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Motion for a resolution PE631.795 – 2018/2160(INI)

Amendment 1

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on behalf of

Ana Gomes

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Hilde Vautmans

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Soraya Post

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Motion for a resolution

Citation 6 a (new)

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- having regard to the EU Guidelines to promote and protect the enjoyment of all human rights by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons, adopted by the Council in 2013,

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Paragraph 15

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15. Recalls that women's rights, gender equality and the right to non-discrimination of vulnerable groups, ***including LGBTQI people***, are fundamental rights and key principles of the EU's external action;

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1. Notes with concern that, eight years after the upheavals, most of the expectations have still not been met; condemns the persistent and continuing violations of human rights, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms in several cases, **and attacks on the rights of minorities and LGBTI people**; is worried about the socio-economic situation in the region, which continues to be dire and, in particular, about the high levels of youth unemployment and social exclusion, which cause disillusionment and disenfranchisement on a large scale;

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Paragraph 15 a (new)

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15 a. *Calls on the European Commission, the European Parliament and Member States to actively and consistently defend the indivisibility of human rights, including LGBTQI rights, within their cooperation with MENA states, and to emphasize that these rights need to be upheld through State practice as well as legislation; to support local LGBTQI activists and rights defenders' work according to the priorities they set and through the means they recommend, including through providing adequate protection when they are at risk; and to increase efforts to defend civil society and the associated rights (expression, association, assembly, privacy...) necessary for the survival of all human rights defenders and CSOs, and their ability to fight for their rights and network with each other;*

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3 a. (new) Deplores the fact that some Gulf countries, notably United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, undermine democratic developments in the MENA region, by, inter alia, supporting the repressive regime in Egypt that came to power as a result of the military coup in 2013, and interfering in the democratic consolidation in Tunisia, under the guise of fighting political Islam;

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Paragraph 3 b (new)

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3 b. (new) Emphasises the need for the EU to engage in dialogue with all political actors in the MENA countries.

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