

Amendment 10**Marek Belka, Tonino Picula, Demetris Papadakis, Tanja Fajon**

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Report**Vladimír Bilčík**

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 16***Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

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19. Calls for the continuation of the IPD with the National Assembly of Serbia, facilitated by the European Parliament, with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders and pro-European political forces in Serbia in order to improve the political climate and trust across the political spectrum, ***and to build consensus on outstanding issues related to the electoral process, in accordance with the recommendations of international observation missions***; urges that new rounds of a more inclusive IPD take place as soon as possible and calls on all sides to define clear goals, criteria, benchmarks and interlocutors; ***stresses that the IPD should be concluded well in advance of the forthcoming elections to leave sufficient time to implement the necessary legal and other changes to electoral conditions and put them into practice, in order to create a level playing field ahead of the elections; recalls that the government and independent bodies have to ensure the full and proper implementation of the legal frameworks related to the commitments undertaken in the framework of the IPD;***

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42. Believes that the acquisition of two television channels with national coverage in December 2018 by an individual connected with the ruling party represented a step towards monopolisation of the media landscape in the country by the ruling party; ***urges the authorities to ensure and maintain the necessary conditions for fair competition and transparency when it comes to all future ownership transactions in the media sphere***; invites the editorial teams of all television channels with national coverage in Serbia to respect the highest professional standards and allow for differing opinions to be heard regularly;

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48. Notes that the legal and institutional framework for upholding human rights is formally broadly in place, but that it lacks effective mechanisms to ensure respect for these fundamental rights; ***calls for all future amendments to the existing laws on upholding human rights, including the Law on Free Access to Information of Public Importance, to be made in a transparent manner with the involvement of all relevant stakeholders***; calls for its more effective implementation, with particular regard to the most vulnerable groups in society, including national minorities in the area of education; calls on Serbia to provide for and protect non-discriminatory use of minority languages in education, in dedicated media spaces in state media and in local outlets, as well as to ensure equal opportunities for adequate representation in political life, public administration and the judiciary;

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