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Draft motion for a resolution

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to wind up the debate on statements by the Council and the Commission pursuant to Rule 110(2) of the Rules of Procedure on the 2011 progress report on Iceland

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Amendment 1
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the results of the Accession Conferences with Iceland at Ministerial level of 27 June 2010 **and of 27 June 2011**, as well as the Accession Conference with Iceland at Deputy level of 19 October 2011,

Amendment

– having regard to the results of the Accession Conferences with Iceland at Ministerial level of 27 June 2010, 27 June 2011 **and that of 12 December 2011**, as well as the Accession Conference with Iceland at Deputy level of 19 October 2011,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to the results of the screening process (**November 2010 - June 2011**),

Amendment

– having regard to the results of the screening process,

Or. en

Amendment 3
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the screening of the EU acquis has almost been completed,

Amendment 4
Indrek Tarand, Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas **four** chapters have been opened and provisionally closed so far in the accession negotiations (**Chapter 2 - Freedom of Movement for Workers, Chapter 7 - Intellectual Property Laws, Chapter 25 - Science and Research, Chapter 26 - Education and Culture**) and **two more others have been opened (Chapter 5 - Public Procurement and Chapter 10 - Information Society and Media)**,

Amendment

B. whereas **eight** chapters have been opened and provisionally closed so far in the accession negotiations,

Amendment 5
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas **four** chapters have been opened and provisionally closed so far in the accession negotiations (Chapter 2 - Freedom of Movement for Workers, Chapter 7 - Intellectual Property Laws, Chapter 25 - Science and Research, Chapter 26 - Education and Culture) and **two** more others have been opened (Chapter 5 - Public Procurement **and** Chapter 10 - Information Society and Media),

Amendment

B. whereas **eight** chapters have been opened and provisionally closed so far in the accession negotiations (Chapter 2 - Freedom of Movement for Workers, **Chapter 6 - Company Law**, Chapter 7 - Intellectual Property Laws, **Chapter 20 - Enterprise and Industrial Policy, Chapter 21 - Trans-European Networks, Chapter 23- Judiciary and Fundamental Rights and** Chapter 25 - Science and Research, Chapter 26 - Education and Culture) and

three more others have been opened
(Chapter 5 - Public Procurement, Chapter
10 - Information Society and Media *and*
Chapter 33 - Financial and Budgetary
Provisions),

Or. en

Amendment 6
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas Iceland's *specificities* should *be taken into account, while* fully *safeguarding* the principles and the acquis of the EU,

Amendment

E. whereas Iceland's *accession process* should fully *safeguard* the principles and the acquis of the EU,

Or. en

Amendment 7
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Welcomes* the opening of six negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of four of these chapters in the accession negotiations; *considers it important to create the conditions to complete the accession process with Iceland and ensure that its accession will be a success;*

Amendment

2. *Notes* the opening of six negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of four of these chapters in the accession negotiations;

Or. nl

Amendment 8
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. *Welcomes* the opening of six negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of four of these chapters in the accession negotiations; considers it important to create the conditions to complete the accession process with Iceland and ensure that its accession will be a success;

Amendment

2. ***Supports Iceland's progress in the accession process; welcomes*** the opening of six negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of four of these chapters in the accession negotiations; considers it important to create the conditions to complete the accession process with Iceland and ensure that its accession will be a success;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Indrek Tarand, Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the opening of ***six*** negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of ***four*** of these chapters in the accession negotiations; considers it important to create the conditions to complete the accession process with Iceland and ensure that its accession will be a success;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the opening of ***eleven*** negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of ***eight*** of these chapters in the accession negotiations; considers it important to create the conditions to complete the accession process with Iceland and ensure that its accession will be a success;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the opening of **six** negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of **four** of these chapters in the accession negotiations; considers it important to create the conditions to complete the accession process with Iceland and ensure that its accession will be a success;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the opening of **eleven** negotiation chapters and the provisional closure of **eight** of these chapters in the accession negotiations; considers it important to create the conditions to complete the accession process with Iceland and ensure that its accession will be a success;

Or. en

Amendment 11
David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Welcomes the prospect of having as a new EU Member State a country with a strong democratic tradition and civic culture;

Amendment

3. Welcomes the prospect of having as a new EU Member State a country with a **historically long and** strong democratic tradition and civic culture;

Or. en

Amendment 12
David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Notes the close historic ties of Iceland with Northern Europe and the successful Euro-Atlantic cooperation for more than 60 years;

Amendment 13
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. **Takes note of** the ongoing process of the review of the Icelandic Constitution aimed at increasing democratic safeguards, strengthening checks and balances, improving the functioning of the state institutions **and** better **defining** their respective roles and powers;

Amendment

4. **Notes with satisfaction** the ongoing process of the review of the Icelandic Constitution aimed at increasing democratic safeguards, strengthening checks and balances, improving the functioning of the state institutions **to** better **define** their respective roles and powers **and generally enhancing the transparency of political and administrative action; expressly welcomes, in this context, the positive experience of a constitutional committee appointed by the public through nationwide elections;**

Amendment 14
Nadezhda Neynsky, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Takes note of the ongoing process of the review of the Icelandic Constitution aimed at increasing democratic safeguards, strengthening checks and balances, improving the functioning of the state institutions and better defining their respective roles and powers;

Amendment

4. Takes note of the **establishment of the Constitutional Council and the** ongoing process of the review of the Icelandic Constitution aimed at increasing democratic safeguards, strengthening checks and balances, improving the functioning of the state institutions and better defining their respective roles and powers **and welcomes the efforts to strengthen the role and efficiency of the**

Parliament by reinforcing the oversight role of the institution;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes the reshuffle of the Icelandic Government on 31 December 2011; expresses confidence that the new Government will continue negotiations with an even stronger and more persistent commitment towards the accession process;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Ivari Padar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Commends Iceland for its good record in safeguarding human rights and ensuring a high level of cooperation with international mechanisms for the protection of human rights; underlines that Iceland's accession to the EU will further enhance the Union's role as a world-wide promoter and defender of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

5. Commends Iceland for its good record in safeguarding human rights and ensuring a high level of cooperation with international mechanisms for the protection of human rights; ***notes that Iceland is a frontrunner to recognise newly independent countries and countries striving for independence;*** underlines that Iceland's accession to the EU will further enhance the Union's role as a world-wide promoter and defender of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. **Notes** the good progress in strengthening the independence and efficiency of the judiciary, as well as the reinforcement of the anti-corruption policy framework;

Amendment

6. **Welcomes** the good progress in strengthening the independence and efficiency of the judiciary, as well as the reinforcement of the anti-corruption policy framework, ***recognized through the provisional closure of Chapter 23***;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Welcomes** the new media act adopted by the Althingi on 20 April 2011; encourages the relevant parliamentary committees appointed during the summer of 2011 to work on the legislative framework in this field and concerning the ownership concentration of the Icelandic media market and the role of the Icelandic State Broadcasting in the advertising market;

Amendment

7. **Further welcomes** the new media act adopted by the Althingi on 20 April 2011; encourages the relevant parliamentary committees appointed during the summer of 2011 to work on the legislative framework in this field and concerning the ownership concentration of the Icelandic media market and the role of the Icelandic State Broadcasting in the advertising market;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Indrek Tarand, Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Reiterates its support for the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative and looks forward to its transposition into law and judicial practice, enabling both Iceland and the EU to position themselves strongly as regards legal protection of the freedoms of expression and information;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Cristian Dan Preda, Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Repeatedly invites the Icelandic authorities to harmonise EU citizens' rights concerning their right to vote in local elections in Iceland;

8. Holds its invitation to the Icelandic authorities to harmonise EU citizens' rights concerning their right to vote in local elections in Iceland;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Indrek Tarand, Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Is concerned about the political division inside the government regarding EU membership and encourages the adoption of comprehensive strategies for the

9. Takes note of the political division inside the government **as well as within all of Iceland's main political forces** regarding EU membership and encourages

accession to the EU in certain areas, and particularly in those that are not covered by the EEA;

the adoption of comprehensive strategies for the accession to the EU in certain areas, and particularly in those that are not covered by the EEA;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned about the political division inside the government regarding EU membership and encourages the adoption of comprehensive strategies for the accession to the EU in certain areas, and particularly in those that are not covered by the EEA;

Amendment

9. Is concerned about the political division inside the government regarding EU membership; ***stresses that by using accession negotiations as an instrument in the internal political battle, the opposition is weakening Iceland's position in the EU membership negotiations as well as threatening the Government to lose the necessary support in the Parliament and face resignation;*** encourages the adoption of comprehensive strategies for the accession to the EU in certain areas, and particularly in those that are not covered by the EEA;

Or. en

Amendment 23

David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is concerned about the political division inside the government regarding EU membership and encourages the adoption of comprehensive strategies for the

Amendment

9. Is concerned about the political division inside the government ***and the Althingi*** regarding EU membership and encourages the adoption of comprehensive strategies

accession to the EU in certain areas, and particularly in those that are not covered by the EEA;

for the accession to the EU in certain areas, and particularly in those that are not covered by the EEA;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. *Is pleased to note* that there is a significant part of Icelanders in favour of the continuation of the accession negotiations; *welcomes the government's support for a well-informed and balanced debate about the accession process and the involvement of the Icelandic society in the public discussions about EU membership;*

Amendment

10. *Notes* that there is a significant part of Icelanders in favour of the continuation of the accession negotiations;

Or. nl

Amendment 25
Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is pleased to note that there is a significant part of Icelanders in favour of the continuation of the accession negotiations; welcomes the government's support for a well-informed and balanced debate about the accession process and the involvement of the Icelandic society in the public discussions about EU membership;

Amendment

10. Is pleased to note that there is a significant part of Icelanders in favour of the continuation of the accession negotiations; welcomes the government's support for a well-informed and balanced debate about the accession process and the involvement of the Icelandic society in the public discussions about EU membership; *suggests that the EU should provide the citizens of Iceland with all possible*

information regarding all consequences of EU membership for the country and the EU itself in order to give a possibility for Icelanders to be well-informed and to base their pro and contra arguments on concrete facts and real developments, but not on phobias or false arguments;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Is pleased to note that there is a significant part of Icelanders in favour of the continuation of the accession negotiations; welcomes the government's support for a well-informed and balanced debate about the accession process and the involvement of the Icelandic society in the public discussions about EU membership;

Amendment

10. Is pleased to note that there is a significant part of Icelanders in favour of the continuation of the accession negotiations; welcomes the government's support for a well-informed and balanced debate about the accession process and the involvement of the Icelandic society in the public discussions **and final decision** about EU membership;

Or. de

Amendment 27
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes Iceland's generally satisfactory track record in implementing its EEA obligations and in its ability to withstand competitive pressure and market forces within the EU;

Amendment

12. Welcomes Iceland's generally satisfactory track record in implementing its EEA obligations and in its ability to withstand competitive pressure and market forces within the EU **over the medium term, provided that it continues to address**

current weaknesses through appropriate macroeconomic policies and structural reforms;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes Iceland's generally satisfactory track record in implementing its EEA obligations and in its ability to withstand competitive pressure and market forces within the EU;

Amendment

12. Welcomes Iceland's generally satisfactory track record in implementing its EEA obligations and in its ability to withstand competitive pressure and market forces within the EU; ***recalls, however, the need to fully address existing EEA obligations as identified by the EFTA Surveillance Authority;***

Or. en

Amendment 29
David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Welcomes Iceland's generally satisfactory track record in implementing its EEA obligations and in its ability to withstand competitive pressure and market forces within the EU;

Amendment

12. Welcomes Iceland's generally satisfactory track record in implementing its EEA obligations and in its ability to withstand competitive pressure and market forces within the EU; ***notes Iceland's close economic ties with the EU;***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Judith Sargentini, Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Encourages the Icelandic authorities to tackle the** still significant state **interference** in the banking sector and industries like energy, air, transport and fishing, which continue to be protected from foreign competition;

Amendment

13. **Takes note of** the still significant state **intervention** in the banking sector and industries like energy, air, transport and fishing, which continue to be protected from foreign competition **and encourages the Icelandic authorities to gradually reform and open these sectors taking into due consideration the specificities of the country;**

Or. en

Amendment 31
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Encourages the Icelandic authorities to tackle the still significant state **interference** in the banking sector and industries like energy, air, transport and fishing, **which continue to be protected from foreign competition;**

Amendment

13. Encourages the Icelandic authorities to tackle the still significant state **intervention** in the banking sector and **reduce the protection from foreign competition of** industries like energy, air, transport and fishing;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. **Encourages** the Icelandic authorities to tackle the still significant state interference in the banking sector and industries like energy, air, transport and fishing, which continue to be protected from foreign competition;

Amendment

13. **Strongly urges** the Icelandic authorities to tackle the still significant state interference in the banking sector and industries like energy, air, transport and fishing, which continue to be protected from foreign competition; **emphasizes that the elimination of protectionism is a prerequisite for sustainable economic development;**

Or. en

Amendment 33
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Encourages the Icelandic authorities to tackle the still significant state interference in the banking sector and industries like energy, air transport and fishing, which continue to be protected from foreign competition;

Amendment

13. Encourages the Icelandic authorities to tackle the still significant state interference in the banking sector and industries like energy, air transport and fishing, which continue to be protected from foreign competition; **supports, in this connection, the efforts to shed further light on the causes of the collapse of Iceland's economic and financial system and to draw the appropriate political conclusions;**

Or. de

Amendment 34
Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Commends Iceland for successfully completing the Economic Recovery Programme with the IMF, which aimed at fiscal **and economic** consolidation;

Amendment

14. Commends Iceland for successfully completing the Economic Recovery Programme with the IMF, which aimed at **currency stabilisation, bank restructuring and** fiscal consolidation;

Or. en

Amendment 35

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Is pleased to note the good economic progress already achieved and the extensive restructuring and reforms pursued in the financial sector; **calls for further** efforts to reduce the level of unemployment and in particular youth unemployment;

Amendment

15. Is pleased to note the good economic progress already achieved and the extensive restructuring and reforms pursued in the financial sector; **encourages the Icelandic authorities to continue their** efforts to reduce the level of unemployment and in particular youth unemployment;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Is pleased to note the good economic progress already achieved and the extensive restructuring and reforms pursued in the financial sector; calls for further efforts to reduce the level of

Amendment

15. Is pleased to note the good economic progress already achieved and the extensive restructuring and reforms pursued in the financial sector; calls for further efforts to reduce the level of

unemployment and in particular youth unemployment;

unemployment, and in particular youth unemployment, ***and thus actively combat migration trends within the population;***

Or. de

Amendment 37
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Invites the Icelandic authorities to continue to address the low rates of public and private investments and the high inflation rate following the economic and financial crisis;

Amendment

16. Invites the Icelandic authorities to continue to address the low rates of public and private investments and the high inflation rate following the economic and financial crisis ***and to come up with solutions for the serious problem of impending bankruptcy for many households;***

Or. de

Amendment 38
Nadezhda Neynsky, Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

16a. Welcomes the adoption of the Iceland 2020 Policy Statement and encourages the government to stimulate small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the country by facilitating their presence in the international market and by providing adequate access to financial resources;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes note of the ***answer of Iceland*** to the ***reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority*** and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and ***expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;***

Amendment

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes note of ***EFTA's Surveillance Authority decision to refer the "Icesave" case*** to the ***EEA Court*** and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and ***welcomes the first partial payments to priority creditors in the winding-up of Landsbanki Íslands hf, estimated to be close to one-third of the recognised priority claims;***

Or. en

Amendment 40
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes note of the ***answer of Iceland*** to the ***reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority*** and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Amendment

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes note of the ***EFTA Surveillance Authority decision to take*** Iceland to the ***EFTA court over its breach of the Deposit Guarantee Directive*** and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; ***recalls that existing obligations such as those identified by the EFTA Surveillance Authority under the EEA Agreement must be fulfilled;***

appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Indrek Tarand

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute **remains unresolved at this stage**; takes note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Amendment

18. Recalls that the Icesave **issue is a bilateral legal** dispute **that should not affect Iceland's accession process**; takes note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute; **stresses, in this respect, that the winding-up board of Landsbanki has already started to pay out the priority claims, including those of the UK and the Netherlands and** expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Judith Sargentini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. **Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes** note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Amendment

18. **Takes** note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute; **stresses, in this respect, that the winding-up board of Landsbanki has already started to pay out the priority claims, including those of the UK and the Netherlands and** expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Ria Oomen-Ruijten

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Amendment

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the **subsequent decision by the EFTA Surveillance Authority to take Iceland to the EFTA Court over its breach of the Deposit Guarantee Directive; also takes note of the** ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; takes note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Amendment

18. Recalls that the Icesave dispute remains unresolved at this stage; ***stresses that the Icesave issue must be resolved outside the accession negotiations and must not be an obstacle in the way of Iceland's accession process***; takes note of the answer of Iceland to the reasoned opinion of the EFTA Surveillance Authority and of the ruling of the Icelandic Supreme Court upholding the Emergency Act of 6 October 2008; appreciates the continuous commitment of the Icelandic authorities to resolve this dispute and expects that all depositor claims towards Landsbanki will be fully and duly covered;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Takes note of the results of the screening process; ***welcomes*** Iceland's stated ambition to open all negotiation chapters during the Danish Presidency, while emphasizing the need to meet the opening benchmarks in Chapter 11 - Agriculture and Rural Development and Chapter 22 - Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments;

Amendment

20. Takes note of the results of the screening process; ***takes note of*** Iceland's stated ambition to open all negotiation chapters during the Danish Presidency, while emphasizing the need to meet the opening benchmarks in Chapter 11 - Agriculture and Rural Development and Chapter 22 - Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments;

Amendment 46
David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Takes note of the results of the screening process; welcomes Iceland's stated ambition to open all negotiation chapters during the Danish Presidency, while emphasizing the need to meet the opening benchmarks in Chapter 11 - Agriculture and Rural Development and Chapter 22 - Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments;

Amendment

20. Takes note of the results of the screening process; welcomes Iceland's stated ambition to open all negotiation chapters during the Danish Presidency ***and hopes that accession negotiations would proceed successfully during this Presidency taking into account the close ties between the two countries***, while emphasizing the need to meet the opening benchmarks in Chapter 11 - Agriculture and Rural Development and Chapter 22 - Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments;

Amendment 47
Cristian Dan Preda

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Takes note of the results of the screening process; welcomes Iceland's stated ambition to open all negotiation chapters during the Danish Presidency, while emphasizing the need to meet the opening benchmarks in Chapter 11 - Agriculture and Rural Development and Chapter 22 - Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments;

Amendment

20. Takes note of the results of the screening process; welcomes Iceland's stated ambition to open all negotiation chapters during the Danish Presidency, while emphasizing the need to meet the opening benchmarks in Chapter 11 - Agriculture and Rural Development and Chapter 22 - Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments ***and the closing benchmark for Chapter 33 -***

Amendment 48

Cristian Dan Preda, Indrek Tarand
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. **While acknowledging** the efficiency and professionalism of the Icelandic administration, **invites the Icelandic Government to further consolidate the ministries as planned, with the** overall objective of enhancing **their** administrative **capacity** and coordination **as well as to strengthen the policy making capacities** of ministries;

Amendment

21. **Welcomes the current consolidation of ministries, acknowledges the** efficiency and professionalism of the Icelandic administration **and supports** the overall objective of enhancing **the** administrative and coordination **capacity** of **Icelandic** ministries;

Amendment 49
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Taking account of the fact that both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Icelandic fisheries policy are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution for the sustainable management **and exploitation** of fisheries resources;

Amendment

23. Taking account of the fact that both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Icelandic fisheries policy are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution for the sustainable management of fisheries resources **that also takes Iceland's specific experience in this field into consideration;**

Amendment 50
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Taking account of the fact that ***both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Icelandic fisheries policy*** are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution for the sustainable management and exploitation of fisheries resources;

Amendment

23. Taking account of the fact that the Icelandic fisheries policy are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution for the sustainable management and exploitation of fisheries resources;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Indrek Tarand, Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Taking account of the fact that both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Icelandic fisheries policy are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution for the sustainable management and exploitation of fisheries resources;

Amendment

23. Taking account of the fact that both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Icelandic fisheries policy are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory solution for the sustainable management and exploitation of fisheries resources ***taking into account Iceland's fishing tradition and practice***;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Taking account of the fact that both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Icelandic fisheries policy are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a **mutually** satisfactory solution for the sustainable management and exploitation of fisheries resources;

Amendment

23. Taking account of the fact that both the Common Fisheries Policy and the Icelandic fisheries policy are currently being revised, calls on Iceland and the EU to approach this chapter of the negotiations in a constructive way with a view to reaching a satisfactory solution for the sustainable management and exploitation of fisheries resources;

Or. es

Amendment 53
Indrek Tarand, Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Considers it important **to set up** administrative structures in the **area of agriculture**, while recognizing the specificities of the Icelandic agriculture and the ongoing process of reform of the Common Agriculture Policy;

Amendment

24. Considers it important **that preparations are made so that the necessary** administrative structures **are adequately adapted for Iceland's full participation** in the **CAP from the day of accession**, while recognizing the specificities of the Icelandic agriculture **with regard, in particular, to the present food self-sufficiency of the country** and the ongoing process of reform of the Common Agriculture Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Arnaud Danjean

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Considers it important to set up administrative structures in the area of agriculture, while ***recognizing the specificities of the Icelandic agriculture and*** the ongoing process of reform of the Common Agriculture Policy;

Amendment

24. Considers it important to set up administrative structures in the area of agriculture, while ***taking into account*** the ongoing process of reform of the Common Agriculture Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Ivari Padar

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Considers it ***important*** to set up administrative structures in the area of agriculture, ***while recognizing*** the specificities of the Icelandic agriculture and the ongoing process of reform of the Common Agriculture Policy;

Amendment

24. Considers it ***essential*** to set up administrative structures in the area of agriculture ***to ensure the proper management of the EU funds and to recognize*** the specificities of the Icelandic agriculture and the ongoing process of reform of the Common Agriculture Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Encourages Iceland and the other

Amendment

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coastal states to continue the negotiations aimed at reaching a resolution of the mackerel dispute based on realistic proposals which safeguard the future of the stock, protect and maintain jobs in the pelagic fishery and ensure a long-term, sustainable fishery;

coastal states to continue the negotiations aimed at reaching a resolution of the mackerel dispute based on realistic proposals ***consistent with historical rights*** which safeguard the future of the stock, protect and maintain jobs in the pelagic fishery and ensure a long-term, sustainable fishery;

Or. es

Amendment 57
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26. Believes that Iceland, which draws almost all its stationery energy from renewable resources, can bring a valuable contribution to EU policies due to its experience in the field of renewable energies, particularly as regards the utilisation of geothermal energy, protection of the environment and measures to deal with climate change;

Amendment

26. Believes that Iceland, which draws almost all its stationery energy from renewable resources, can bring a valuable contribution to EU policies due to its experience in the field of renewable energies, particularly as regards the utilisation of geothermal energy, protection of the environment and measures to deal with climate change; ***is also convinced that closer cooperation in this field can have a positive impact on investment and thus on the economic and employment situation in Iceland and the EU;***

Or. de

Amendment 58
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27. Notes, however, that divergences

Amendment

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remain between the EU and Iceland on issues related to the management of marine life, notably on whale hunting; points out that the ban on whaling is part of the EU acquis and calls for **broader discussions on the matter of** the abolition of whale hunting and of trade in whale products;

remain between the EU and Iceland on issues related to the management of marine life, notably on whale hunting; points out that the ban on whaling is part of the EU acquis and calls for the abolition of whale hunting and of trade in whale products;

Or. nl

Amendment 59
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. **Welcomes** Iceland's continued support for civilian CSDP operations and its alignment with most declarations and decisions in the area of CFSP; emphasizes that, as part of the pre-accession process, Iceland is expected to coordinate its positions with the EU in all international fora, including the WTO;

Amendment

28. **Notes** Iceland's continued support for civilian CSDP operations and its alignment with most declarations and decisions in the area of CFSP; emphasizes that, as part of the pre-accession process, Iceland is expected to coordinate its positions with the EU in all international fora, including the WTO;

Or. de

Amendment 60
Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Considers that Iceland's accession to the EU would enhance the Union's prospects of playing a more active and constructive role in Northern Europe and in the Arctic, contributing to multilateral governance and sustainable policy solutions in the region, as challenges to the

Amendment

29. Considers that Iceland's accession to the EU would **significantly** enhance the Union's prospects of playing a more active and constructive role in Northern Europe and in the Arctic, contributing to multilateral governance and sustainable policy solutions in the region, as challenges to the

Arctic environment are of mutual concern; believes that Iceland could become a strategic bridgehead in the region and its accession to the EU would further anchor the European presence in the Arctic Council;

to the Arctic environment are of mutual concern; believes that Iceland could become a strategic bridgehead in the region and its accession to the EU would further anchor the European presence in the Arctic Council;

Or. en

Amendment 61
David-Maria Sassoli

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 30

Motion for a resolution

30. Regards positively Iceland's participation in the Nordic Council as well as in the EU's Northern Dimension Policy, the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Arctic Council; considers that the adoption of a Resolution on an Icelandic 'High North Policy', adopted by the Althingi in March 2011, reinforced Iceland's commitment to play an active part in the Arctic region, in general;

Amendment

30. Regards positively Iceland's participation in the Nordic Council **and in the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)** as well as in the EU's Northern Dimension Policy, the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Arctic Council **as well as the Nordic-Baltic co-operation (NB8)**; considers that the adoption of a Resolution on an Icelandic 'High North Policy', adopted by the Althingi in March 2011, reinforced Iceland's commitment to play an active part in the Arctic region, in general;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 31 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

31a. Calls for the accession negotiations with Iceland to be halted immediately;

Or. nl

