation, by continuing to offer Comprehensive Institution-Building programmes;

Or. de

Amendment 131

Elena Băsescu

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) provide better-targeted technical assistance to Azerbaijan to ensure that it can meet the commitments stemming from the negotiations on the Association Agreement and its full implementation, by continuing to offer Comprehensive Institution-Building programmes;

Amendment

(q) provide better-targeted technical assistance to Azerbaijan to ensure that it can meet the commitments stemming from the negotiations on the Association Agreement and its full implementation, by continuing to offer Comprehensive Institution-Building programmes, ***including in the areas of civil service and justice reform;***

Or. en

Amendment 132

Vytautas Landsbergis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) encourage the EU negotiating team to continue to cooperate with the European Parliament, providing continuous feedback, supported by documentation, on the progress made, in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, which states that Parliament must be immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedure;

Amendment

(r) encourage the EU negotiating team ***of Azerbaijan*** to continue to cooperate with the European Parliament, providing continuous feedback, supported by documentation, on the progress made, in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, which states that Parliament must be immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 133

Monica Luisa Macovei, Krzysztof Lisek, Vytautas Landsbergis, Cristian Dan Preda, Traian Ungureanu, Inese Vaidere

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(r a) to further encourage a profound level of cooperation with and within the Eastern Partnership, as well as to regularly inform the European Parliament on its progress;

Or. en

Amendment 134
Fiorello Provera

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(r a) emphasize the important role of Azerbaijan in the framework of the Southern Gas Corridor, an important element of the EU energy supply diversification; stress the importance of the Joint Declaration on the Southern Gas Corridor signed by the President of Azerbaijan and the President of the European Commission in Baku on 13 January 2011;

Or. en