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AMENDMENTS: 14

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Fight against corruption and follow up of the CRIM resolution

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Amendment 1

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recommends that the EU become a member of GRECO;

Amendment

5. Recommends that the EU become a member of GRECO ***and request participation in the Open Government Partnership;***

Or. en

Amendment 2

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5 a. Regrets that the European Commission has not yet published its 2nd Anti-Corruption Report, which is due to be issued in 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6 a. Stresses that, in order to fight corruption effectively and ensure lasting outcomes, the EU and Member States need to adopt a political strategy and a list

of priorities, which may comprise not only legislative action but also a set of concrete benchmarks that Member States commit to attain in order to tackle corruption in the public and private sector and organised crime; takes the view that these targets and benchmarks should be holistic, comprising at least measures to improve transparency of public acts, access to information, public officials' asset disclosure, judicial capacity and technical assistance, whistleblower protection and mechanisms for citizen engagement in decision-making;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls for the establishment of a specialist Europol unit to combat organised criminal groups which operate in several sectors at the same time; takes the view that the Member States should set up **a body with responsibility for ensuring** that investigations into organised crime are properly coordinated;

Amendment

9. Calls for the establishment of a specialist Europol unit to combat organised criminal groups which operate in several sectors at the same time; takes the view that the Member States should set up **secure and effective mechanisms in the current institutional framework to ensure** that investigations into organised crime are properly coordinated **and that mutual trust among law enforcement authorities in Member States is fostered;**

Or. en

Amendment 5

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Deplores the fact that cross-border police and judicial cooperation involves excessively lengthy, bureaucratic procedures that hamper its efficiency and jeopardise the effectiveness of the fight against organised crime at EU level; calls on the Member States to increase the resources they devote to cross-border police and judicial cooperation, to guarantee the mutual admissibility of evidence between Member States, to ensure that greater use is made of joint investigation teams **and to employ a common system for communication and for exchanging information relevant to the fight against organised crime and corruption;**

Amendment

12. Deplores the fact that cross-border police and judicial cooperation involves excessively lengthy, bureaucratic procedures that hamper its efficiency and jeopardise the effectiveness of the fight against organised crime, **corruption and money laundering** at EU level; calls on the Member States to increase the resources they devote to cross-border police and judicial cooperation, to **ensure proper training and technical support, to** guarantee the mutual admissibility of evidence between Member States, **and** to ensure that greater use is made of joint investigation teams;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Stresses the urgency of creating a more efficient system for communication and exchanging information among judicial authorities within the EU, replacing the traditional instruments of mutual legal assistance for criminal matters, if necessary; asks the Commission to assess the need for legislative action in this field, to create a proper EU system of exchange of information among EU judicial authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Subheading 7

Motion for a resolution

Preventing organised crime from
infiltrating the legal economy

Amendment

Preventing organised crime **and corruption**
from infiltrating the legal economy

Or. en

Amendment 8

Ana Gomes, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Requests the European Commission to monitor and report to the Parliament on the percentage of use of direct awarding of public contracts in Member States, as well as the legal circumstances where national administrations most make use of them;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Marian Harkin, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Takes the view that the Commission should impose the highest levels of integrity in the procurement processes for implementation of EU-funded projects; recalls that monitoring results of projects in cooperation with civil society organisations and holding

local authorities accountable is essential to determine whether EU funds are used appropriately and that corruption is tackled;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 b. Urges the Commission and Member States to demand contractors to reveal their full corporate structure and beneficial owners before awarding any contracts to them so as to avoid supporting companies which engage in aggressive tax planning, tax fraud and evasion and corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 11

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 c. Emphasises the need for the EU and the Member States to take appropriate measures, including under criminal law, to monitor and eventually sanction companies based on their territory which are involved in corruption; calls on the Commission and Member States to aggregate data to formulate a public list of companies which have been convicted of corrupt practices or whose company officials are being indicted for corrupt practices in Member States; is of

the opinion that such listing should prohibit those companies from participating in public procurement processes or benefit from EU funds in EU Member States in the case of conviction, and until a final court decision of exoneration; highlights the fact that 'blacklisting' can be effective in dissuading companies from engaging in corrupt activities and provides a good incentive for them to improve and reinforce their internal integrity procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22 a. Notes that the purchase of property in EU Member States is a way to launder the proceeds of criminal activity, whereby criminals shield their ultimate beneficial ownership through foreign shell companies; urges Member States to ensure that any foreign company intending to hold a property title in its territory be held to the same standards of transparency required of companies incorporated in its jurisdiction;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Ana Gomes, Elly Schlein, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei, Tomáš Zdechovský

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Points out that tax havens are ideal places in which to collect and launder the proceeds of criminal activities, and as such ***should be abolished***;

Amendment

23. Points out that tax havens are ideal places in which to collect and launder the proceeds of criminal activities, and as such ***insists on the need to come up as soon as possible with a common Union list of uncooperative jurisdictions (i.e. a 'blacklist of tax havens'), based on sound and objective criteria, including significantly lower effective level of taxation, the existence of active harmful tax practices, advantages granted to non-resident individuals or legal entities, prevention of automatic exchange of information for tax purposes with other governments and non-disclosure of the corporate structure of legal entities (including trusts, charities, foundations etc.) or the ownership of assets or rights; welcomes the Commission's intention to reach an agreement on such a list within the next six months; calls on the Member States to endorse that agreement by the end of 2016***;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Ana Gomes, Dennis de Jong, Elly Schlein, Benedek Jávor, Monica Macovei

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Asks, furthermore, for the Union's list of uncooperative jurisdictions to be accompanied by regulatory framework for sanctions against the blacklisted jurisdictions, including, but not limited to, the possibility of reviewing and, in the last resort, suspending free trade agreements and prohibiting access to Union funds; calls for the sanctions to apply also to companies, banks, accountancy, law firms

and tax advisers proven to be involved with those jurisdictions or to have facilitated tax and corporate arrangements to other companies involving legal vehicles in those jurisdictions;

Or. en