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PARAGRAPHS

VOTE: AM 64 (Vilimsky et al./ID)

VOTE: AM 65 (Castaldo/NI)

COMP 1

Paragraph 2, 2a (new), 2b (new)

AM 67 (Grošelj et al./Renew), AM 69 (Zovko et al./EPP), AM 70 (Köster et al./ S&D), AM 71 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 158 (Rapporteur), AM 159 (Rapporteur), AM 160 (Strik/Greens/EFA),

AM 68 (Vilimsky et al./ID), AM 81 (Glavak, Zovko, Ressler, Sokol/EPP, Ilčić/ECR) fall

2. Urges BiH ***and all of its political actors*** (AM 67, AM 69) to ***show commitment and make significant steps towards EU membership*** by advancing (AM 67, 70) on the 14 key priorities, ***in particular*** by restoring the independence of the judiciary, strengthening the rule of law ***and its values and principles across state institutions***, intensifying ***and enhancing*** the fight against corruption and organised crime, ***fostering and*** (AM 67) securing media freedom and an enabling environment for civil society, and protecting vulnerable groups;

2a (new) Deplores that more than 25 years after the war has ended, the country is still facing divisions promoted by political elites, secessionist attempts and a high degree of corruption, which contributes to massive brain drain and demographic decline due to

a lack of prospects; (AM 71)

2b (new) *Welcomes the meeting of the EU-BiH Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee on 17 June 2021 and the adoption of its rules of procedure, and underlines the importance of ensuring its functioning* (AM 69, 158, 159) *through an inclusive political dialogue and regular cooperation* (AM 158, 160); *regrets however the lack of genuine engagement by the Bosnian counterparts in pro-actively establishing a constructive parliamentary cooperation, which would contribute to priority 3 of the 14 key priorities* (AM 160);

COMP 2

Paragraph 3, 3a (new)

AM 66 (Glavak et al./EPP; Ilčić/ECR), AM 72 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 73 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 74 (Grošelj et al./Renew), AM 109 (Castaldo/NI);

AM 75 (Zovko et al/EPP); AM 76 (Zovko/EPP; Kanko, Ilčić, Waszczykowski, Dzhambazki, Tertsch/ECR); AM 78 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left); AM 80 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 106 (Kanko, Ilčić, Waszczykowski, Dzhambazki, Tertsch/ECR; Zovko, Glavak/EPP); AM 121 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 149 (Gál/NI) fall

3. Reiterates its clear support for BiH's *civic* (AM 74) democratic transformation through European integration, based on **unity**, (AM 72, 109) sovereignty, and territorial integrity (AM 109), grounded in the principles of equality and non-discrimination of all **BiH** citizens, as enshrined in the constitution and *in line with ECHR decisions* (AM 72);

3a (new) *Underlines the respect for the legacy of the Dayton Peace Agreement* (AM 66), *reminding its purpose in ending the war and safeguarding peace* (AM 73); *takes note of the concept of constituent peoples but stresses that this concept should not in any way lead to the discrimination of other citizens or imply any additional rights for people identifying with one of these groups compared to other citizens of BiH; condemns statements and proposals aiming to undermine BiH's statehood and constitutional values, and recalls that BiH needs to address shortcomings in its constitutional framework, bringing it in line with European standards and principles* (AM 73);

COMP 3

Paragraph 4, 4a (new), 4b (new), 4c (new)

AM 79 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 82 (Grošelj et al./Renew), AM 83 (Rapporteur), AM 84 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 85 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 86 (Rapporteur), AM 112 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 113 (Kovács/S&D);

4. Stresses that enforcement of the Dayton Peace Agreement includes the obligation to implement *the High Representative's* (AM 83) decisions, *without prejudice to the implementation of much-needed political and structural reforms in the country* (AM

82); underlines the need to strengthen the ownership of BiH citizens and politicians for the development of the country (AM 79);

4a (new). Expresses its strong support to the exercise of the full mandate of the Office of the High Representative, including the use of the Bonn Powers as a last resort, if necessary to ensure the full respect of the Dayton Peace Agreement and the sovereignty and integrity of BiH; strongly calls on the Commission, EEAS and EU Member States to publicly express their unequivocal support to the full mandate of the High Representative and cooperate closely with a view to supporting the High Representative in the implementation of the 5+2 agenda; (AM 84) calls on all UNSC Members to ensure the renewal and continuity of the mandate of the Office of the High Representative, as a crucial anchor of BiH stability; (AM 85)

4b (new) Takes note of the recent decision by the High Representative to suspend the Law on Immovable Property in the Republika Srpska entity and to extend the ban on disposing of state property (AM 84, 86); condemns in the strongest possible terms all hate rhetoric and threats of violence aimed at the High Representative, including those espoused at a rally in Banja Luka on 20 April in presence of the RS leadership; calls on authorities to prevent and prosecute those espousing the threats (AM 86);

4c (new) Opposes any harmful concessions on the issue of state and defence property; calls on the international stakeholders, notably Commission and EU delegation, to support the OHR and its expert group in their work towards a sustainable solution to the benefit of the whole country and all citizens and to react to the secessionist efforts of the RS entity leadership with a more forceful and credible approach (AM 112, 113);

COMP 4

Paragraph 5

AM 88 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 94 (Rapporteur), AM 95 (Gál/NI), AM 96 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 97 (Köster et al/S&D),

AM 87 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

5. Regrets the impasse in negotiations on constitutional and (AM 94, 95) electoral law reform in BiH, as well as the lack of political will to overcome it, and the failure to implement it ahead of the October 2022 elections (AM 88, 90, 92, 98), despite several facilitation attempts by the EU and United States (AM 90); calls on all actors to ensure elections in October will proceed as scheduled and to negotiate in good will and (AM 97) reach a balanced agreement, in line with European standards (AM 94), the European Court of Human Rights rulings and Venice Commission recommendations (AM 96), to fulfil the constitutional duty of democratic governance, and to ensure the transparency, integrity and efficiency (AM 179) of the electoral process by immediately implementing the integrity package (AM 88);

COMP 5

Paragraph 6, 6a (new), 6b (new), 6c (new)

AM 104 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 105 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 107 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 108 (Rapporteur), AM 110 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 111 (Rapporteur), AM 114 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 123 (Glavak, Sokol/EPP; Ilčić/ECR), AM 153 (Grošelj et al/Renew)

AM 101 (Mariani/ID), AM 102 (Gál/NI), AM 103 (Zovko et al/EPP) fall

6. Strongly denounces the disregard for international and national norms and obligations, all hate rhetoric and disruptive action, including *the* withdrawal from *and consequent blockade, boycott and obstruction of state* (AM 105, 108) institutions, particularly by the leadership of the Republika Srpska entity (*RS*) (AM 108), which destabilises the country, undermines its statehood in violation of the *Constitution and the* (AM 108) Dayton Peace Agreement and systematically hampers decisions on key laws and reforms, *which are essential to advance towards EU integration* (AM 107), *and prevents their fulfilment* (AM 105); rejects all attempts to form parallel parastatal institutions, which undermine state institutions, *the constitutional and* (AM 107) legal order, judicial independence and sovereignty; calls *on the RS entity to immediately withdraw and revoke any such laws* (AM 104);

6a (new) Condemns the 10 December 2021 conclusions of the Republika Srpska entity National Assembly (RSNA) on the withdrawal from State-level institutions, the passing of the Law on Immovable Property Used for the Functioning of Public Authority, adopted by the RSNA on 10 February 2022, and the National Assembly's vote aimed at establishing a separate High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (AM 111);

6b (new) Calls upon all actors in BiH to end the multilevel blockage and (AM 153) *immediately, unconditionally, effectively, fully and non-selectively return to work in all state institutions, ending the persisting political deadlock in the country and restoring functioning of the government and bodies to the benefit of all citizens;* (AM 110)

6c (new) Urges the EU, its Member States and the EEAS, also in light of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, and in light of the secessionist threats by the pro-Russian stance of the leadership of the Republika Srpska, to immediately focus their primary efforts on ensuring a safe environment and guaranteeing mid -and long-term security in the country (AM 114); *calls on the international community to contribute to finding a comprehensive solution to the current complex situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (AM 123);

COMP 6

Paragraph 7

AM 118 part 1 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 119 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 120 (Rapporteur)

AM 115 (Vilimsky, Mariani/ID), AM 116 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 117 (Gál/NI) fall

7. Calls *upon* the EU, *its Member States*, and the international community to *follow the example set by the United States and the United Kingdom* (AM 118, 119, 120) and use

all available tools, *namely* targeted sanctions *and the suspension of funds* (AM 118), against destabilising actors, in the country, *including those threatening the territorial order of Bosnia and Herzegovina* (AM 120), notably Milorad Dodik (AM 119), *and calls on all EU Member States to ensure such sanctions can be adopted by the Council* (AM 119); *regrets, in that respect, the amending of the decision-making procedure in the context of the March 2022 extension of the EU sanctions regime for BiH* (AM 118);

VOTE: AM 126 (Ara-Kovács/S&D)

COMP 7

Paragraph -8 (new), 8, 8a (new)

AM 127 (Rapporteur), AM 128 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 130 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 132 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 133 (Rapporteur), AM 134 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 135 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 136 (Castaldo/NI)

-8 (new) *Expresses its solidarity with the survivors and families of victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity, displacement, disappearances, killings, torture, sexual assault, genocide and ethnic cleansing;* (AM 127)

8. Underlines that the EU future of BiH depends on sustainable *and lasting* (AM 135) peace, *addressing the past* (AM 134) and *enabling* genuine reconciliation *among citizens and among high-level politicians alike* (AM 132), warranting its democratic, inclusive, *pluralistic* (AM 130) and multi-ethnic character; urges BiH to expedite effective and impartial prosecution of war crimes under the revised national war crimes processing strategy; calls on all regional *governments, parliaments*, (AM 132) *and* political leaders to *swiftly* (AM 136) set up the *Regional Commission tasked with establishing facts about all victims of war crimes and other human rights violations committed on the territory of former Yugoslavia* (RECOM), *building upon the significant work of the Coalition for RECOM* (AM 133);

8a (new) *Stresses that the persistent challenges in the reconciliation process should be addressed more vigorously* (AM 133); *calls on the Commission to provide frameworks for dialogue on legacies from the past* (AM 128);

COMP 8

Paragraph -9 (new), 9, 9a (new)

AM 137 (Picula/S&D), AM 138 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 139 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 140 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 141 (Castaldo/NI), AM 146 (Rapporteur),

-9(new) *Calls on all authorities to abide by their international human rights obligations to promote reconciliation by ensuring access to truth, justice and effective*

and non-selective reparations, including to survivors of sexual violence, as well as by adopting measures to prevent recurrence through education, culture, human rights protection, institutional vetting (AM 146), reconstruction assistance, job creation, social measures, and access to health care (AM 137, 140), as well as by ensuring that perpetrators of war crimes are precluded from holding public offices; (AM 146)

9. Encourages authorities to intensify cooperation and data sharing on missing persons and to ensure redress *and guarantees of non-repetition* (AM 141) for the families of civilian victims, and the safe *and sustainable* (AM 137, 140) return of refugees and internally displaced people, the full respect of their rights and the return of their property, *or compensation for non-returnable property* (AM 137), *both at national and regional level* (AM 138, 139);

9a (new) *Welcomes the efforts by local and international organisations, including the International commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) to account for over 30,000 persons who went missing during the conflicts in the territory of the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s and more than 8000 Srebrenica genocide victims; recalls that 7200 people are still missing;* (AM 138)

COMP 9

Paragraph 10, 10a (new)

AM 142 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 143 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 144 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 145 (Rapporteur), AM 147 (Strik/Greens/EFA),

10. Welcomes *and supports* (AM 142) the amendments to the BiH Criminal Code *enacted by the High Representative* (AM 145) outlawing the glorification of war criminals and the denial of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, *following the failure of local actors to adopt a proposal* (AM 143); deplores *and rejects* (AM 142) any attempt not to implement this decision; strongly condemns all forms of historical revisionism, denial, or minimisation or glorification of war crimes including non-compliance with decisions of international and domestic tribunals; *calls for the swift implementation of the amendments and effective investigation and prosecution of genocide denial* (AM 142, 143, 144);

10a (new) *Reiterates that the denial of genocide, celebrating war crimes and war criminals or threatening regional stability and reconciliation is contrary to European values and aspirations; strongly condemns, against this background, the inflammatory events on the occasion of the so-called “RS day” on 9 January 2022, in violation of the BiH constitution; (AM 147)*

COMP 10

Paragraph 11, 11a (new), 11b (new), 11c (new)

AM 118 part 2 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 122 (Castaldo/NI), AM 151 (Rapporteur), AM 152 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 154 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 155 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 156 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 157 (Zovko et al/EPP),

AM 150 (Vilmsky et al/ ID) falls

11. Urges BiH's political actors to make progress on **judicial, electoral, administrative, and economic** (AM 154) reforms that are needed to bring the country closer to the EU, **and to include civil society in the process** (AM 152); denounces all attempts to stall these reforms, thus **slowing BiH's compliance with EU accession criteria and** (AM 151) endangering access to EU funding under IPA III, which must be based on **both incentives and** on strict conditionality (AM 122), and depends on the **cooperation** of different authorities;

11a (new) Stresses that IPA III funding must be modulated or even suspended in the case of significant regression or persistent lack of progress in the area of the rule of law (AM 152, 155, 258) and fundamental rights, including fight against corruption and organised crime, as well as media freedom, and calls on the Commission that guidelines should be developed on its application, as per the recommendations of the European Court of Auditors Special Report 01/2022 (AM 156); calls in this context on the EU and the Western Balkan countries to establish a framework for an effective cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) (AM 155);

11b (new) Welcomes the recent suspension of Corridor 5c projects in the Republika Srpska entity worth EUR 600 million, and recalls these funds will be allocated only after Republika Srpska representatives completely return to state institutions (AM 118, 151); calls for a thorough reconsideration and scrutiny of all EU-funded projects and assistance applicable and within the RS entity, including macro-financial assistance, with a view to freezing direct and indirect funding benefiting its authorities (AM 118); notes that the German government has decided to suspend four infrastructure projects in the RS entity worth EUR 105 million (AM 151);

11c (new) Deeply regrets the damage and loss of lives caused by a powerful earthquake near Stolac on 22 April 2022 (AM 157);

COMP 11

Paragraph 12

AM 98 (Picula/S&D), AM 161 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 162 (Picula/S&D), AM 166 (Rapporteur), AM 167 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 168 (Grošelj/Renew), AM 169 (Castaldo/NI);

12. ***Recalls the significance of respecting the democratic principle of regular elections*** (AM 167); ***stresses the importance of holding fair, open, transparent, and inclusive (AM 169) elections in 2022 (AM 166) as scheduled, and urges all political actors to refrain from calling for a blockade of the elections, allowing citizens to express their democratic choice (AM 166, 168); calls for a timely Parliamentary approval of election integrity legislation (AM 166); recalls that due to the non-adoption of the state budget, electoral funds have not been secured (AM 98) and calls, therefore, on the Council of***

Ministers to approve the necessary funding (AM 166); *stresses that holding credible elections and implementing the results is a key feature of a well-functioning democracy, as well as a requirement for any country wishing to join the EU* (AM 162); *acknowledges the recent decision of the OHR to make full use of its mandate in order to ensure the Bosnian citizens' fundamental political rights to free and fair elections, through the adoption of the necessary budget, since national authorities failed to do so* (AM 161);

COMP 12

Paragraph 13, 13a (new), 13b (new), 13c (new), 13d (new)

AM 77 (Glavak, Zovko, Sokol/EPP; Ilčić/ECR), AM 89 (Kanko, Ilčić, Waszczykowski, Dzhambazki, Tertsch/ECR; Zovko, Glavak/EPP), AM 90 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 91 (Glavak, Zovko, Sokol/EPP; Ilčić/ECR), AM 92 (Picula/S&D), AM 93 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 99 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 100 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 129 (Glavak, Zovko, Sokol, Ressler/EPP; Ilčić/ECR), AM 148 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 163 (Glavak, Zovko, Sokol, Ressler/EPP, Ilčić/ECR), AM 164 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 171 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 172 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 175 (Picula/S&D) AM 176 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 177 (Kanko, Ilčić, Waszczykowski, Dzhambazki, Tertsch/ECR; Zovko, Glavak/EPP), AM 178 (Rapporteur), AM 179 (Rapporteur), AM 180 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 181 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 182 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 229 part 1 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 230 part 1 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 231 part 1 (Grošelj et al/Renew)

AM 165 (Gál/NI), AM 170 (Vilimsky, Mariani/ID) falls, AM 173 (Castaldo/NI), AM 174 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), - fall

13. Supports transparent and inclusive constitutional and electoral reforms to ensure equality and non-discrimination of all citizens, enhance accountability and transform BiH into a fully functional and inclusive state by immediately implementing rulings, opinions and recommendations of competent *domestic and international* (AM 176) courts and bodies, *ensuring the integrity of the election and the process* (AM 164); *stresses that institutional reforms depend on the will and commitment of political leaders and the democratic orientation of the country's institutions* (AM 175); *notes transatlantic facilitation efforts to this end and condemns obstructions and inactivity of political actors in that regard* (AM 176); *calls for a review and lessons-learned exercise of the facilitation attempts by the EEAS and the EU Delegation, calls on them to always act in line with the EU's highest democratic standards*(AM, 171, 181); *calls for a sustained consideration and integration of citizens' proposals* (AM 172);

13a (new) *Deeply regrets that BiH still remains in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights by not implementing the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in Sejdić-Finci, Zorić, Pilav and Šlaku cases* (AM 100, 178); *regrets that BiH still has not implemented the ruling of Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the case Ljubić*; (AM 100, 176, 177);

13b (new) *Stresses the importance of implementing recommendations of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organisation for Security and cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODHIR), the Venice Commission and the Council of*

Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) (AM 178, 180);

13c (new) *Stresses that inclusive electoral reform should eliminate all forms of inequality, discrimination, and bias in the electoral process (AM 93, 94, 179) and put in place conditions for competitive elections; recalls that this should be done by harmonising rules on party registration, ensuring transparency of political party financing (AM 93, 179, 229, 230, 231) and the independence and capacities of election commissions; (AM 179)*

13d (new) *Calls on all stakeholders to reach an agreement on reform of the Election Law in line with ECtHR verdicts, and verdicts of the Constitutional Court, to ensure an adequately diverse political representation at all levels of governance (AM 77, 89, 90, 91, 92, 99, 129, 148, 163, 182);*

COMP 13

Paragraph 14

AM 183 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 184 (Strik/Greens/EFA)

AM 185 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left) falls

14. Calls for the implementation of consistent country-wide merit-based civil service standards, enabling a streamlined, depoliticised and accountable public administration, *that can reduce the impact of patronage hiring processes that fuel corruption* (AM 184); *stresses that no discrimination should take place in the opportunities for all citizens to be represented in the public sphere* (AM 183);

COMP 14

Paragraph 15, 15a (new), 15b (new), 15c (new), 15d (new), 15e (new)

AM 187 (Rapporteur), AM 188 (Picula/S&D), AM 189 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 190 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 191 (Rapporteur), AM 192 (Rapporteur), AM 193 (Rapporteur), AM 194 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 195 (Rapporteur), AM 196 (Rapporteur), AM 197 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 198 (Strik/Greens/EFA)

15. Underlines the need to enhance internal and regional economic harmonisation and connectivity; (AM 187); *welcomes European investments in road and rail infrastructure in Bosnia and Herzegovina, namely the development of Corridor Vc linking Central Europe to port of Ploče on the Adriatic coast (AM 190), and highlights the need to ensure that international funds enhancing connectivity reduce gaps and discrepancies and improve the situation for the whole country, respecting subsidiarity (AM 188, 189);*

15a (new) *Calls upon authorities to adopt country-wide strategies, improvements to strategic planning, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, and the creation of control and audit structures (AM 192); underlines the urgent need to ensure accountability and transparency of the economy and to shield state and private*

enterprises from the influence of patronage and criminal networks (AM 191, 193);

15b (new) *Encourages using the potential offered by digitalisation for modernising administrative, electoral, judicial, fiscal and economic processes, which would help address fragmentation, red-tape, the informal economy, customs and tax evasion, money laundering, while increasing competitiveness for SMEs (AM 191);*

15c (new) *Welcomes the efforts of the EU and its Member States, as well as neighbouring countries in the region in assisting the country in mitigating the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic (AM 194); stresses the importance of a coordinated country-wide strategic response to helping increase one of the lowest vaccination rates in Europe (AM 195, 307);*

15d (new) *Welcomes the removed roaming charges between the six Western Balkan states; urges all relevant parties to negotiate a plan that would lead to the elimination of roaming charges between the six Western Balkan states and the EU Member States (AM 196); calls on BiH and its neighbours to work towards improving relations, enabling visa-free travel between BiH and Kosovo; (AM 197)*

15e (new) *Calls on Bosnian authorities to increase efforts in setting up the Common Regional Market for deepening integration across Western Balkans, establishing and guaranteeing free movement of persons, goods, services and capital in the region as a stepping stone in the EU accession path; (AM 187, 197) emphasizes that all regional economic cooperation schemes in the Western Balkans should be inclusive and acceptable to all six countries, establishing cooperation on an equal footing, while strengthening further alignment with EU standards and acquis (AM 198); expresses, in this context, its caution towards the Open Balkan Initiative, which does not encompass all six countries, and is convinced that it should be based on EU rules and contribute to the EU integration processes; (AM 198)*

COMP 15

Paragraph 16, 16a (new), 16b (new), 16c (new), 16d (new), 16e (new)

AM 202 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 203 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 204 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 205 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 206 (Rapporteur), AM 207 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 208 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 209 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 210 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 211 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 212 (Strk/Greens/EFA), AM 213 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 214 (Rapporteur), AM 215 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 216 (Strik/Greens/EFA)

AM 201 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

16. *Recalls the need to adopt improved state-level (AM 203, 204, 206) laws on gas and electricity, renewables, energy efficiency and climate, leading to sustainable socio-economic transition from coal and a significant mitigation of energy poverty, (AM 206) and to step up environmental and nature protection and ambition towards a green transition (AM 207) through the harmonisation of environmental laws and adopting an environmental protection strategy (AM 206); urges BiH authorities to ensure greater alignment with EU standards and policy objectives on climate protection and energy*

(AM 203), *in line with the European Green Deal and the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans* (AM 205, 206, 207);

16a (new) *Calls on BiH to finish the preparation of the National Energy and Climate Plan in line with the necessary 2030 energy and climate ambition;* (AM 209)

16b (new) *Notes some positive developments with regards to environmental protection initiated by local environmental and civil society organisations* (AM 208); *urges BiH to respect its citizens' calls for the protection of rivers, notably in the construction of infrastructure projects, and other public goods* (AM 208);

16c (new) *Expresses its concern over ongoing plans to increase coal energy production capacities, calls for more efforts in order to achieve a climate resilient and sustainable energy transition, based on renewables, energy efficiency and energy market integration, steering investment and providing support for workers who need to reskilling* (AM 202, 211, 212); *urges BiH authorities to opt out from new coal generation facilities financed by China that are contrary to the EU state aid rules and the country's commitments in the context of the Green Agenda* (AM 212, 213);

16d (new) *Recommends focusing public investment on sustainable projects advancing social market economy, facilitating the green and digital transitions and reducing severe air pollution, including in its transboundary nature* (AM 210), *making full use of the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans* (AM 211, 214); *underlines the need to significantly improve ex-ante environmental impact assessments with meaningful involvement of local communities, civil society and independent experts, to increase transparency, and for more efficient prosecution of environmental crimes* (AM 215);

16e (new) *Stresses the importance of respecting BiH's sovereignty when implementing infrastructure projects in BiH, notably projects involving companies from third countries* (AM 216);

COMP 16

Paragraph -17 (new), 17, 17a (new), 17b (new)

AM 217 (Rapporteur), AM 219 (Rapporteur), AM 220 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 221 (Castaldo/NI), AM 223 part 1 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 225 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 226 (Strik/Greens/EFA),

AM 218 (Gál/NI) - fall

-17 (new) *Underlines that the rule of law and judicial reforms are the backbone of a democratic transformation, ensuring legal certainty, transparency, access to justice and non-discrimination;* (AM 217)

17. *Calls for urgent action to tackle widespread selective justice, state capture, nepotism, cronyism, high-level corruption and criminal infiltration, including through the long overdue legislative updates on judicial integrity, asset verifications, conflict of interest, public procurement, access to information, witness protection and restructuring of*

state-owned enterprises (AM 219, 220); reiterates the urgent need for judicial reform across BiH to improve the professionalism and integrity of the judiciary, *based on the 14 key Priorities and the 2019 Priebe report recommendations* (AM 220); *ensuring its full institutional and financial independence* (AM 219, 221), *resolving the large backlog of pending cases* (AM 219), *and strengthening the monitoring of performance of judiciary actors* (AM 223); *deplores the obstruction of such reform by political and judicial office holders* (AM 219);

17a (new) *Urges the authorities to adopt a new justice sector strategy and action plan* (AM 219) *and to adopt the amendment to the law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council* (AM 219, 220) *and the new law on the Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in line with European standards* (AM 219);

17b (new) *Calls on BiH to ensure the implementation and enforcement of all court decisions, reminding that the rule of law is integral to the country's progress in Euro-Atlantic integration* (AM 225, 226); *points out a particularly low enforcement rate of judgments in environmental cases; calls for a faster handling of cases by courts competent for administrative disputes against illegal acts of public authorities;* (AM 226)

COMP 17

Paragraph 19, 19a (new)

AM 222 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 223 part 2 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 224 (Kanko, Ilčić, Waszczykowski, Dzhambazki, Tertsch/ECR; Zovko, Glavak/EPP), AM 227 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 228 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 229 part 2 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 230 part 2 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 231 part 2 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 232 (Rapporteur), AM 233 (Grošelj et al/Renew)

19. Urges BiH to strengthen and adequately *organize and* (AM 233) fund anti-corruption structures, covering conflicts of interests and lobbying; *recalls the need for unhindered investigations against illicit enrichment of public officials; underlines the importance of addressing GRECO's recommendations enabling detection and accountability;* (AM 232); *recalls the need to update laws and align with the EU on the protection of whistle-blowers* (AM 229, 230, 231);

19a (new) *Reiterates the need to investigate political and administrative links to organised crime* (AM 222, 227, 228), *calls for administrative reform to eradicate corruption* (AM 224) *and for improved corruption monitoring mechanisms* (AM 223), *as well as effective prosecution of high-profile corruption cases* (AM 222, 227, 228);

COMP 18

Paragraph 20, 20a (new)

AM 234 (Rapporteur), AM 235 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 329 (Castaldo/NI)

20. Underlines the ***dangers posed by*** (AM 234) poor cooperation of BiH's law enforcement agencies and their failure to effectively collaborate with Europol, Eurojust and the European Public Prosecutor's Office; welcomes bilateral efforts supported by Europol and Eurojust aimed at dismantling people ***trafficking*** (AM 235) networks;

20a (new) Calls for a further enhancement in this cooperation also with the aim to fully operationalise the Joint Action Plan on Counter-Terrorism for the Western Balkans; (AM 329); encourages establishing a firearms focal point (AM 234);

COMP 19

Paragraph 21, 21a (new)

AM 237 (Picula/S&D), AM 238 (Glavak, Zovko, Sokol/EPP, Ilčić/ECR), AM 239 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left); AM 240 (Castaldo/NI); AM 241 (Strik/Greens/ALE), AM 242 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 243 (Köster et al/Renew), AM 244 (Rapporteur), AM 246 (Zovko et al/EPP) AM 249 (Kanko, Ilčić, Waszczykowski, Dzhambazki, Tertsch/ECR; Glavak/EPP

AM 236 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

21. Deplores the continuing failure to safeguard media freedom and pluralism (AM 249); insists on eliminating political interference and protecting ***the safety*** (AM 241, 242, 243) ***and well-being*** (AM 242), ***including labour rights*** (AM 239), of journalists from intimidation with systematic ***and effective prosecution*** (AM 241, 242, 243), ***as well as from SLAPP*** (AM 242), ***including immediate and effective investigative steps following any threats and attacks against them; calls on the authorities to assign a special layer of protection for journalists in criminal codes*** (AM 241, 242, 243); ***deplores the increased gender-based violence against female journalists including threats and discrimination at work*** (AM 240);

21a (new) Calls for effective measures to ensure the financial sustainability and political independence of public broadcasters, notably of the Bosnia and Herzegovina national public broadcaster (AM 239, 244); urges authorities to take action to identify a sustainable solution for BHRT's funding problems and prevent its closure (AM 244) and to adopt legislation on media ownership transparency (AM 239, 237); notes with concern the lack of plurality in the media and difficulties for new actors to obtain licenses and other elements necessary to operate in the Telecom market (AM 241); expresses its concern over the lack of a variety of traditional media channels, including the availability of content in all official languages (AM 237, 238, 246);

COMP 20

Paragraph 22, 22a (new)

AM 250 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 251 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 252 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 253 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 254 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 255 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 256 (Grošelj et al/Renew)

AM 247 (Vilimsky, Mariani/ID), AM 248 (Gál/NI) fall

22. Deplores threats from the authorities against civil society; condemns ***persistent restrictions on freedom of expression and freedom of assembly in BiH, and growing restrictions on these rights*** (AM 251, 252, 253) in the Republika Srpska entity; ***condemns in this context the decision of local authorities in Prijedor to ban the announced peaceful march marking White Ribbon Day, which commemorates civilian victims of the 1992-1995 war; calls for the adoption of a framework for the transparent funding of civil society organisations*** (AM 250);

22a (new) Stresses the need to ensure the participation of citizens in the democratic life of the country through effective, meaningful and inclusive involvement of civil society organisations in the EU integration process; calls on authorities to ensure an enabling environment for civil society upholding international standards and to develop and implement a strategic framework of cooperation; (AM 254, 255, 256)

COMP 21

Paragraph 23, 23a (new)

AM 131 (Auštrevičius et al/Renew), AM 258 (Picula/S&D), AM 259 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 260 (Köster et al/Renew), AM 261 (Rapporteur)

AM 257 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

23. Calls on the Commission to refocus IPA III support to ***strengthening*** in-country democratic forces, ***standards*** (AM 258), institutions and procedures, ***the rule of law*** (AM 152, 258), ***genuine reconciliation*** (AM 131), and ***civil society organisations*** (AM 260), ***fostering an environment for functioning pluralism, independent civil society, media and market economy*** (AM 261); ***calls for a better absorption of funds by local and regional administration*** (AM 259);

23a (new) Calls on the Commission to take a stance and make it clear that sustainable peace and genuine reconciliation are one of the conditions for BiH to receive EU financial support; (AM 131)

COMP 22

Paragraph 24, 24a (new), 24b (new), 24c (new), 24d (new), 24e (new), 24f (new), 24g (new), 24h (new)

AM 264 (Rapporteur), AM 265 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 266 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 267 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 268 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 269 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 270 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 271 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 272 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 273 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 274 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 275 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 276 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 277 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 278 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 279 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 280 (Rapporteur), AM 281 (Castaldo/NI), AM 282 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 283 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 284 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 285 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 286 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 287 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 288 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 289 (Lega/EPP), AM 290 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 291 (Lega/EPP), AM 293 (Rapporteur)

AM 263 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

24. Stresses the need to safeguard the rights of *religious and ethnic minorities, including the Roma, and the social inclusion of vulnerable populations, including people with disabilities* (AM 264); calls for stronger country-wide human rights and anti-discrimination strategies, *measures against interfaith and interethnic intolerance* (AM 264), *access to quality public healthcare* (AM 288), *and for the implementation of the recommendations of the institution of the Ombudsman for human rights to deal with human rights violations and issues* (AM 265); urges the prevention and proactive prosecution of hate crimes, hate speech, *discrimination* (AM 266, 267) and disinformation as well as gender-based and sexual violence;

24a (new) *Recalls that women are under-represented in politics and public life and calls on BiH authorities and the EU, in its external financial instruments, to increase efforts aimed at gender equality and women's rights, including by prioritising gender mainstreaming and increased cooperation with civil society, in particular women's organisations;* (AM 269, 272);

24b (new) *Calls for the harmonisation and effective enforcement of legislation on gender equality across the country (AM 269) and for the authorities to significantly improve the institutional response to gender-based violence, particularly on protective and prevention measures, victim support, legal aid and safe accommodation and the prosecution of crimes of sexual violence, including to women victims of war crimes, and secure witness protection (AM 270, 271); calls for the amendment of the criminal codes in the Federation of BiH and Brčko District to expand provisions against incitement to hatred and violence so that they include sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics as protected grounds; (AM 268, 273, 274);*

24c (new) *Calls for the need to introduce legislation to protect LGBTI+ persons, prosecute violence and hate crimes against them, as well as to promote their social inclusion and calls for the adoption of the Action Plan for Equality of LGBTI Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2021-2023, which has been stalled since 2020; (AM 273, 274, 275, 276, 277); Welcomes the conclusions of the Intersectoral Working Group on same-sex rights and partnership, which officially recommended a law on same-sex partnership to be drafted; calls on the government to address this recommendation without delay; (AM 273, 278, 279)*

24d (new) *Welcomes the peaceful organisation on 14 August 2021 of the second Sarajevo Pride (AM 280) and that the Government of the Canton of Sarajevo covered its security costs; (AM 281, 282, 283, 284)*

24e (new) *Stresses the need to duly prevent the discrimination of Roma and other ethnic minorities, to improve their access to healthcare, education, labour market and to develop and implement social inclusion strategies; (AM 285, 286, 287)*

24f (new) *Reiterates that Bosnia and Herzegovina still needs to develop and adopt a new action plan on child protection; in this regard, stresses that child exploitation and child begging remain of concern; (AM 289, 290)*

24g (new) *Regrets the lack of progress in addressing the rights of people with disabilities; encourages BiH to take action to protect people with disabilities, and develop and adopt a strategy on deinstitutionalisation; condemns that the law allows persons with disabilities to be deprived of their legal capacity, which is a clear violation of the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, of which the country is signatory; underlines that it is unacceptable that support provided is differentiated by the type of disability; (AM 291)*

24h (new) *Underlines that educational reform is a fundamental pillar for creating a prosperous and inclusive pluralistic society, free from all forms of segregation and marginalisation and enjoying its political freedoms; reiterates that the work on the reconciliation process must focus on the country's youth and start at an early age, embedding reconciliation into the education process (AM 293);*

COMP 23

Paragraph 25, 25a (new), 25b (new), 25c (new)

AM 292 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 294 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 296 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 297 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 298 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 299 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 300 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 301 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left), AM 302 (Picula/S&D), AM 303 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 304 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 305 (Matias, Ruiz/The Left)

AM 295 (Kanko, Ilčić, Waszczykowski, Dzhambazki, Tertsch/ECR; Zovko/EPP) falls

25. *Reiterates its call to urgently end segregation and discrimination in education, including by implementing court rulings to end the discriminatory illegal practice of 'two schools under one roof'; stresses the need for increased investment in the education sector (AM 297, 298) to achieve better and equal opportunities for all citizens (AM 298); calls on the need for inclusive curricula, fostering critical thinking and improving the quality of education and training (AM 296, 297), taking into account cultural and language diversity (AM 294, 299), and eliminating counter-factual content that promotes division (AM 296); **25a (new)** *Welcomes the continued participation of BiH in the Erasmus+, Creative Europe and Europe for Citizens Programmes; stresses that education and cultural exchanges and joint projects are an essential part of bringing citizens of BiH and the EU closer (AM 300);**

25b (new) *Remains concerned by the large number of young people leaving the country, and stresses the importance of urgently adopting measures to reduce youth unemployment and ensure a future for young people in the country (AM 302, 303), including by establishing and implementing the Youth Guarantee in line with the EU*

model and guidance (AM 301);

25c (new) *Notes serious unaddressed challenges in the fields of employment, social inclusion and protection, and poverty reduction; stresses that strengthening the welfare state is an important condition for social cohesion* (AM 292); *calls on authorities to foster social dialogue* (AM 301, 304); *calls on the Commission to give due consideration to collective bargaining, social rights, their protection and enforcement in its annual report* (AM 305);

COMP 24

Paragraph 26, 26a (new), 26b (new)

AM 307 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 308 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 309 (Rapporteur), AM 310 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 311 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 313 (Zovko et al/EPP),

AM 306 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

26. *Deplores the failure of authorities to address the severe migration-related humanitarian crisis at the border (AM 307) during the 2020-2021 winter (AM 309); reiterates serious concern over the rights and situation of people in transit in BiH (AM 307); welcomes that the situation and response from authorities has since improved (AM 309); recalls the need for human rights (AM 307), solidarity-based solutions on migration and asylum, and border management in coordination and cooperation with affected EU Member States on the EU external border* (AM 310) *ensuring adequate humanitarian assistance and appropriate reception capacities across the country; urges BiH to conclude an agreement with the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) (AM 309); welcomes the opening of the EU-funded centre in Lipa, but regrets that it still lacks accessibility (AM 311) and remains concerned about reports on insufficient reception conditions (AM 308); takes note of the closure of the Miral camp on 28 April and that people living there were moved to Lipa camp, which is far away from any basic facilities (AM 311);*

26a (new) *Recalls the need to establish an accessible and efficient asylum system in the country as well as a full range of integration services for asylum seekers* (AM 307, 308); *stresses the need to increase transparency and scrutiny in the allocation and implementation of EU funds in the field of migration, notably the large amount of funds implemented by IOM* (AM 308); *expresses concerns about credible and numerous reports of pushbacks into BiH* (AM 307, 308);

26b (new) *● Urges BiH to step up its efforts against cross-border crime, especially human and weapons trafficking and irregular border crossing and recommends BiH to timely conclude a status agreement with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) that would facilitate better protection and management of borders; urges both the agency and BiH to ensure border management in full respect of fundamental rights;* (AM 313)

VOTE: AM 312 (Köster et al/S&D)

COMP 25

Paragraph -27 (new), 27, 27a (new), 27b (new), 27c (new)

AM 125 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 245 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 314 (Rapporteur), AM 316 (Rapporteur), AM 317 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 318 (Grošelj et al/Renew), AM 319 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 321 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 322 (Rapporteur), AM 323 (Rapporteur), AM 326 (Picula/S&D), AM 327 (Kanko et al/ECR, Zovko, Glavak/EPP), AM 330 (Köster et al/S&D)

AM 315 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

-27 (new) ***Calls on all leaders of the region to promote stability and de-escalation, avoiding uncalled for and inflammatory remarks, which furthermore have a detrimental effect on stability, the democratisation of the country, and the ongoing reform process,(AM 125, 161, 314, 326), and to strengthen good neighbourly relations (AM 314) and work on resolving ongoing bilateral issues (AM 319); expresses its concern about the dangers of political destabilization in BiH and the Western Balkans region following the recent Russian war of aggression against Ukraine (AM 314);***

27. ***Welcomes BiH's increasing alignment rate with the EU's common foreign and security policy, in votes condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine; regrets, however, the some political actors block the implementation of sanctions against Russia and Belarus following the invasion of Ukraine (AM 316, 318); calls therefore on these actors in BiH to abide by the country's international commitments and ensure that its national policies conform to the relevant Council Decisions on restrictive measures related to the Russian invasion of Ukraine (AM 316, 318);***

27a (new) ***Welcomes the decisions by the Council of Ministers to facilitate the entry and extend the length of stay for Ukrainian refugees;** (AM 322)*

27b (new) ***Warns of Russia's continuing interest in destabilizing the region (AM 326) and its European path (AM 327); condemns its support for Republika Srpska entity's separatist policies and remains concerned about continuous alignment and friendly ties between prominent political actors in BiH and the Kremlin (AM 321, 326); urges all actors to swiftly and unambiguously distance themselves from Putin's regime (AM 321); is concerned by Russia's plan to open a 'humanitarian centre' in Banja Luka, which could serve to camouflage military cooperation as civilian activities and calls on BiH authorities to revoke any agreement to open it (AM 317);***

27c (new) ***Is highly alerted that the EU accession countries in the Western Balkans are being hit particularly hard by attacks in the form of foreign interference and disinformation campaigns stemming from Russia and China; is alarmed that Hungary and Serbia are helping China and Russia with their geopolitical objectives (AM 245); is deeply concerned about the spread of disinformation about the Russian aggression against Ukraine; calls on the authorities to take action, in coordination with the EU, to fight disinformation and other hybrid threats; (AM 323) recommends convening dialogues with Western Balkan civil society and the private sector to coordinate anti-disinformation efforts in the region, including regional expertise (AM 245); stresses the need for the EU to boost its proactive strategic communication (AM 330); in this***

regard calls on the Commission to build up the infrastructure required to counter disinformation threats, and on the EEAS to expand StratCom monitoring to focus on cross-border disinformation threats from Western Balkan countries and their neighbours (AM 245);

COMP 26

Paragraph 28, 28a (new), 28b (new), 28c (new), 28d (new)

AM 124 (Grošelj/Renew), AM 320 (Rapporteur), AM 325 (Gál/NI), AM 331 (Rapporteur), AM 332 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 333 (Rapporteur), AM 334 (Rapporteur), AM 335 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 345 (Glavak et al/EPP),

AM 324 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

28. ***Urges*** (AM 325) the EU to take concrete steps **to integrate the Western Balkans and BiH within a broader strategic and security context, also in view of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, disinformation and malign interference destabilising the country and region; underlines the need for EU to boost assistance and technical expertise to BiH cybersecurity**; (AM 332);

28a (new) Calls for the EU and the Council to consider the impact of an eventual granting of candidate country status to Ukraine on Bosnia and Herzegovina's own path towards EU accession, which can contribute to de-escalate nationalistic rhetoric, reduce ethnic divisions, inspire optimism and open the perspective of a better European future for BiH citizens; (AM 124, 331); stresses the importance of a message of support and a credible accession perspective for BiH (AM 124);

28b (new) Welcomes the statements of 4 March and 24 March 2022 by NATO's Secretary-General on the need to further support BiH, including by upholding its sovereignty and strengthening its resilience (AM 333); ***recognizes the added value BiH's membership in NATO would bring*** (AM 345);

28c (new) Expresses its concern about the effects of the war in Ukraine on BiH, namely relating to inflation, energy supply, fuel prices, and food security; (AM 334) urges the EU to assist BiH in increasing its green energy security amid the precariousness of the energy prices; (AM 335)

28d (new) Takes note that the implementation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's 2018-2023 foreign policy strategy, which includes full membership of the EU, activation of the NATO Membership Action Plan, fight against terrorism, cooperation at regional level, and bilateral and multilateral cooperation, has been undermined by frequent divergent positions; urges authorities to step up its implementation; (AM 320)

COMP 27

Paragraph 29, 29a (new)

AM 336 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 338 (Köster et al/S&D), AM 339 (Castaldo/NI), AM 341 (Zovko et al/EPP)

AM 337 (Vilimsky et al/ID), AM 340 (Vilimsky et al/ID) falls

29. Welcomes *the mobilization of the European Peace Facility funds worth EUR 10 million that will finance 150 metal detectors and 68 special vehicles to build capacities*, (AM 336) to boost demining and the disposal of weapons, ammunition and explosives; *underlines that BiH officially aligns itself with the criteria and principles of the Common Position on Arms Exports and is a State Party to most disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control treaties* (AM 338), *and calls for its meaningful support of the activities by the South Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC)*; (AM 339)

29a (new) *Welcomes the continued presence of EUFOR's Operation Althea in the country and the extension of its mandate by the United Nations Security Council on 3 November 2021*; (AM 341)

COMP 28

Paragraph 30, 30a (new)

AM 328 (Strik/Greens/EFA), AM 342 (Rapporteur), AM 343 (Zovko et al/EPP), AM 344 (Castaldo/NI), AM 346 (Zovko et al/EPP)

30. Welcomes the recent reinforcement of EUFOR Althea *by the deployment of approximately 500 personnel from its reserves stationed outside BiH as a precautionary measure* (AM 342, 343) and the support under the European Peace Facility to strengthen the demining battalion of the armed forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AM 342); *recalls that the mission continues to play an important role in safeguarding the security and stability of the country* (AM 343); *stresses the strategic importance of the Brčko District and calls to consider for further deployment based on a realistic threat assessment* ; (AM 328)

30a (new) *Stresses the imperative need to extend the mandate of EUFOR Althea beyond November 2022* (AM 342, 346); *calls therefore on Member States to work within the UN to extend the mandate* (AM 342, 344, 346), and underlines the paramount importance of having alternative solutions ready in the event of non-extension (AM 342, 346); *calls, therefore, for the EU and its international partners, including NATO* (AM 328), *to develop adequate alternatives so as to maintain a peace-enforcement mechanism in Bosnia and Herzegovina should the Operation's UN Security Council mandate not be extended* (AM 328, 342);

VOTE: AM 347 (Strik/Greens/EFA) **Paragraph 31**

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- A. whereas BiH citizens aspire towards Euro-Atlantic integration for sustainable peace, democracy and prosperity; *whereas the future of the Western Balkans is within the EU* (AM 29) *and the prospect of future EU integration was made to the citizens of the Western Balkans, including BiH, during the 2003 Thessaloniki summit* (AM 26);
- Aa. *whereas the EU, and the European Parliament, have continuously supported BiH's path towards the EU, its democratic transformation, underpinned by its strategic orientation and commitment to European integration;* (AM 27, 29); *whereas EU accession requires the engagement of all BiH political leaders, authorities, institutions and office holders* (AM 28);
- B. whereas the EU is the biggest trade and investment partner of BiH and its largest provider of financial assistance, *notably through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)* (AM 31);
- C. whereas *Bosnia and Herzegovina's* progress on its EU accession path depends on *fulfilling* the 14 key priorities *set out* in the Commission's *Opinion* on *its* (AM 34) EU membership application, and whereas EU assistance should address the persistent lack of progress in that regard *by BiH counterparts* (AM 33);
- Ca. *whereas the credibility of the enlargement process is based on clear progress in key areas of rule of law and judicial reform, the fight against corruption and organized crime, security, fundamental rights, democratic institutions, public administration reform, as well as economic development and competitiveness;* (AM 37)
- Cb. *whereas the legacy of the Dayton Peace Agreement must be upheld;* (AM 38)

- D. *whereas the international High Representative and its office (OHR) remains tasked under Annex 10 to the Dayton Peace Agreement to oversee the implementation of the civilian aspects of the peace accords until completion of the 5+2 agenda set out in 2008; (AM 39)*
- Da. *whereas since 2004 the European Union maintains a military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina – EUFOR Althea – tasked with the executive mandate of the UN Security Council to support the authorities in maintaining a safe and secure environment; (AM 39) whereas EUFOR Althea should be further reinforced in order to be truly effective; whereas there is a concrete risk of non-extension of its mandate within the UN Security Council; (AM 41)*
- Db. *whereas the Office of the High Representative (OHR) and EUFOR Althea are integral in preserving peace, security and stability in BiH and in the region (AM 43), and in enforcing the Dayton Peace Agreement (AM 42), in accordance with their mandates (AM 40);*
- Dc. *whereas the High Representative used the Bonn Powers to suspend Republika Srpska Law on Immovable Property; (AM 44)*
- DD. *whereas the strong international supervision mechanism establish a great degree of responsibility for the international community, including the EU, with regards to the democratic functioning and prosperous and peaceful future of BiH; (AM 42)*
- E. *whereas all BiH citizens should enjoy equal rights and obligations regardless of their ethnic background, (AM 48) under the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (AM 49) throughout BiH territory; whereas the country has committed to international and domestic obligations to end systematic ethnicity and residence-based discrimination and ensure citizens' equality before the law, while respecting the constitutional order of the country (AM 46, 47), which needs to be brought fully in line with European standards and principles;*
- Ea. *whereas it is crucial to ensure an adequately diverse representation at all levels of governance; (AM 45, 46, 50)*
- Ea. *whereas BiH is yet to implement a multitude of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in favour of discriminated Bosnian citizens, enabling all BiH citizens to effectively exercise their basic civil and political rights; (AM 51)*
- Eb. *whereas constitutional and electoral changes should enhance BiH's standing as a multi-ethnic, inclusive and democratic state and remove discrimination and corruption from the electoral system; (AM 52)*
- Ec. *whereas the legal framework of BiH must be revised in light of international jurisprudence; (AM 53)*
- Ed. *whereas BiH's transition from the Dayton to the EU framework is a prerequisite to preserve the country's sovereignty and sustain its democratic transformation; (AM 54)*
- Ee. *whereas according to UN surveys 47 percent of Bosnians aged 18 to 29 are contemplating emigration, either temporarily or permanently, disillusioned by the lack of prospects at home; whereas, according to a United Nations Population Fund*

(UNFPA) report, an average of 50,000-55,000 people - mostly skilled workers and professionals - leave BiH every year; (AM 55)

- F. *whereas **official or unofficial** (AM 56) glorification of convicted war criminals, ethnic or religious (AM 57) segregation and discrimination go against the very essence of the European project; whereas there is an urgent need to effectively outlaw denial of the Holocaust, genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity;*
- Fa. *whereas BiH is currently facing the greatest instability since the war between 1992 and 1995; whereas certain political leaders of the Republika Srpska in BiH use inflammatory rhetoric and engage in destabilizing actions, aiming to prepare a withdrawal from state institutions (including the military, tax system and judiciary) and to set up independent authorities, which is a violation of the Dayton Peace Agreement; whereas certain foreign political actors actively support the disruptive and secessionist efforts of the Bosnian Serb leadership, led by Milorad Dodik; (AM 58)*
- Fb. *whereas on 18 March 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/450^{7a}, prolonging the existing sanctions framework for individuals undermining the sovereignty, territorial integrity and constitutional order of BiH or the Dayton Peace Agreement; (AM 60)*

7a https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_.2022.091.01.0022.01.ENG&toc=OJ%3AL%3A2022%3A091%3ATOC

- Fc. *whereas the Council regularly expresses its support for the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina; (AM 61)*
- Fd. *whereas malign foreign direct and proxy interference and disinformation aim to sow discord among different communities and to destabilise the region, especially in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine; (AM 59)*

CITATIONS

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