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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos**  
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## Amendment 1

Demetris Papadakis, Alex Agius Saliba, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas, Costas Mavrides

### Draft opinion

#### Recital A

##### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas the Committee on Petitions conducted a fact-finding visit to Famagusta, Cyprus, on 7-8 May 2018; whereas the purpose of the mission was to reassess and update its information on the situation in Famagusta, and in particular Varosha (the section of the city sealed off by the Turkish army), following on from Petition 733/2004, 10 years after the Committee's previous fact-finding visit, which took place on 25-28 November 2007;

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas the Committee on Petitions conducted a fact-finding visit to Famagusta, Cyprus, on 7-8 May 2018, ***in the context of petition 733/2004 submitted by Loizos Afxentiou, on behalf of the Famagusta Refugee Movement***, whereas the purpose of the mission was to reassess and update its information on the situation in Famagusta, and in particular Varosha (the section of the city sealed off by the Turkish army), following on from Petition 733/2004, 10 years after the Committee's previous fact-finding visit, which took place on 25-28 November 2007;

Or. en

## Amendment 2

Ádám Kósa

### Draft opinion

#### Recital B

##### *Draft opinion*

B. whereas, in its report of 21 November 2018 following the fact-finding visit, the Committee on Petitions established that the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants is a matter of enforcement of the resolutions ***tabled by the existing UN Security Council, the only supranational organisation that can exert real pressure on Turkey***;

##### *Amendment*

B. whereas, in its report of 21 November 2018 following the fact-finding visit, the Committee on Petitions established that the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants is a matter of enforcement of the resolutions ***of the UN Security Council***;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas, in its report of 21 November 2018 following the fact-finding visit, the Committee on Petitions established that the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants is a matter of enforcement of the resolutions tabled by the existing UN Security Council, the **only** supranational organisation that can exert real pressure on Turkey;

*Amendment*

B. whereas, in its report of 21 November 2018 following the fact-finding visit, the Committee on Petitions established that the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants is a matter of enforcement of the resolutions tabled by the existing UN Security Council, the supranational organisation ***par excellence*** that can exert real pressure on Turkey;

Or. el

**Amendment 4**  
**Gianna Gancia**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas, in its report of 21 November 2018 following the fact-finding visit, the Committee on Petitions established that the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants is a matter of enforcement of the resolutions tabled by the existing UN Security Council, the **only** supranational organisation that can exert real pressure on Turkey;

*Amendment*

B. whereas, in its report of 21 November 2018 following the fact-finding visit, the Committee on Petitions established that the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants is a matter of enforcement of the resolutions tabled by the existing UN Security Council, ***one of*** the supranational organisation that can exert real pressure on Turkey;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Ádám Kósa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D – introductory part**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas on 9 October 2019, the UN Security Council *reacted to the provocative acts of the Turkish Government, including a visit to the sealed-off area of Varosha, and the inflammatory remarks made by the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs last September, with the following statement SC/13980:*

*Amendment*

D. whereas on 9 October 2019, the UN Security Council *in its Press Statement (SC/13980) following the briefing of Assistant Secretary-General Oscar Fernandez-Taranco on the situation in Cyprus also recalled the importance of the status of Varosha:*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Ádám Kósa**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital E**

*Draft opinion*

E. whereas, in his report of 7 January 2020, the UN Secretary-General stated: During the reporting period, Varosha gained increased attention as a result of public statements made by the Turkish Cypriot side and high-level visits organised to the closed-off area by authorities in the north. The presence and movements of UNFICYP in Varosha continued to be restricted by the Turkish forces. UNFICYP continued to use all available technology, including satellite imagery, to enhance monitoring and reporting in this sensitive area. The United Nations continues to hold the Government of Turkey responsible for the status quo in Varosha;

*Amendment*

E. whereas, in his report of 7 January 2020 *on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2020/23)*, the UN Secretary-General stated: "During the reporting period, Varosha gained increased attention as a result of public statements made by the Turkish Cypriot side and high-level visits organised to the closed-off area by authorities in the north. The presence and movements of UNFICYP in Varosha continued to be restricted by the Turkish forces. UNFICYP continued to use all available technology, including satellite imagery, to enhance monitoring and reporting in this sensitive area. The United Nations continues to hold the Government of Turkey responsible for the status quo in Varosha." *The reporting period lasted from 20 June 2019 to 18 December 2019;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Ádám Kósa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital F**

*Draft opinion*

F. whereas in its Resolution 2506 (2020) of 30 January 2020, the UN Security Council calls on the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkish forces to restore in Strovia the military status quo *that* existed there prior to 30 June 2000, recalls the status of Varosha as set out in relevant resolutions, and reaffirms that UNFICYP's freedom of movement should be respected;

*Amendment*

F. whereas in its Resolution 2506 (2020) of 30 January 2020, ***which, among other things, extends the mandate of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus,*** the UN Security Council "calls on the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkish forces to restore in Strovia the military status quo ***which*** existed there prior to 30 June 2000, recalls the status of Varosha as set out in relevant resolutions, and reaffirms that UNFICYP's freedom of movement should be respected";

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Gianna Gancia**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital F**

*Draft opinion*

F. whereas in its Resolution 2506 (2020) of 30 January 2020, the UN Security Council calls on the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkish forces to restore in Strovia the military status quo that existed there prior to 30 June 2000, recalls the status of Varosha as set out in relevant resolutions, and reaffirms that UNFICYP's freedom of movement ***should*** be respected;

*Amendment*

F. whereas in its Resolution 2506 (2020) of 30 January 2020, the UN Security Council calls on the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkish forces to restore in Strovia the military status quo that existed there prior to 30 June 2000, recalls the status of Varosha as set out in relevant resolutions, and reaffirms that UNFICYP's freedom of movement ***must*** be respected;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Demetris Papadakis, Alex Agius Saliba, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas, Costas**

## Mavrides

### Draft opinion Recital G

#### *Draft opinion*

G. whereas the Turkish Government continued to act in total disregard of the aforementioned calls of the international community, including the UN Security Council, ***with the Vice-President of Turkey visiting the sealed-off area of Varosha on 15 February 2020***, together with members of the Turkish-Cypriot leadership and clearly stating Turkey's intention to open Varosha under the 'administration' of the illegal secessionist entity in the occupied part of Cyprus;

#### *Amendment*

G. whereas the Turkish Government continued to act in total disregard of the aforementioned calls of the international community, including the UN Security Council, ***when a conference was held in the occupied territories on creating the legal basis for 'turning Varosha into a large Turkish city in the eastern Mediterranean' on 15 February 2020, in the presence of*** the Vice-President of Turkey together with members of the Turkish-Cypriot leadership and clearly stating Turkey's intention to open Varosha under the 'administration' of the illegal secessionist entity in the occupied part of Cyprus;

Or. en

### Amendment 10 Emmanouil Fragkos

### Draft opinion Recital Z a (new)

#### *Draft opinion*

#### *Amendment*

***Ga. whereas the European Council confirmed on 12 December 2019 conclusions that the Turkey-Libya Memorandum of Understanding on the delimitation of maritime jurisdictions in the Mediterranean Sea violates the sovereign rights of third countries, does not comply with the Law of the Sea and cannot have legal consequences for third countries;***

Or. el

**Amendment 11**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital Z b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Gb.    whereas the European Council has confirmed the European Union's position on Turkey's illegal drilling activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Cyprus;***

Or. el

**Amendment 12**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital Z c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Gc.    whereas Turkey must avoid threats and actions that harm good neighbourly relations and must respect the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the EU Member States over their territorial waters and airspace, as well as all their sovereign rights, including, notably, the right to undertake exploration for and to exploit, preserve and manage natural resources in accordance with EU and international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;***

Or. el

**Amendment 13**  
**Demetris Papadakis, Alex Agius Saliba, Lefteris Christoforou, Loucas Fourlas, Costas Mavrides**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital I**

*Draft opinion*

I. whereas the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants would constitute a formidable confidence-building measure, and could become the catalyst for a comprehensive settlement, by creating conditions of cooperation, mutual respect and trust between the two communities in Cyprus;

*Amendment*

I. whereas the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants would constitute a formidable confidence-building measure, and could become the catalyst for a ***fair, comprehensive and viable settlement, in accordance with relevant UNSC resolutions, and in line with the values and principles on which the EU is founded and the acquis***, by creating conditions of cooperation, mutual respect and trust between the two communities in Cyprus;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Ádám Kósa**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital I**

*Draft opinion*

I. whereas the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants would constitute a ***formidable*** confidence-building measure, and could ***become the catalyst for a*** comprehensive settlement, by creating conditions of cooperation, mutual respect and trust between the two communities in Cyprus;

*Amendment*

I. whereas the return of Varosha to its lawful inhabitants would constitute a confidence-building measure, and could ***contribute to*** a comprehensive settlement, by creating conditions of cooperation, mutual respect and trust between the two communities in Cyprus;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Diana Riba i Giner, Margrete Auken**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital I a (new)**

***Ia. whereas the Petitions committee has received several petitions regarding Turkey, among others critical towards the 2016 EU-Turkey statement on addressing the migration crisis, and concerned with the respect of human rights and international law, particularly with regard to the Kurdish people and the incursions into Syrian territory;***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Diana Riba i Giner, Margrete Auken**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

1. Calls on the European Commission, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the EU Council and all EU Member States to table a new resolution in the UN Security Council calling for political ***and economic sanctions against Turkey for its acts of aggression in the eastern Mediterranean and for its non-compliance with Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) of the UN Security Council.***

1. Calls on the European Commission, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the EU Council and all EU Member States to table a new resolution in the UN Security Council calling for ***the resumption of the UN-led negotiations between Turkey and Cyprus; reiterates its support for a fair, comprehensive and viable settlement on the basis of a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with a single international legal personality, single sovereignty and single citizenship and with political equality between the two communities, as defined by the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, in accordance with international law and the EU acquis and on the basis of respect for the principles on which the Union is founded; calls on Turkey to begin withdrawing its troops from Cyprus, to transfer the sealed-off area of Famagusta to the UN in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 550, and to refrain from actions altering the demographic balance***

*on the island through a policy of illegal settlements; stresses the need for the implementation of the EU acquis on the whole island.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 17**

**Ádám Kósa**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Calls on the *European Commission, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the EU Council and all EU Member States* to table a new resolution in the UN Security Council *calling for political and economic sanctions against Turkey for* its acts of aggression in the eastern Mediterranean and for its non-compliance with Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) of the UN Security Council.

##### *Amendment*

1. Calls on the *EU* to table a new resolution in the UN Security Council *on* Turkey *and* its acts of aggression in the eastern Mediterranean and for its non-compliance with Resolutions 550(1984) and 789 (1992) of the UN Security Council.

Or. en

## **Amendment 18**

**Markus Buchheit, Gianna Gancia**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Calls on the European Commission, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the EU Council and all EU Member States to table a new resolution in the UN Security Council calling for political and economic sanctions against Turkey for its acts of aggression in the eastern Mediterranean

##### *Amendment*

1. Calls on the European Commission, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the EU Council and all EU Member States to table a new resolution in the UN Security Council calling for political and economic sanctions against Turkey, *stopping the pre-accession assistance and aborting all*

and for its non-compliance with Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) of the UN Security Council.

***accession negotiations*** for its acts of aggression in the eastern Mediterranean and for its non-compliance with Resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992) of the UN Security Council.

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Calls on the Commission, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council of the EU and all EU Member States to consider suspending all financial agreements between the EU and Turkey, in particular freezing of pre-accession assistance to Turkey, until the EU is convinced that Turkey is fulfilling its contractual obligations to properly manage the funds and fully complies with EU and international law;***

Or. el

**Amendment 20**  
**Diana Riba i Giner, Margrete Auken**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Calls on the EU delegation in Turkey to closely monitor the use of EU funds disbursed as a result of the EU-Turkey statement; stresses that EU funds and any facilities funded by the EU cannot be used to forcefully return***

*refugees to Syria; reiterates that any returns to Syria must be voluntary, safe and dignified, and done under the control of the UNHCR;*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Angel Dzhambazki, Andrey Slabakov, Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Is deeply concerned about the lack of respect for freedom of religion, discrimination against religious minorities, including Christians and Alevis; calls on the Turkish authorities to conduct effective reforms in the area of freedom of thought, conscience and religion.*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Angel Dzhambazki, Andrey Slabakov, Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Strongly condemns any actions to promote the extremist view that the physiognomy of the Hagia Sophia historical-religious monument should be transformed into a mosque.*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Angel Dzhambazki, Andrey Slabakov, Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. Recommends that the Commission and the Council, in accordance with the negotiating Framework, formally suspend the accession negotiations with Turkey.***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Angel Dzhambazki, Andrey Slabakov, Emmanouil Fragkos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1d. Calls on Turkey to withdraw its troops from the island of Cyprus and refrain from actions altering the demographic balance on the island through a policy of illegal settlements.***

Or. en