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Amendment 37

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Hilde Vautmans

Recommendation on EU-China political relations
(2025/2117(INI))

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the EU expects China to prove its interest in improving EU-China relations, including a fair trade approach, as well as in preventing decoupling and bloc-based confrontation; whereas the EU's objective should be to strengthen its strategic autonomy, underpinned neither by dependence nor by confrontation, but by principled engagement from a position of strength, protecting European values, interests, security and prosperity while preserving channels of dialogue and cooperation; whereas engagement does not imply endorsement, convergence, lowering of standards or leniency toward violations of human rights; whereas cooperation should be reversible and combine deeper partnership with greater alignment on rules;

Or. en

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Amendment

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Or. en

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Recital AD

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Recital AO***Motion for a resolution*

AO. whereas the EU's most recent China strategy dates from 2019; whereas a unified, pragmatic, consistent, comprehensive and principled EU policy towards China is therefore needed to determine the EU's future in global affairs; whereas ***such a policy*** should be based on the current geopolitical situation and therefore have a clear focus on ***security as well as on*** the EU's strategic autonomy ***and reciprocity***;

Amendment

AO. whereas the EU's most recent China strategy dates from 2019; whereas a unified, pragmatic, consistent, comprehensive and principled EU policy towards China is therefore needed to determine the EU's future in global affairs; whereas ***the EU-China comprehensive strategic partnership*** should be based on the current geopolitical situation and therefore have a clear focus on the EU's ***values, strategic autonomy, interests and priorities, including security***;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1 – point x***Motion for a resolution*

x) counter China's expanding political and economic footprint ***and address the risks stemming from China's growing political and financial leverage over several*** African countries; engage with China to reduce and alleviate the debt burden on developing countries, ***including*** by transforming ***China's*** loans into grants; call attention to China's growing economic, political and security influence in Latin America and the Caribbean, ***including through the Belt and Road Initiative***, large-scale infrastructure and port investments, military engagement and technological cooperation with authoritarian regimes such as those in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela; warn that these activities strengthen China's global strategic reach and increase economic dependencies;

Amendment

x) counter China's expanding political and economic footprint ***by offering a better alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative through the Global Gateway and similar EU initiatives to increase the EU's presence and engagement with partners in the Global South, particularly African and Latin American*** countries; ***strengthen efforts to counter anti-EU narratives in these countries***; engage with China to reduce and alleviate the debt burden on developing countries, ***also*** by transforming ***its*** loans into grants; call attention to China's growing economic, political and security influence in Latin America and the Caribbean, large-scale infrastructure and port investments, military engagement and technological cooperation with authoritarian regimes such as those in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela; warn that these activities strengthen China's global strategic reach and increase economic dependencies;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point ao a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

aoa) firmly call on the Chinese authorities to repeal Article 63 of the Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress, which purports to establish extraterritorial jurisdiction over individuals residing in third countries and constitutes a direct violation of international law and the sovereign jurisdiction of the EU Member States; develop an EU-wide framework for identifying and countering transnational repression on European soil;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point ao b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

aob) reiterate that human rights are universal, indivisible and inalienable, and cannot be characterised as internal affairs; call on China to ratify the ICCPR without further delay and to comply fully with its provisions in the meantime, including in Hong Kong where the covenant is legally binding pursuant to the Sino-British Joint Declaration and takes precedence over national security legislation; suspend all extradition arrangements to Hong Kong pending the full restoration of judicial independence and freedom of expression guarantees; agree, with China, on a concrete and time-bound roadmap for tangible and verifiable progress in the EU–China Human Rights Dialogue, moving beyond procedural exchanges to substantive outcomes;

Or. en

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Paragraph 1 – point ao c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

aoc) strongly condemn China's forced return of North Korean refugees – in particular women – in violation of the principle of non-refoulement and international refugee law, and which places their lives in grave and imminent danger; call on China to uphold its obligations under the 1951 Refugee Convention and to allow the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees access to North Korean nationals on its territory;

Or. en

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Paragraph 1 – point av

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 1 – point ay***Motion for a resolution*

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encourage fair and responsible people-to-people exchanges;

Or. en