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Recommendation to the Council, to the Commission and to the Vice-President/ High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the new comprehensive agreement between the EU and Uzbekistan

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Amendment 1

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Point a

Motion for a resolution

a) welcome **strongly** the steps taken by Uzbekistan towards a more open society and the genuine engagement within the political dialogue between the EU and Uzbekistan, which led to negotiations on a comprehensive EPCA;

Amendment

a) welcome the **pledges and** steps taken by Uzbekistan towards a more open society and the genuine engagement within the political dialogue between the EU and Uzbekistan, which led to **opening of the** negotiations on a comprehensive EPCA;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Point b

Motion for a resolution

b) provide significant support to sustainable reforms, on the basis of the current and future agreements, leading to tangible results and addressing political, societal and economic issues, with a view in particular to improving governance, opening up space for a genuinely diverse and independent civil society, strengthening respect for human rights and removing obstacles to entrepreneurship;

Amendment

b) provide significant support to sustainable reforms, on the basis of the current and future agreements, leading to tangible results and addressing political, societal and economic issues, with a view in particular to improving governance, opening up space for a genuinely diverse and independent civil society, strengthening respect for human rights, **ensuring accountability for abuses** and removing obstacles to entrepreneurship;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Point c

Motion for a resolution

c) recognise the **ongoing** reforms to improve the business climate, the judicial system and security services, labour conditions, and administrative accountability and efficiency; highlight that Uzbekistan's comprehensive reform plan, the Development Strategy for 2017–2021, must be backed up by measures facilitating external trade and improving the business environment;

Amendment

c) recognise the **pledges of** reforms to improve the business climate, the judicial system and security services, labour conditions, and administrative accountability and efficiency, **and stresses the importance of their full and verifiable implementation**; highlight that Uzbekistan's comprehensive reform plan, the Development Strategy for 2017–2021, must be backed up by measures facilitating external trade and improving the business environment;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point e

Motion for a resolution

e) welcome the release of political prisoners and **encourage** the authorities to **resolve cases of** prisoners of conscience;

Amendment

e) welcome the release of **some** political prisoners and **urges** the authorities to **release all other** prisoners of conscience;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point f

Motion for a resolution

f) welcome the progress made towards the eradication of child labour and the phasing-out of forced labour, **as well as the recent visits to Uzbekistan by UN Special Rapporteurs** and the reopening of the country to international non-

Amendment

f) welcome the progress made towards the eradication of child labour and the phasing-out of forced labour and the reopening of the country to international non-governmental organisations in this field, **but express concerns at the fact that**

governmental organisations in this field;

despite measures taken various authorities continued to mobilize some public sector workers, students and employees of private businesses to pick cotton on threat of punishment or loss of employment;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point f a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

f a) Press the authorities to fully abolish the practice of forced labour in cotton fields, including by holding accountable local authorities that mobilize public sector workers and students on threat of punishment, and press the government to urgently facilitate a country visit by the UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point h

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

h) continue holding annual Human Rights Dialogues, while mainstreaming human rights issues in all meetings; encourage compliance with international human rights instruments;

h) continue holding annual Human Rights Dialogues, *and in this context press for their solution of individual cases of concerns, including political prisoners, establish concrete benchmarks ahead of each round of dialogues and assess progress on deliverables in line with EU standards*, while mainstreaming human

rights issues in all *other* meetings;
encourage **and assess** compliance with
international human rights instruments;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Point o

Motion for a resolution

o) **support** implementation of the key
international conventions required for
GSP+ status;

Amendment

o) **supporte effective** implementation
of the key international conventions
required for GSP+ status;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***(new section) Rule of Law, Human Rights
and Fundamental Freedoms***

Or. en

Amendment 10

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***a) welcome the pledges made and steps
taken by the government of Uzbekistan to
address serious humanrights abuses in
the country, but express continued
concern at the outstanding concerns and***

lack of implementation of key reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

b) Strongly welcome the release of dozens of persons imprisoned on politically motivated charges since September 2016, express, however, concerns at the continued detention of many individuals on politically motivated grounds and at the lack of legal redress for those recently released;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point q a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

q a) c) Call for the release of all individuals convicted on politically motivated charges, such as Akrom Malikov, Rustam Abdumannapov, Jamoliddin Abdurakhmanov; Mirsobir Hamidkariev, Andrei Kubati, Jahongir Kulidzhanov; Mirsobir Hamidkariev; Aramais Avakyan; Ruhiddin Fahriddinov; Ravshan Kosimov; Viktor Shin, and Alisher Achildiev; Aziz Yusupov; and calls for the establishment of an independent mechanism for the review of the situation of other individuals sentenced under charges commonly used to criminalise dissent.

Amendment 13
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

d) Press the authorities to create an independent National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), namely with the involvement of civil society, in order to make unannounced visits to prisons and other places of detention and to monitor the treatment of prisoners.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

e) Urge the government of Uzbekistan to provide those recently released with legal rehabilitation, overturn unsound convictions, ensure access to adequate medical treatment and end continued surveillance on them;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point q b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

q b) f) Call the authorities to thoroughly investigate the allegations that journalist Bobomurod Abdullaev was severely tortured in pre-trial detention as well as all other allegation of torture or inhuman treatment;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Point q c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

q c) g) Urge the government to swiftly amend its criminal code provisions relating to extremism that are commonly used to criminalize dissents, in particular the articles 159, 216, 244-1, and 244-2 of the Criminal Code, and bring them into compliance with Uzbekistan's international human rights obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 1 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

h) Welcome the commitments made in order to stop using Article 221 of Uzbekistan's Criminal Code regarding "violations of prison rules" as the basis to arbitrarily extend the sentences of political prisoners; press, however, the authorities to act accordingly and to urgently remove this article from the

Amendment 18

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Point q d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

q d) i) Welcome the emergence of an increasingly vibrant media environment and the statements issued by high level officials supporting the media to address urgent social issues, however, express concern at the continued state control over the media, at the continued censorship and self-censorship, and at the regular blocking of numerous websites, including of domestic news outlets, international news and human rights websites and social media platforms;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution

Point q e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

q e) j) urge the authorities to end pressure on and the surveillance of media, stop blocking independent websites, allow international media to accredit correspondents and to operate in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

k) note the relaxation of some restrictions on freedom of peaceful assembly but express concerns at the occurrences of detention of peaceful demonstrators;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point q f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

q f) l) welcome the the new law on registration of non-governmental organisations relaxing some registration procedures and some requirements of advanced permission for holding activities or meetings, but express concerns that the law was not effectively implemented yet;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 1 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

m) urge the authorities to fully implement the new law on NGOs that relaxes registration (purported to overturn the June 2015 law that severely restricted NGO activities) to end the surveillance of civil society activists and other procedures and to allow international monitors and human rights organizations to freely

operate in the country, including by removing all barriers to the registration of Human Rights Watch and other international organizations and make accreditation available to international media outlets;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point r

Motion for a resolution

r) use the negotiations and the *forthcoming* ratification and implementation of the EPCA *to support a sustainable transition for Uzbekistan towards a more accountable and democratic regime;*

Amendment

r) use *the negotiations of the EPCA to support genuine and sustainable progress towards an accountable and democratic regime that guarantees and protects fundamental rights for all citizens, ensure that before the conclusions of the negotiations Uzbekistan takes genuine measures to bring freedom of association and peaceful assembly and freedom of expression in line with international standards and secures the release of individuals still detained under politically motivated charges, and publicly assess such progress in view of the conclusion of the negotiations and the ratification and implementation of the EPCA;*

Or. en

Amendment 24
Ana Gomes

Motion for a resolution
Point y

Motion for a resolution

y) include terms on the potential suspension of cooperation in the event of

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the breach of essential elements by either party, including consultation of Parliament in such cases;

the breach of essential elements by either party, including *human rights violations or the failure to resolve key outstanding human rights concerns, including* consultation of Parliament in such cases;

Or. en