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Amendment 1
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital M

Motion for a resolution

M. whereas safe and legal routes for refugees to access the EU are limited, and many continue to take the risk of embarking on dangerous routes; and whereas the creation of new safe and lawful routes for asylum seekers and refugees to enter the EU, building on existing legislation and *practices*, would allow the EU and the Member States to have a better overview of the protection needs and of the inflow into the EU and to undermine the business model of the smugglers;

Amendment

M. whereas safe and legal routes for refugees to access the EU are limited, and many continue to take the risk of embarking on dangerous routes; and whereas the creation of new safe and lawful routes for asylum seekers and refugees to enter the EU, building on existing *practices*, **national** legislation and **international law**, would allow the EU and the Member States to have a better overview of the protection needs and of the inflow into the EU and to undermine the business model of the smugglers;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

M a. Whereas exploring alternative solutions and building on good practices of other countries (i.e. Canada) and civil society initiatives would allow relieving pressure on existing resources, namely through the creation of air bridges for refugees from neighbouring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Egypt.

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 3

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Recital U

Motion for a resolution

U. whereas the CEAS includes a set of common rules for a common asylum policy, a uniform asylum status and common asylum procedures valid throughout the Union; whereas, however, many alerts, including the infringement decisions adopted by the Commission, show that the CEAS has not been fully implemented in many Member States; whereas implementation is essential in order to harmonise national laws and promote solidarity among Member States, and whereas Member States can seek supporting assistance from EASO to meet the standards required by the CEAS; whereas harmonisation of reception conditions and asylum procedures can avoid stress on countries offering better conditions and are key to responsibility sharing;

Amendment

U. whereas the CEAS includes a set of common rules for a common asylum policy, a uniform asylum status and common asylum procedures valid throughout the Union; whereas, however, many alerts, including the infringement decisions adopted by the Commission, show that the CEAS has not been fully implemented in many Member States; whereas implementation is essential in order to harmonise national laws and promote solidarity among Member States, and whereas Member States can seek supporting assistance from EASO to meet the standards required by the CEAS; whereas ***the EASO needs to be equipped with the necessary resources to effectively provide such assistance; whereas*** harmonisation of reception conditions and asylum procedures can avoid stress on countries offering better conditions and are key to responsibility sharing;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Takes the view that a permanent, robust and effective Union response in search and rescue operations at sea is crucial to preventing an escalating death toll of migrants attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea;

Amendment

4. ***Commends the work done by CSDP naval mission EUNAVFOR Med Operation Sophia, which in one year of operation saved already over 9000 lives;*** takes the view that a permanent, robust and effective Union response in search and

rescue operations at sea is crucial to preventing an escalating death toll of migrants *and refugees* attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea; *sees an urgent need for a concerted European commitment to these goals in the context of action to reinforce external border controls and to disrupt trafficking networks; calls on the mobilization of European Navies in the context of civilian-military common operation to these ends.*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Underlines that military operations should not be the predominate aspect of any holistic approach to migration and reiterates that Operation Sophia must not distract assets already deployed in the Mediterranean from saving lives at sea;

Amendment

10. Underlines that military operations should not be the predominate aspect of any holistic approach to migration and reiterates that Operation Sophia must not distract assets already deployed in the Mediterranean from saving lives at sea; *holds therefore that a military operation such as EUNAVFOR Sophia have a nature of crisis management and are aimed at tackling a specific, very serious situation which Member States would otherwise be unable to address in all effectiveness;*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Emphasises that full use should be made of existing instruments, such as the agencies' risk analyses; observes that Union agencies should cooperate fully, **but that they also** need to step up cooperation with **Member States**; **notes that** better coordination of efforts should allow for the collection of data at national level and its onward communication to the Agencies;

Amendment

12. Emphasises that full use should be made of existing instruments, such as the Agencies risk analyses; observes that Union Agencies should cooperate fully; **notes that Member States** need to step up cooperation with **the Agencies**; better coordination of efforts should allow for the collection of data at **the** national level and its onward communication to the Agencies **who have a role in designing responses on the ground and coordinating Member State action, as is the case of Europol**;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Takes the view that the establishment of urgent relocation measures is a move in the right direction, and calls on Member States to fulfil their obligations with regard to those measures as soon as possible;

Amendment

15. Takes the view that the establishment of urgent relocation measures is a move in the right direction, and calls on Member States to fulfil their obligations with regard to those measures as soon as possible; **notes, at the same time, that some Members States, such as Portugal, have publicly announced to be willing to host refugees, but could not see their quotas being filled, clearly demonstrating the need to reappraise the implementation of the existing mechanisms, namely with a view to ensure proper information is provided to the asylum seekers, in their language, about the possible hosting Member States.**

Or. en

Amendment 8
Ana Gomes, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes, in addition, that Member States of first arrival will therefore have to handle the more complicated asylum claims (and appeals), will have to organise longer periods of reception, and will have to organise and coordinate returns for those ultimately not entitled to international protection;

Amendment

17. Notes, in addition, that Member States of first arrival will therefore have to handle the more complicated asylum claims (and appeals), will have to organise longer periods of reception, and will have to organise and coordinate returns for those ultimately not entitled to international protection; ***believes that the EU and other Member States must take measures to assist frontline Member States in handling the arrival, reception and claims;***

Or. en

Amendment 9
Ana Gomes, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Acknowledges that the integrity of the Schengen area and the abolishment of internal border controls are dependent on having effective management of external borders, with high common standards applied by all Member States at the external borders and an effective exchange of information between them;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Ana Gomes, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

65. Accepts that the Union needs to strengthen its external border protection and further develop the CEAS, and that measures are necessary to enhance the capacity of the Schengen Area to address the new challenges facing Europe and preserve the fundamental principles of security and free movement of persons;

Amendment

65. Accepts that the Union needs to strengthen its external border protection and further develop the CEAS, and that measures are necessary to enhance the capacity of the Schengen Area to address the new challenges facing Europe and preserve the fundamental principles of security and free movement of persons;
believes, however, that reinforcing the protection of the Union's external borders will not address the root causes of the current refugee and migrant crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ana Gomes, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 66

Motion for a resolution

66. Points out that access to the territory of the Schengen Area is generally controlled at the external border under the Schengen Borders Code and that, in addition, citizens of many third countries require a visa to enter the Schengen Area;

Amendment

66. Points out that access to the territory of the Schengen Area is generally controlled at the external border under the Schengen Borders Code and that, in addition, citizens of many third countries require a visa to enter the Schengen Area;
is of the view that the Schengen rules need to be better applied by Member States, rather than reinforced, namely systematic controls at external borders; calls in this regard on the Commission to report on the state of implementation of those rules already in force in each Member State and notes that only such assessment can inform the making of new rules, especially more stringent rules; notes as well that the approach that is being taken by some Member States is reactive in nature and does not take into account medium and long-term planning, the role that sustainable (external) policies might have

in mitigating the security risks and, also, the negative impact for the coherence and credibility of the Union in global terms that a securitarian view may have;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 73

Motion for a resolution

73. Calls for the hotspots to be set up as soon as possible in order to give concrete operational assistance to those Member States;

Amendment

73. Calls for the hotspots to be set up as soon as possible in order to give concrete operational assistance to those Member States; ***greatly regrets the fact that it is taking so long to set up all the hotspots;***

Or. en

Amendment 13
Ana Gomes, Tanja Fajon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 82

Motion for a resolution

82. Understands that the external dimension should focus on cooperation with third countries in tackling the root causes of, and addressing, irregular flows to Europe; understands that partnerships and cooperation with key countries of origin, transit and destination should continue to be a focus, for example through the Khartoum and Rabat processes, the Africa-EU migration and mobility dialogue, the Budapest Process and the Prague Process;

Amendment

82. Understands that the external dimension should focus on cooperation with third countries in tackling the root causes of, and addressing, irregular flows to Europe, ***which is undeniably linked to situations of conflict, violence, widespread human rights abuse, poverty and poor governance***; understands that partnerships and cooperation with key countries of origin, transit and destination should continue to be a focus, for example through the Khartoum and Rabat processes, the Africa-EU Migration and mobility dialogue, the Budapest Process and the Prague Process; ***believes, however, that a more holistic and comprehensive***

approach is needed to include other policy areas, from the external policy remit, such as development, humanitarian aid, trade and others; points out in this regard that cooperation with third countries to manage migration goes much beyond strictly migration policies and that the Commission, the EEAS and Member States must seek to overcome the problem of compartmentalisation of the Union's policies;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 86

Motion for a resolution

86. Recalls that the Union has intensified its external cooperation with third countries in migration and asylum in order to respond adequately to the current refugee crisis, and has launched new cooperation initiatives, such as the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan; emphasises, in that respect, the need for all parties to fulfil their commitments deriving from the Joint Action Plan, including addressing the root causes leading to the massive influx of Syrians, stepping up cooperation for the support of Syrians under temporary protection and their host communities in Turkey, and for Turkey to fulfil its commitments to prevent irregular migration flows from its territory to the Union;

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peace and mediation in the region and that it should use all its diplomatic and policy tools at the service of that role, namely by calling to table all those needed for regional conflict resolution, which is at the core of the current migrant and refugee crisis;

Or. en