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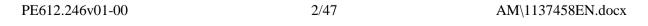
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Recommendation to the Council, the Commission, and the EEAS on Hong Kong, 20 years after handover (2017/2204(INI))

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Amendment 1 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Joint Communication of the Commission and the High Representative, "Elements for a new EU strategy on China", JOIN(2016) 30 final, of 22 June 2016, the Communication of the Commission "Trade for All", COM (2015)0497 final, of 15 October 2015, and the Council conclusions "EU Strategy on China" of 18 July 2016,

Or. en

Amendment 2 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas sovereignty over Hong Kong was transferred from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China on 1 July 1997;

Amendment

A. whereas the sovereignty of the People's Republic of China over Hong Kong was restored on 1 July 1997 and in this way the occupation by force of Chinese territory by British colonial troops was brought to end by means of negotiations and compromises between the United Kingdom and the People's Republic of China;

Or. de

Amendment 3 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration guaranteed, and the 1990 Basic Law of the Hong Kong SAR stipulates that Hong Kong will maintain the autonomy and independence of the executive, legislature and judiciary for 50 years after the handover of sovereignty;

Amendment

whereas the 1984 Sino-British Joint В. Declaration guaranteed under international law, and the 1990 Basic Law of the Hong Kong SAR stipulated as a constitutional principle, that Hong Kong would retain for 50 years from the handover of sovereignty, as an integral part of a unified People's Republic of China, monetary, tax and legal systems, including an independent executive, legislature and judiciary, separate from those of the People's Republic and budgetary autonomy; whereas, under the Basic Law of the Hong Kong SAR, key aspects of the structure of the State are subject to oversight and intervention by the central state authorities and the power to interpret the Basic Law lies with the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China;

Or. de

Amendment 4 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration guaranteed, and the 1990 Basic Law of the Hong Kong SAR stipulates that Hong Kong will maintain the autonomy and independence of the executive, legislature and judiciary for 50 years after the handover of sovereignty;

Amendment

B. whereas the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration guaranteed, and the 1990 Basic Law of the Hong Kong SAR stipulates that the National People's Congress authorizes the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to exercise a high degree of autonomy and enjoy executive, legislative and independent judicial power for 50 years after the handover of sovereignty;

Amendment 5 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the European Union and the Parliament *remain strong supporters of the* 'one country, two systems' principle and Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy under China;

Amendment

C. whereas the European Union and the Parliament unconditionally support the two principles set out in the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration governing the restoration of the sovereignty of the People's Republic of China over Hong Kong, namely 'one country, two systems' and 'a higher degree of autonomy' for Hong Kong;

Or. de

Amendment 6 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the European Union and the Parliament *remain strong supporters* of the 'one country, two systems' *principle* and Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy under China;

Amendment

C. whereas the European Union and the Parliament *adhere to the 'One China' policy and support the continued implementation* of the 'one country, two systems' and Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy under China;

Or. en

Amendment 7 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas the European Union and the Parliament remain strong supporters of the 'one country, two systems' principle and Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy under China;

Amendment

C. whereas the European Union and the *European* Parliament remain strong supporters of the 'one country, two systems' principle and Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy under China;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the purpose of the two principles is to define a 'federal' concept to govern the relationship between two antithetical social development processes taking place in one State and to offer scope for development;

Or. de

Amendment 9 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the EU is committed to its "One China" Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 10 Dubravka Šuica

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Motion for a resolution Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the 10th annual Structured Dialogue meeting between the European Union and the Government of the Hong Kong SAR took place in Brussels on 17 November 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 11 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the European Union and Hong Kong carryout annual high-level dialogue called the Structured Dialogue, which was initiated in 2005;

Or. en

Amendment 12 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas in 2016 the EU was Hong Kong's second largest trading partner after mainland China, and Hong Kong was the EU's 14th largest trading partner in goods and a key partner for trade in services;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Cb. whereas bilateral relations between the EU and Hong Kong were further strengthened in 2016; whereas the EU was Hong Kong's second largest trading partner after China;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas Hong Kong's defence and *external political* affairs are within the remit of the Government of the People's Republic of China;

Amendment

D. whereas Hong Kong's defence and *foreign* affairs are within the remit of the Government of the People's Republic of China;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the Basic Law gives the Hong Kong SAR the right to organise its own external economic relations and to become a member of international

Or. de

Amendment 16 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas Hong Kong is a member or associate member of more than 20 international organizations including the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Interpol, Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Asian Development Bank (ADB, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the International Olympic Committee, International Chamber of Commerce ,International Confederation of Free Trade Unions;

Or. en

Amendment 17 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas even after 1 July 1997 existing agreements on civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights and international human rights agreements have continued to apply; whereas the People's Republic of China has also signed and ratified international agreements guaranteeing these rights and thus acknowledged the significance and

universality of human rights; whereas China has established forums for dialogue with the EU and other international partners on matters linked to the rule of law;

Or. de

Amendment 18 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas Hong Kong is party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights(ICCPR);

Or. en

Amendment 19 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas the Basic Law sets down protection for human rights and individual freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 20 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas Articles 45 and 68 of the Basic Law stipulate that the *Chief Executive* and all members of the Legislative Council should ultimately be elected by universal suffrage;

Amendment

F. whereas Articles 45 and 68 of the Basic Law stipulate that the head of government and all members of the Legislative Council should ultimately be elected by universal suffrage; whereas the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China has decided that the provisions of the Basic Law on the head of government should be implemented at the earliest in 2017 and those on the parliament not before 2020;

Or. de

Amendment 21 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas the People's Republic of China (PRC) State Council *issued a* white paper on the practice of the 'one country, two systems' policy in Hong Kong *on 10*June 2014, stressing that the autonomy of the Hong Kong SAR is ultimately subject to central PRC government's authorisation;

Amendment

G. whereas the People's Republic of China has sole power to set up special administrative regions on its territory and endow them with rights which grant them a measure of autonomy; whereas on 10 June 2014 the People's Republic of China (PRC) State Council reiterated this position in its white paper on the practice of the 'one country, two systems' policy;

Or. de

Amendment 22 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital H

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- H. whereas Hong Kong's traditional open society has paved the way for the development of a genuine and independent civil society that actively and constructively takes part in the public life of the SAR;
- H. whereas following the political and social protests against the policies of the colonial authorities in the late 1960s an independent civil society has developed and is seeking to take an active and constructive part in the public life of the SAR:

Or. de

Amendment 23 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas Hong Kong's civil society has *raised* public awareness of political *rights*, health care, *environment*, climate change, women's political participation, the rights of domestic workers, LGBTI rights, religion, and academic and cultural freedoms;

Amendment

I. whereas Hong Kong's civil society, which has done much to raise public awareness of political freedoms and problems linked to health care, environmental issues and protection, climate change, women's political participation, the rights of domestic workers, LGBTI rights, religion and academic and cultural freedoms, has been able to secure strong popular support when it has combined efforts to safeguard existing freedoms with the fight to secure social rights with a view to addressing the extreme social inequalities in Hong Kong;

Or. de

Amendment 24 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas Hong Kong's civil society has raised public awareness of political

Amendment

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rights, health care, environment, climate change, women's political participation, the rights of domestic workers, LGBTI rights, religion, and academic and cultural freedoms;

political rights, health care, environment, climate change, women's political participation, the rights of domestic workers, LGBTI rights, religion, and academic and cultural freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 25 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas Hong Kong's civil society has raised public awareness of political rights, health care, environment, climate change, women's political participation, the rights of domestic workers, LGBTI rights, *religion*, and academic and cultural freedoms:

Amendment

I. whereas Hong Kong's civil society has raised public awareness of political rights, *religion*, health care, environment, climate change, women's political participation, the rights of domestic workers, LGBTI rights, and academic and cultural freedoms:

Or. en

Amendment 26 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ia. whereas, despite years of stable economic development, the Hong Kong SAR faces complex international and economic and social challenges which will call for far-reaching adjustment processes: whereas these adjustments are bound up with the search for a sustainable development model, and whereas, in that connection, the SAR Government is focusing on economic diversification, reindustrialisation, in

particular in sectors which generate high local revenues and which offer significant potential for technological innovation, gearing the economy to the major projects being carried out by the People's Republic of China, such as the new Silk Road and closer integration in the Pearl River delta region, and on addressing glaring social inequalities and improving Hong Kong's poor environmental record;

Or. de

Amendment 27 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital I b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

whereas, according to the UNCTAD World Investment Report, in 2016 the Hong Kong SAR was the world's second-largest target market for foreign direct investment; whereas almost twothirds of the direct investment funds arriving in Hong Kong come from tax havens such as the British Virgin Islands or the Cayman Islands and these funds, if they are not diverted to the People's Republic of China, are channelled directly into the overheated property and business services sector and thus exacerbate the serious housing crisis in Hong Kong; whereas even in the wake of the Panama Papers revelations the SAR Government has made only paltry efforts to meet OECD requirements as regards legislative measures to combat base erosion and profit shifting;

Or. de

Amendment 28

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas Hong Kong enjoys a lively multi-party system; whereas, over the years, the people of Hong Kong have witnessed mass demonstrations in favour of democracy and the full implementation of the Basic Law, including the 2014 protests by the so-called Umbrella Movement, as well as on media freedoms, and, among other things, against the disappearance of the Hong Kong booksellers:

Amendment

J. whereas Hong Kong has recently seen repeated mass demonstrations when local citizens' expectations as regards gradual democratisation and the full implementation of the Basic Law were disappointed as a result of the very narrow interpretation of that document by the competent authorities of the People's Republic of China;

Or. de

Amendment 29 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas the main reason for the economic success of the Hong Kong SAR thus far has been the extremely lax regulatory regime in the area of workers' rights and industrial relations; whereas today Hong Kong society is deeply divided and polarised, because the wealth generated has been distributed very unevenly; whereas according to Oxfam Hong Kong 1.2 million inhabitants of the SAR (20% of the population) and almost one-third of the population over the age of 65 live below the poverty line, even though the SAR has more than 100 000 millionaires; whereas large sections of the population have no decent housing; whereas some people are forced to live in metal cages, incessant speculation means

that housing is only available at exorbitant rents and social housing is allocated only after an average waiting period of roughly five years, if at all;

Or. de

Amendment 30 **Helmut Scholz**

Motion for a resolution Recital J b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Jh. whereas the SAR Government has taken the first steps towards implementing an active social policy, but individual aspects of that policy, such as the new minimum wage of EUR 4 per hour, are not even enough to offset Hong Kong's low inflation and social security systems are inadequate to address social problems, given the number of recipients and the range of benefits involved;

Or. de

Amendment 31 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Recital K

Motion for a resolution

sensitive areas and even physically

whereas, during the last 20 years, some journalists and other media workers, often supporters of democrats and expressing critical views, have been forced to resign, moved to cover less

attacked;

K.

Amendment

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Or. en

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Amendment 32 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas, during the last 20 years, some journalists and other media workers, often supporters of democrats and expressing critical views, have been forced to resign, moved to cover less sensitive areas and *even physically attacked*;

Amendment

K. whereas during the last 20 years some journalists and other media workers, often supporters of democrats and expressing critical views have been forced to resign, moved to cover less sensitive areas and *in some cases even threatened with violence*;

Or. en

Amendment 33 Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution Recital K

Motion for a resolution

K. whereas, during the last 20 years, some journalists and other media workers, often supporters of *democrats* and expressing critical views, have been forced to resign, moved to cover less sensitive areas and even physically attacked;

Amendment

K. whereas, during the last 20 years, some journalists and other media workers, often supporters of *democracy* and expressing critical views, have been forced to resign, moved to cover less sensitive areas and even physically attacked;

Or. nl

Amendment 34 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Recital L

Motion for a resolution

L. whereas, at the end of 2015, four

Amendment

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Hong Kong residents and one non-resident associated with the publishing house Mighty Current and its bookshop disappeared and, months later, information emerged that they were detained in mainland China in undisclosed locations, and, *following confessions of wrongdoing*, one of the released booksellers reported that his confession had been forced;

Hong Kong residents and one non-resident associated with the publishing house Mighty Current and its bookshop disappeared and, months later, information emerged that they were detained in mainland China in undisclosed locations, and, one of the released booksellers reported that his confession *of wrongdoing* had been forced:

Or. en

Amendment 35 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas in January 2017 the Environment Bureau published the cross-sectoral 'Hong Kong Climate Action Plan 2030+', which following the Paris Climate Agreement sets new targets for carbon emissions reducing carbon intensity by two-thirds and absolute carbon emissions by one-third by 2030 in comparison to 2005 base line;

Or. en

Amendment 36 Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas Hong Kong offers high-level training provision and a high academic level, but academic freedom is in danger because of the repeated interferences by China's central

government, particularly as regards university council appointments;

Or. it

Amendment 37 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. whereas a poll conducted at regular intervals by Hong Kong University's public opinion programme catalogues a long decline in identification with China;

Or. en

Amendment 38 Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution Recital M a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ma. having regard to the importance of the port of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China and international trade;

Or. nl

Amendment 39 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Recital M b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mb. whereas Hong Kong published its first Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) in December 2016, which aims to strengthen conservation by increasing protected areas in country parks and marine parks, mainstreaming biodiversity in future planning and development projects, improving knowledge and promoting community involvement;

Or. en

Amendment 40 Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution Recital M b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Mb. whereas recent studies have shown that 40% of the population of Hong Kong would like to emigrate, particularly young people between the ages of 18 and 30, and that among the main reasons for this are a sense of frustration and powerlessness regarding the future of the region, the continuous political disputes and the interferences of the Chinese central government;

Or. it

Amendment 41 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to stress with the authorities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Amendment

(a) while adhering and respecting the *EU's* 'One China' policy, to stress with the

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and the People's Republic of China that fully respecting the 'One country, two systems' principle is of key importance for the development of present and future relations with the EU;

authorities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the People's Republic of China *the importance of* fully respecting the 'One country, two systems' principle;

Or. en

Amendment 42 Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to stress with the authorities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the People's Republic of China that fully respecting the 'One country, two systems' principle is of key importance for the development of present and future relations with the EU:

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. nl

Amendment 43
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point a

Motion for a resolution

(a) to stress with the authorities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the People's Republic of China that fully respecting the 'One country, two systems' principle is of key importance for the development of present and future relations with the EU;

Amendment

(a) to stress with the authorities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the People's Republic of China that fully respecting the 'One country, two systems' principle is of key importance for the development of present and future relations with the EU and that the increasing meddling in the internal affairs of Hong Kong has the potential to call this principle into question and should therefore be avoided;

Amendment 44 Cristian Dan Preda, Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aa) to condemn the constant interference of the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong internal affairs which might put at risk the long-term viability of the 'one country, two systems' model;

Or. en

Amendment 45 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(aa) to further strengthen and expand the EU's relations with the Hong Kong SAR, while confirming its "One China" policy, and promoting respect for the Basic Law and the "One Country, Two Systems" principle;

Or. en

Amendment 46 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point a b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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(ab) to reinforce bilateral dialogue with the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, not least through the annual EU-Hong Kong Structured Dialogue, on a wide range of policy areas, such as trade, investment, financial services, customs, environment, climate change, research and education as well as to support the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle, and to continue annual reporting by the HR/VP and the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on developments in Hong Kong;

Or. en

Amendment 47 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point a c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ac) to urge the Hong Kong Government to take more effective measures against tax evasion and tax fraud and to take measures to monitor and sanction firms that facilitate tax evasion and fraud through their subsidiaries in Hong Kong;

Or. en

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Amendment 48 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point b

Motion for a resolution

(b) to acknowledge that, over time, Hong Kong evolved into an open society in **Amendment**

(b) to acknowledge that, over time, Hong Kong evolved into an open society in which citizens enjoy human rights, freedoms, high standards of public health and safety, transparency, have a judiciary which is trusted and where the rule of law and low levels of corruption prevail, and that the people of Hong Kong have a legitimate right to expect to continue enjoying their way of life and these rights and values under a high degree of autonomy;

which citizens enjoy human rights, freedoms, high standards of public health and safety, transparency, have a judiciary which is trusted and where the rule of law and low levels of corruption prevail, and that the people of Hong Kong have a legitimate right to expect to continue enjoying their way of life and these rights and values under a high degree of autonomy, *in line with the Basic Law*;

Or. en

Amendment 49 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to emphasise that respecting Hong Kong's autonomy is essential for its further positive development and favourable relations with the mainland, and for the relations and the dialogue of the People's Republic of China with Taiwan;

Amendment

(c) to emphasise that respecting Hong Kong's autonomy is essential for its further positive development and favourable relations with the mainland;

Or. en

Amendment 50 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to emphasise that respecting Hong Kong's autonomy is essential for its further positive development and favourable relations with the mainland, and for the relations and the dialogue of the People's Republic of China with Taiwan;

Amendment

(c) to emphasise that respecting Hong Kong's autonomy is essential for its further positive development and favourable relations with the mainland;

Amendment 51 Dubravka Šuica, Bas Belder, Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point c

Motion for a resolution

(c) to emphasise that respecting Hong Kong's autonomy is essential for its further positive development and favourable relations with the mainland, and for the *relations and the dialogue* of the *People's Republic of China with* Taiwan;

Amendment

(c) to emphasise that respecting Hong Kong's autonomy is essential for its further positive development and favourable relations with the *Chinese* mainland, and for the *resumption* of the *dialogues* between the mainland and Taiwan;

Or. en

Amendment 52 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) to commit fully to supporting Hong Kong's autonomy, prosperity and the rights and freedoms of its people, and to express firm support for the start of a political reform process in compliance with international standards, the Basic Law which grant the people of the Special Administrative Region the right to elect and to be elected in the selection process for top leadership positions, and which reflects the majority view within Hong Kong public opinion;

Amendment

(d) to commit fully to supporting Hong Kong's autonomy, prosperity and the rights and freedoms of its people, and to encourage the Hong Kong SAR and China's central government to resume the electoral reform process in line with the Basic Law, as record turnouts in the Legislative Council (LegCo) and Election Committee elections show that people are eager to play an active role in political life and in deciding the future of the SAR;

Or. en

Amendment 53 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point d

Motion for a resolution

(d) to commit fully to supporting Hong Kong's autonomy, prosperity and the rights and freedoms of its people, and to express firm support for the *start of a* political reform process in compliance with international standards, the Basic Law *which* grant the people of the Special Administrative Region the right to elect and to be elected in the selection process for top leadership positions, and which reflects the majority view within Hong Kong public opinion;

Amendment

(d) to commit fully to supporting Hong Kong's autonomy, prosperity and the rights and freedoms of its people, and to express firm support for *resuming* the political reform process in compliance with international standards *and* the Basic Law *in order to* grant the people of the Special Administrative Region the right to elect and to be elected in the selection process for top leadership positions, and which reflects the majority view within Hong Kong public opinion;

Or. en

Amendment 54 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) to *call*, in this context, *on* the Governments of Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China to *maintain* their commitment and to build up momentum once again for the quick transition to universal suffrage in the future election of the *Chief Executive* and the members of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong;

Amendment

(e) to encourage, in this context, the Governments of Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China to implement the provisions of the Basic Law on democratisation, for example by means of a transition to universal suffrage in the future election of the head of government and the members of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong, as quickly as possible, and at least in accordance with the undertakings they themselves have given;

Or. de

Amendment 55

Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) to call, in this context, on the Governments of Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China to maintain their commitment and to build up momentum once again for the *quick transition to* universal suffrage in the future election of the Chief Executive and the members of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong;

Amendment

(e) to call, in this context, on the Governments of Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China to maintain their commitment and to build up momentum once again for the *reform process towards* universal suffrage in the future election of the Chief Executive and the members of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong;

Or. en

Amendment 56 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point e

Motion for a resolution

(e) to call, in this context, on the Governments of Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China to maintain their commitment and to build up momentum once again for the quick transition to universal suffrage in the future election of the Chief Executive and the members of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong;

Amendment

(e) to call, in this context, on the Governments of Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China to maintain their commitment and to build up momentum once again for the quick transition to universal suffrage in the future election of the Chief Executive and the members of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong, in order to have an election system that is democratic, fair, open and transparent;

Or. en

Amendment 57 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to find ways to support the consolidation of Hong Kong's democracy and its multi-party system and to express concern at the increasing harassment of opposition political parties and the refusal of the Companies Registry to register a number of pro-democracy groups;

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 58 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to find ways to support the consolidation of Hong Kong's democracy and its multi-party system and to express concern at the increasing harassment of opposition political parties and the refusal of the Companies Registry to register a number of pro-democracy groups;

Amendment

(f) to support the consolidation of Hong Kong's democracy and the emergence of an increasing multi-party system, while stressing the importance of full compliance with the Basic Law, in order to preserve stability and the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 59 Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point f

Motion for a resolution

(f) to find ways to support the consolidation of Hong Kong's democracy and its multi-party system and to express concern at the increasing harassment of opposition political parties and the refusal of the Companies Registry to register a

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 60 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to call for the release of the three leaders of the pro-democracy movement Joshua Wong, Alex Chow and Nathan Law recently sentenced to jail for between six and eight months for 'unlawful assembly', after having been sentenced last year to non-custodial penalties, including community service, for their participation in peaceful protests, and to urge the Hong Kong Government to revise the Public Order Ordinance to bring it in line with international human rights standards;

Amendment

to welcome the very positive (g) findings of the last European Commission and EEAS's Hong Kong Annual Report as regards the independence of the judiciary and the full respect for the rule of law in Hong Kong; to express confidence that these high standards will result in fair findings in the case of the three leaders of the pro-democracy movement Joshua Wong, Alex Chow and Nathan Law recently sentenced to jail for between six and eight months for 'unlawful assembly', after having been sentenced last year to non-custodial penalties, including community service, for their participation in protests;

Or. en

Amendment 61 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point g

Motion for a resolution

(g) to call for the release of the three leaders of the pro-democracy movement Joshua Wong, Alex Chow and Nathan Law recently sentenced to jail for between six and eight months for 'unlawful assembly', after having been sentenced last year to

Amendment

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non-custodial penalties, including community service, for their participation in peaceful protests, and to urge the Hong Kong Government to revise the Public Order Ordinance to bring it in line with international human rights standards; non-custodial penalties, including community service, for their participation in peaceful protests, and to urge the Hong Kong Government to revise the Public Order Ordinance to bring it in line with international human rights standards *and* secure peace and stability in the SAR;

Or. de

Amendment 62 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point h

Motion for a resolution

(h) to welcome the record turnout in the last Legislative Council elections in 2016, while regretting that, in 2016, Hong Kong authorities refused to register a new pro-independence political party for the Legislative Council elections and disqualified six candidates with views promoting greater autonomy for Hong Kong;

Amendment

(h) to welcome the record turnout in the last Legislative Council elections in 2016, while regretting that, in 2016 disqualified six candidates with views promoting greater autonomy for Hong Kong;

Or. en

Amendment 63 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point i

Motion for a resolution

(i) to *condemn* threats to the personal safety of pro-democracy politicians, including abductions and physical violence, as reported by some lawmakers;

Amendment

(i) to *call for investigations on the alleged* threats to the personal safety of pro-democracy politicians, including abductions and physical violence, as reported by some lawmakers;

Or. en

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Amendment 64 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

(j) to point out to China that, even though the Basic Law, the Sino-British Joint Declaration and the 'One country, two systems' principle are largely respected, there are growing and widespread concerns that the agreed high degree of autonomy of Hong Kong, or the legal value, or the spirit of the Sino-British Joint Declaration have been called into question;

Amendment

(j) to point out to the Government of the People's Republic of China that there are concerns in the EU that the implementation of the agreed high degree of autonomy of Hong Kong or the legal value of the Sino-British Joint Declaration have recently been called increasingly into question;

Or. de

Amendment 65 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point j

Motion for a resolution

(j) to point out to China that, even though the Basic Law, the Sino-British Joint Declaration and the 'One country, two systems' principle are largely respected, there are growing and widespread concerns that the agreed high degree of autonomy of Hong Kong, or the legal value, or the spirit of the Sino-British Joint Declaration have been called into question;

Amendment

(j) to welcome the fact that the Basic Law, the Sino-British Joint Declaration and the 'One country, two systems' principle are largely respected, and to promote the continuation of the fulfilment of the high degree of autonomy of Hong Kong, in compliance with the Basic Law and the spirit of the Sino-British Joint Declaration;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(k) to express deep concern about the National People's Congress issuing interpretations, whether unsolicited or otherwise, of the Basic Law, preceding court rulings that raise doubts about the full independence of the judiciary in the individual cases in question;

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 67 Victor Boştinaru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(k) to express deep concern about the National People's Congress issuing interpretations, whether unsolicited or otherwise, of the Basic Law, preceding court rulings that raise doubts about the full independence of the judiciary in the individual cases in question;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 68 Cristian Dan Preda, Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

interpretations, whether unsolicited or

to express deep concern about the National People's Congress issuing

Amendment

to express deep concern about the (k) **Chinese** National People's Congress Standing Committee issuing

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(k)

otherwise, of the Basic Law, preceding court rulings *that raise* doubts about the full independence of the judiciary in the individual cases in question;

interpretations, whether unsolicited or otherwise, of the Basic Law, preceding court rulings with the objective of disqualifying democratically elected legislators; to point out that this interference raises doubts about the full independence of the judiciary in the individual cases in question and endangers the rule of law in Hong Kong; to recall that the Hong Kong court system and normal judicial process should be the main instrument to resolve disputes;

Or. en

Amendment 69 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point k

Motion for a resolution

(k) to express deep concern about the National People's Congress issuing interpretations, whether unsolicited or otherwise, of the Basic Law, preceding court rulings *that raise doubts about* the full independence of the judiciary in the individual cases in question;

Amendment

(k) to express deep concern about the National People's Congress issuing interpretations, whether unsolicited or otherwise, of the Basic Law preceding court rulings, *and thus undermining trust in* the full independence of the judiciary in the individual cases in question;

Or. en

Amendment 70 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point l

Motion for a resolution

(1) to emphasise that the handling of the case of the five missing booksellers has raised regrettable questions about the autonomy of the Special Administrative

Amendment

(l) to emphasise that the handling of the case of the five missing booksellers has raised regrettable questions about the autonomy of the Special Administrative

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Region, as stated in its Basic Law, and about the lack of clarity concerning the role of mainland *security agents* in Hong Kong;

Region, as stated in its Basic Law, and about the lack of clarity concerning the role of mainland *law enforcement agencies* in Hong Kong;

Or. en

Amendment 71 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point l a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(la) to express its concerns over allegations of China's law enforcement agencies operating in Hong Kong; recalls that it would be a violation of the Basic Law if mainland law enforcement agencies had been operating in Hong Kong; believes this would be inconsistent with the 'One country, two systems' principle;

Or. en

Amendment 72 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point l a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(la) to encourage the authorities of the People's Republic of China, in the interests of safeguarding legal security and stability, to implement restrictively Article 22 of the Basic Law of the SAR, which protects the autonomy of Hong Kong against 'interference' in areas including justice and internal security;

Or. de

Amendment 73 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point m

Motion for a resolution

(m) to *express* concern at the steady deterioration of press freedom in Hong Kong, with growing pressure on the media, both print and electronic, increasing selfcensorship with regard, in particular, to covering sensitive issues on mainland China or concerning *the* Hong Kong Government and the tightening of control over the sale of sensitive political books by monopolising ownership of almost all storefront bookshops;

Amendment

(m) to underline that freedom of information and freedom of speech were generally upheld, while expressing concern at the steady deterioration of press freedom in Hong Kong, with growing pressure on the media, both print and electronic, increasing self-censorship with regard, in particular, to covering sensitive issues on mainland China or concerning he Hong Kong Government and the tightening of control over the sale of sensitive political books by monopolising ownership of almost all storefront bookshops;

Or. en

Amendment 74 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point m a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ma) to urge the Government of the Hong Kong SAR to comply with internationally binding agreements;

Or. de

Amendment 75 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point n

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Motion for a resolution

(n) to continue the bilateral dialogue with the Government of the Hong Kong SAR on a variety of policy areas as well as on the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 76 Alyn Smith

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) to *continue the* bilateral dialogue with the Government of the Hong Kong SAR *on a variety of* policy areas as well as *on* the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle;

Amendment

to reinforce bilateral dialogue with (n) the Government of the Hong Kong SAR, not least through the annual EU-Hong Kong Structured Dialogue, on a wide range of topics and policy areas, such as democracy, human rights, the rule of law, trade, investment, financial services, customs, environment, research and education as well as support the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle, and to continue annual reporting by the HR/VP and the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on developments in Hong Kong;

Or. en

Amendment 77 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point n

Motion for a resolution

(n) to continue the bilateral dialogue

Amendment

(n) to continue the bilateral dialogue

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with the Government of the Hong Kong SAR on *a variety of* policy areas as well as on the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle;

with the Government of the People's Republic of China and with the Government of the Hong Kong SAR on closer cooperation in policy areas of shared interest as well as on the implementation of the 'one country, two systems' principle;

Or. de

Amendment 78 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point n a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(na) to submit to the European
Parliament in the near future practical
proposals as to how future cooperation
with the SAR which takes account of both
the autonomy rights granted to Hong
Kong and the sovereignty rights of the
People's Republic of China can be
addressed in the many forums for
dialogue and cooperation mechanisms
already established with the People's
Republic;

Or. de

Amendment 79 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point n b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(nb) to applaud the Government of the SAR for the initial steps it has taken to introduce legislation which strengthens the protection of workers, including as regards working hours and wages, and to

propose the opening of a specific social welfare dialogue involving social partners and social organisations from the EU;

Or. de

Amendment 80 Cristian Dan Preda, Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point o a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(oa) to encourage and support the regionally coordinated pro-democracy movements as a key tool to foster the Asian cooperation on democracy and human rights issues;

Or. en

Amendment 81 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to find ways to support Hong Kong's civil society in particular in relation to organisations upholding universal values and promoting human rights, and with a view to supporting the independence of the judiciary and press freedom;

Amendment

(p) to find ways to support Hong Kong's civil society in particular in relation to organisations upholding universal values and promoting human rights and press freedom;

Or. de

Amendment 82 Dubravka Šuica

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to find ways to support Hong Kong's civil society in particular *in relation to* organisations upholding universal values and promoting human rights, and *with a view to* supporting the independence of the judiciary and press freedom;

Amendment

(p) to find ways to support Hong Kong's civil society in particular organisations upholding universal values and promoting human rights, and *that are* supporting the independence of the judiciary and press freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 83 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point p

Motion for a resolution

(p) to find ways to support Hong Kong's civil society in particular in relation to organisations upholding universal values and promoting human rights, and with a view to supporting the independence of the judiciary and press freedom:

Amendment

(p) to find ways to support Hong Kong's civil society in particular in relation to organisations upholding universal values and promoting human rights, and with a view to supporting the independence of the judiciary and press freedom; to stress that only non-violent forms of protest as well as dialogue can be the basis to carry out disputes and to appeal to the authorities to manage protest activities in a non-violent way

Or. en

Amendment 84 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to encourage Hong Kong's

Amendment

(q) to encourage Hong Kong's

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academic institutions to maintain the high standards of their curricula and research and to preserve academic freedoms, but to express concern, in this respect, about the procedure for the appointment of university councils, which could undermine the independence of higher education institutions; academic institutions to maintain the high standards of their curricula and research and to preserve academic freedoms, but to express concern, in this respect, about the procedure for the appointment of university councils, which could undermine the independence of higher education institutions; to promote the strengthening of ties between European and Hong Kong academic institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 85 Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point q

Motion for a resolution

(q) to encourage Hong Kong's academic institutions to maintain the high standards of their curricula and research and to preserve academic freedoms, but to express concern, in this respect, about the procedure for the appointment of university councils, which could undermine the independence of higher education institutions;

Amendment

(q) to encourage Hong Kong's academic institutions to maintain the high standards of their curricula and research and to preserve academic freedoms, but to express concern, in this respect, about the procedure for the appointment of university councils and the external interferences aimed at modifying school curricula, which could undermine the independence of higher education institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 86 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) to call for the timely adoption of an anti-discrimination law to *protect* the rights

Amendment

(r) to call for the timely adoption of an anti-discrimination law to *guarantee* the

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of *groups such as* LGBTI people and foreign domestic workers;

rights of women, persons with a disability, LGBTI people and foreign domestic workers and prevent discrimination on grounds of race, nationality, citizenship or residency status;

Or. de

Amendment 87 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point r

Motion for a resolution

(r) to call for the timely adoption of an anti-discrimination law to protect the rights of groups such as LGBTI people and foreign domestic workers;

Amendment

(r) to call for the timely adoption of an anti-discrimination law;

Or. en

Amendment 88 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ra) to step up cooperation with the Task Force newly set up by the Government of the Hong Kong SAR to combat human trafficking and, in that connection, to support the development of a single legal and policy framework;

Or. de

Amendment 89 Cristian Dan Preda, Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point r a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ra) to recommend to the legislative Council of Hong Kong to carefully examine the future legislation on the high speed rail in consultation with civil society organisations and the citizens of Hong Kong;

Or. en

Amendment 90 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to recall that the roots of Hong Kong's society and its people are in immigration, including refugees, and to call, therefore, for the establishment of an appropriate refugee policy addressing the plight of refugees;

Amendment

(s) to recall that the roots of Hong Kong's society and its people are *largely* in immigration, including refugees *from east* and south-east Asia in particular, and to call, therefore, for this reason in particular, for the establishment of an appropriate refugee and migration policy addressing the plight of refugees and migrants;

Or. de

Amendment 91 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to recall that *the roots of* Hong Kong's society and its people *are in* immigration, including refugees, and to call, *therefore*, *for the establishment of an*

Amendment

(s) to recall that Hong Kong's society and its people *have been heavily influenced by* immigration, including refugees, and to call *on the Hong Kong*

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appropriate refugee policy addressing the plight of refugees;

Government to bring its refugee policy in line with international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 92 Hilde Vautmans

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point s

Motion for a resolution

(s) to recall that the roots of Hong Kong's society and its people are in immigration, including refugees, and to call, therefore, for the establishment of an appropriate refugee policy addressing the plight of refugees;

Amendment

(s) to recall that the roots of Hong Kong's society and its people are in immigration, including refugees, and to call, therefore, for the establishment of an appropriate refugee policy addressing the plight of refugees, *particularly those who are unaccompanied minors*;

Or. nl

Amendment 93 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point t

Motion for a resolution

(t) to point out that, even though recent surveys show that *the people* of Hong Kong have a *common interest in emigrating*, it would be unfortunate if Hong Kong could not keep its brightest and best and troubling if so many, particularly young people, *are losing* their faith in the future;

Amendment

(t) to point out that, even though recent surveys show that *many inhabitants* of Hong Kong have a *wish to emigrate*, it would be unfortunate if Hong Kong could not keep its brightest and best and troubling if so many, particularly young people, *were to lose* their faith in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 94 Urmas Paet

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point t – point i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

notes with concern that the UN (i)Panel of Experts on the North Korea has established in its reports that Hong Kong is one of two business jurisdictions where the largest share of North Koreancontrolled front companies have been operating; recalls that joint international ventures with North Korea are in violation of the latest UN Security Council Resolution and urges Hong Kong authorities to address the concerns of the UN Panel of Experts on North Korea;

Or. en

Amendment 95 Dubravka Šuica

(u)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point u

Motion for a resolution

to draw the attention of the Hong Kong authorities to the fact that, according to a study, municipal waste in Hong Kong has increased by 80 % in the

past decade, which is more than double that of the population growth, and to assist them in developing an effective waste-reduction policy, promoting recycling and other forms of circular economy, and raising the awareness of

responsible consumption;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 96 Helmut Scholz

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point u a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(ua) in the light of the disastrous environmental situation, to work together with the authorities of the Hong Kong SAR to develop cooperation in the area of innovative environmental technologies, in particular with a view to combating atmospheric pollution and improving the energy performance of buildings;

Or. de

Amendment 97 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point v

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(v) to stress that the Hong Kong Government should be much more ambitious in its renewable energy target of 3-4 % by 2030, and should consider the strong impetus provided by favourable feed-in tariff policies in achieving a significant increase in photovoltaic electricity generation, and that it should also consider promoting sustainable buildings and green transport; deleted

Or. en

Amendment 98 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point v a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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(va) to submit to the European Parliament in the near future proposals for the development of cooperation with the Hong Kong authorities in the area of tax transparency, including AEOI, the combating of money laundering and terrorist funding and the implementation of the measures called for by the OECD in its BEPS package;

Or. de

Amendment 99 Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

(w) to underline to the Chinese authorities that full respect for Hong Kong's autonomy could provide the model for a process of deep democratic political reforms in China and for the gradual liberalisation and opening up of Chinese society; Amendment

deleted

Or. de

Amendment 100 Jo Leinen, Tonino Picula

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point w

Motion for a resolution

(w) to underline to the Chinese authorities that full respect for Hong Kong's autonomy could provide the model for a process of deep democratic political reforms in China and for the gradual liberalisation and opening up of Chinese society;

Amendment

(w) to underline that full respect for Hong Kong's autonomy *and* democratic *aspirations could inspire further* political *and social* reforms in China;

Amendment 101 Dubravka Šuica

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 – point w a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

(wa) to underline the European Union's commitment to strengthening democracy, including the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary, fundamental freedoms and rights, transparency, and freedom of information and expression in Hong Kong;

Or. en