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Draft report
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on the integrity of online gambling
(2008/2215(INI))

Amendment 1
Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality annexed to the EC Treaty, *deleted*

Or.en

Amendment 2
Malcolm Harbour, Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality annexed to the EC Treaty *deleted*

Or.en

Amendment 3
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Citation 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality annexed to the EC Treaty *deleted*

Amendment 4
Manolis Mavrommatis

Motion for a resolution
Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the revenue generated by government and government authorised gambling activities is by far the most important source of income for sports organisations in many Member States,

Or.el

Amendment 5
Manolis Mavrommatis

Motion for a resolution
Recital A b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ab. whereas European sports bodies consider that the contributions to the funding of education, health, amateur sport and culture provided by national lotteries, betting and authorised bodies which administer gambling on behalf of the public interest are essential,

Or.el

Amendment 6
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games,

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 7

Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States ***on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity***, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games,

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games,

Or.en

Amendment 8

Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution

Recital B

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been ***strictly*** regulated in all Member States on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity, ***in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games,***

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been regulated in all Member States on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity,

Amendment 9
Malcolm Harbour, Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States *on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity*, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games

Amendment

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games

Amendment 10
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States *on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity*, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games,

Amendment

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games,

Amendment 11
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas gambling activities have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity, in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games,

Amendment

B. whereas gambling activities, ***including online gambling***, have traditionally been strictly regulated in all Member States on the basis of the principle of subsidiarity, ***and some forms of gambling even prohibited, which has been confirmed to be justified in the light of general interest objectives (consumer protection, prevention of fraud and other financial crime, preservation of public order) by the European Court of Justice, if proportionate and non-discriminatory,***

Or.en

Amendment 12
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Ba. whereas all Member States have differentiated such restrictions according to the type of gambling service concerned, such as casino games, sport betting, lotteries or betting on horse-races; whereas the majority of Member States prohibit the operation -including by local operators - of online casino games, and a significant number prohibit in the same way the operation of online sport betting and online lotteries,

Or.en

Amendment 13
Emmanouil Angelakas

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas all Member States have differentiated such restrictions according to the type of gambling service concerned, such as sport betting and lotteries, as well as according to the means such services are distributed; whereas a significant number of Member States totally and absolutely prohibit the operation – including by local operators - of online sport betting and online lotteries in their respective jurisdictions,

Or.en

Amendment 14
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas gambling activities were excluded from the scope of Directives 2006/123/EC (services), 2007/65/EC (audiovisual media services) and 2000/31/EC (electronic commerce),

C. whereas gambling activities were excluded from the scope of Directives 2006/123/EC (services), 2007/65/EC (audiovisual media services) and 2000/31/EC (electronic commerce), ***and the European Parliament voiced its concern at a possible deregulation of gambling in its resolution of 8 May 2008 on the White Paper on Sport,***

Or.en

Amendment 15
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas Member States have regulated their traditional gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and match-fixing; whereas these policy objectives are more difficult to reach in the online gambling sector,

Or.en

Amendment 16
Eija-Riitta Korhola, Marianne Thyssen, Heide Rühle, Othmar Karas, Christel Schaldemose, José Ribeiro e Castro

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States in order to verify whether national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services are compatible with Community law,

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States in order to verify whether national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services, ***mainly sports betting***, are compatible with Community law, ***whereas, as the Commission highlighted, these procedures do not touch upon the existence of monopolies or national lotteries as such, nor do they have any implication for the liberalisation of the gambling markets in general,***

Or.en

Amendment 17
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States ***in order to verify whether*** national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services are ***compatible*** with Community law,

Amendment

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States ***whose*** national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services ***are considered not to be*** compatible with Community law,

Or.en

Amendment 18
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States ***in order to verify whether*** national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services ***are compatible*** with Community law

Amendment

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States ***and is now formally challenging the compatibility of*** national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services with Community law ***in several Member States,***

Or.en

Amendment 19
Malcolm Harbour, Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten

Amendment

D. whereas the Commission has launched

Member States *in order to verify whether* national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services *are compatible* with Community law,

infringement procedures against ten Member States *and is now formally challenging the compatibility of* national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services with Community law *in several Member States,*

Or.en

Amendment 20
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States *in order to verify whether* national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services *are compatible* with Community law

Amendment

D. whereas the Commission has launched infringement procedures against ten Member States *and is now formally challenging the compatibility of* national measures limiting the cross-border supply of online gambling services with Community law *in several Member States,*

Or.en

Amendment 21
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas several gambling cases are pending before the Court of Justice, which clearly demonstrates a lack of *clarity in the law* on online gambling *and takes up resources,*

Amendment

E. whereas several gambling cases are pending before the Court of Justice, which clearly demonstrates a lack of *consistency of national laws* on online gambling *with EC law,*

Or.en

Amendment 22
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas several gambling cases are pending before the Court of Justice, which clearly demonstrates a lack of ***clarity in the law*** on online gambling ***and takes up resources***,

Amendment

E. whereas several gambling cases are pending before the Court of Justice, which clearly demonstrates a lack of ***consistency of national laws*** on online gambling ***with EC law***,

Or.en

Amendment 23
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas several gambling cases are pending before the Court of Justice, which clearly demonstrates a lack of ***clarity in the law*** on online gambling and ***takes up resources***,

Amendment

E. whereas several gambling cases are pending before the Court of Justice, which clearly demonstrates a lack of ***consistency of national laws*** on online gambling ***with EC law***,

Or.en

Amendment 24
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas several gambling cases are pending before the Court of Justice, which

Amendment

E. whereas ***an increasing number of preliminary questions on gambling-***

clearly demonstrates a lack of clarity in the law on online gambling and takes up resources,

related cases are being referred to the European Court of Justice, which clearly demonstrates a lack of clarity on how to interpret and apply Community law with respect to gambling,

Or.en

Amendment 25
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas integrity means a commitment to preventing not only fraud and crime but also problem gambling and under-age gambling,

Amendment

F. whereas integrity *in the context of this resolution* means a commitment *by operators* to preventing not only fraud and crime but also problem gambling and under-age gambling *by respecting consumer protection and criminal laws, and to protecting sporting competitions from any undue influence associated with sports betting,*

Or.en

Amendment 26
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas integrity means a commitment to *preventing not only fraud and crime but also problem gambling and under-age gambling,*

Amendment

F. whereas integrity means a commitment to *the highest levels of corporate, financial and social responsibility,*

Or.en

Amendment 27
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas online gambling combines several risk factors related to problem gambling, such as, among others, easy access to gambling, the availability of a variety of games and fewer social constraints¹.

Amendment

G. whereas online gambling combines several risk factors related to problem gambling, such as, among others, easy access to gambling, the availability of a variety of games and fewer social constraints¹.

Or.en

Amendment 28
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas online gambling combines several risk factors related to problem gambling, such as, among others, easy access to gambling, the availability of a variety of games and fewer social constraints ,

Amendment

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 29
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

¹ Opinion of Advocate General Bot of 14 October 2008 in Case C-42/07; see also the above-mentioned study by SICL at p. 1450; *Professor Gill Valentine, Literature review of children and young people's gambling (Commissioned by the UK Gambling Commission), September 2008.*

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas online gambling combines several risk factors related to problem gambling, such as, among others, easy access to gambling, the availability of a variety of games and fewer social constraints,

deleted

Or.en

**Amendment 30
Christofer Fjellner**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital G**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas online gambling combines several risk factors related to problem gambling, such as, among others, easy access to gambling, the availability of a variety of games and fewer social constraints

deleted

Or.en

**Amendment 31
Malcolm Harbour**

**Motion for a resolution
Recital G**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas online gambling **combines several risk factors related to** problem gambling, **such as, among others, easy access to gambling, the availability of a variety of games and fewer social constraints,**

G. whereas **the advent of** online gambling **has raised concerns about** problem gambling, **existing prevalence studies have shown no increase in problems associated with gambling despite the increasing popularity of online gambling,**

Amendment 32
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas the provision of gambling services is an economic activity which falls within the scope of the fundamental freedoms under the EC Treaty, in particular the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services, and which may be restricted only when permitted under the derogations specifically provided for in the EC Treaty or justified by overriding reasons of public interest,

Or.de

Amendment 33
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas online sports betting activities have developed in an uncontrolled manner, in a growing number of match-fixing and to the coming to light of betting-related scandals in the Member States, threatening the integrity of sport,

Or.en

Amendment 34

Jacques Toubon, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Ivo Belet, Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas sports betting activities and other online games have developed rapidly and in an uncontrolled manner (particularly cross-border on the Internet) the ever present threat of match-fixing and the phenomenon of “lay bets” on specific events in sports matches makes sports particularly vulnerable to illegal betting behaviour,

Or.en

Amendment 35

Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution

Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas Europol reports that gambling schemes are quite a widespread modus operandi to launder money, an increasing trend, with organised crime groups also making their way directly into the gambling world by buying companies in this field; whereas also the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) reported that Internet gambling might be an ideal web-based "service" to serve as a cover for a money laundering scheme through the net,

Or.en

Amendment 36
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Title 1

Motion for a resolution

A transparent **market** that safeguards the public and consumer interests

Amendment

A transparent **sector** that safeguards the public and consumer interests

Or.en

Amendment 37
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Amendment

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities, other social causes **and civil society needs** in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Or.en

Amendment 38
Jacques Toubon, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Amendment

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and ***match-fixing in sport*** as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Or.en

Amendment 39
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets ***in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States***; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Amendment

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Or.en

Amendment 40
Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, ***in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity***, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games ***as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States***; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Amendment

1. Highlights that Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services ***and that this legislation should in turn comply with the internal market rules***;

Or.en

Amendment 41
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, ***in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity***, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games ***as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States***; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Amendment

1. Highlights that Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services;

Amendment 42
Emmanouil Angelakas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have ***a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating*** their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators ***should*** comply with the legislation of the Member State ***in which they provide their services;***

Amendment

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity ***and the constant jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice, Member States have the right to regulate and control*** their gambling markets ***in accordance with the respective tradition and culture of their country*** in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; ***therefore, on these grounds, acknowledges the Member States' right to totally and absolutely prohibit online gambling in their respective jurisdictions;*** underlines that online gambling operators ***must*** comply with the legislation of the Member State ***of the residence of the consumer;***

Or.en

Amendment 43
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, ***in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity,*** Member States have a ***legitimate*** interest in ***monitoring and regulating their*** gambling markets in

Amendment

1. Highlights that ***all stakeholders*** have an interest in ***well monitored and regulated*** gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud,

order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and ***fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States***; underlines that ***online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services***;

money-laundering and ***match-fixing***; underlines that ***gambling law in the Member States must comply with the Treaty and that gambling operators must comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services***;

Or.en

Amendment 44

Eija-Riitta Korhola, Marianne Thyssen, Heide Rühle, Othmar Karas, José Ribeiro e Castro

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, Member States have ***a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating*** their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators ***should*** comply with the legislation of the Member State ***in which they provide their services***;

Amendment

1. Highlights that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity ***and the jurisprudence of the European Court of Justice***, Member States have ***the right to regulate and control*** their gambling markets ***in accordance with the respective tradition and culture of their country*** in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators ***must*** comply with the legislation of the Member State ***of the residence of the consumer***;

Or.en

Amendment 45
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, ***in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity***, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services,

Amendment

1. Highlights that, ***whilst complying with the EC Treaty and case-law of the European Court of Justice***, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services,

Or.en

Amendment 46
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Highlights that, ***in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity***, Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games ***as well as to protect the culturally-built funding structures which finance sports activities and other social causes in the Member States***; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services,

Amendment

1. Highlights that Member States have a legitimate interest in monitoring and regulating their gambling markets in order to protect consumers against addiction, fraud, money-laundering and fixed games; underlines that online gambling operators should comply with the legislation of the Member State in which they provide their services,

Amendment 47

Eija-Riitta Korhola, Marianne Thyssen, Heide Rühle, Othmar Karas, Christel Schaldemose, José Ribeiro e Castro

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Stresses that gambling services are to be considered as an economic activity of a very special nature because of the social and public order and health care aspects linked to it, where competition will not lead to a better allocation of resources, which is the reason why gambling requires a multi-pillar approach; emphasises that a pure Internal Market approach is not appropriate in this highly sensitive area and requests the Commission to pay particular attention to the views of the European Court of Justice regarding this matter;

Or.en

Amendment 48

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling; is of the opinion that the Court of Justice should not define the European gambling market;

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 49
Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling; is of the opinion that the Court of Justice should not define the European gambling market; *deleted*

Or.en

Amendment 50
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling; is of the opinion that the Court of Justice should not define the European gambling market; *deleted*

Or.en

Amendment 51
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling; is of the opinion that the Court of Justice should not define the European gambling market;

deleted

Or.en

**Amendment 52
Christofer Fjellner**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling; is of the opinion that the Court of Justice should not define the European gambling market;

deleted

Or.en

**Amendment 53
Malcolm Harbour**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling, is of the opinion that the Court of Justice should not define European gambling market,

2. In light of the exclusion of gambling from the services Directive, calls on the Commission, in its role as guardian of the EC Treaty, to clarify the competences of the Member States in the field of online gambling, drawing on the existing case

law from the ECJ,

Or.en

Amendment 54
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling; ***is of the opinion that the Court of Justice should not define the European gambling market;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to clarify the competences of the Member States and the EU in the field of online gambling;

Or.en

Amendment 55
Manolis Mavrommatis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

2a. Voices its concern over the possibility of the deregulation of the market in gambling and lotteries if that entails restricting support for education, health, principally amateur sport and culture; calls on the Commission, therefore, to draw up a study concerning the possible implications for society and sport of fully opening up the market in gambling and lotteries and what type of control mechanisms could be brought into operation to protect consumers;

Amendment

Or.el

Amendment 56
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Highlights that Member States have to ensure that their gambling regulations are compatible with EC law and in particular with articles 43 and 49 of the EC Treaty;

Or.en

Amendment 57
Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Highlights that Member States have to ensure that their gambling regulations are compatible with EC law and in particular with articles 43 and 49 of the EC Treaty;

Or.en

Amendment 58
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Highlights that Member States have to ensure that their gambling regulations are compatible with EC law and in particular with Articles 43 and 49 of the EC Treaty;

Amendment 59
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Highlights the importance of legal compliance in ensuring transparency and integrity in online gambling and therefore notes that Member States must ensure that their gambling regulations are compatible with EC law and in particular with articles 43 and 49 of the EC Treaty,

Or.en

Amendment 60
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud;

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud; ***and leaving at a national level the competence to rule on the number of license to be granted, the type of games allowed as well as the competence to collect taxes based on the country of consumption principle;***

Or.en

Amendment 61
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, ***such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards***; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud;

Or.en

Amendment 62
Emmanouil Angelakas

Motion for a resolution
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Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; ***stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud***;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the ***social and public order*** problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; ***calls on the other EU institutions to cooperate closely with the Member States in the fight against unauthorised or illegal, according to the respective national law of each Member State, online gambling service offerings***;

Or.en

Amendment 63

Eija-Riitta Korhola, Marianne Thyssen, Heide Rühle, Othmar Karas, José Ribeiro e Castro

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling ***addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards***; ***stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud***;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the ***social and public order*** problems arising from cross-border online gambling; ***calls on the EU institutions to cooperate closely with the Member States in the fight against all unauthorised online gambling service offerings***;

Or.en

Amendment 64

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud ***and consequently with non-discriminatory access to national markets by operators complying with those requirements***;

Or.en

Amendment 65
Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud ***and consequently with non-discriminatory access to national markets by operators complying with those requirements;***

Or.en

Amendment 66
Malcolm Harbour, Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud,

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud ***and subsequently with non-discriminatory access to national markets by operators meeting those requirements;***

Or.en

Amendment 67
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to cooperate closely in order to solve the problems arising from cross-border online gambling, such as gambling addiction and misuse of personal data or credit cards; stresses the need for a common European position on online gambling with mandatory minimum requirements for protecting consumers and preventing fraud ***and consequently with non-discriminatory access to national markets by operators complying with those requirements;***

Or.en

Amendment 68
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Endorses the work that has started in the Council under the French Presidency, that addresses the issues in the field of online and traditional gambling and betting;

Or.en

Amendment 69
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Stresses that actors who operate in the field of online gambling, e.g. consumer organisations, sports organisations, industry associations and the media, share a joint responsibility for the integrity of online gambling and for informing consumers of the possible negative consequences of online gambling;

Amendment

4. Stresses that ***regulators and operators should closely cooperate with other stakeholders*** who operate in the field of online gambling, e.g. ***gambling operators, regulators***, consumer organisations, sports organisations, industry associations and the media, share a joint responsibility for the integrity of online gambling and for informing consumers of the possible negative consequences of online gambling;

Or.en

Amendment 70
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. Notes that criminal activities such as money-laundering and black economies can be associated with gambling activities, and impact on the integrity of sports events; and that the threat to the integrity of sport and sporting competitions impacts heavily on grassroots participation, an important contributor to public health and social integration; and could result in a loss of public trust if a sport is perceived as the subject of manipulation for the financial gain of players, officials or third parties rather than played according to its values, rules and for the enjoyment of its fans;

Or.en

Amendment 71

Jacques Toubon, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Ivo Belet, Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Notes that criminal activities such as money-laundering and black economies can be associated with gambling activities, and impact on the integrity of sports events; and that the threat to the integrity of sport and sporting competitions impacts heavily on grassroots participation, a key contributor to public health and social integration; and could result in a loss of public trust if a sport is perceived as the subject of manipulation for the financial gain of players, officials or third parties rather than played according to its values, rules and for the enjoyment of its fans;

Or.en

Amendment 72

Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Considers that sporting organisations deserve a "fair return" from gambling operators relating to the use of their intellectual property and other rights; further considers that this return should be directly linked to solidarity mechanisms to ensure that payments made under the "fair return" principle are used exclusively for grassroots, disability and amateur sports;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of online gambling provides increased opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators;

Amendment

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 74
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is of the opinion that **the growth of online gambling provides increased opportunities for** corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal **betting** cartels and money-laundering **as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators;**

Amendment

5. Is of the opinion that **all operators active in the European market should continue to be subject to stringent requirements and regulations to prevent** corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal cartels and money laundering;

Or.en

Amendment 75
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of online gambling provides increased opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators;

Amendment

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of online gambling provides increased opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators; ***calls on the Commission, Europol and other national and international institutions to closely monitor and report on findings in this area;***

Or.en

Amendment 76
Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of online gambling provides ***increased*** opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators;

Amendment

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of online gambling provides opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators;

Or.en

Amendment 77
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of online gambling provides increased opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators;

Amendment

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of ***certain forms of*** online gambling provides increased opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators; ***is also of the opinion, however, that account should be taken of the specific form of the service on offer and that a distinction should be made between the business of gambling itself and the mere online provision of gambling services, in particular state-run services, that are in principle authorised;***

Or.de

Amendment 78
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Is of the opinion that the growth of online gambling provides increased opportunities for corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal betting cartels and money-laundering as online games can be set up and dismantled very rapidly and due to the proliferation of offshore operators;

Amendment

5. Is of the opinion ***that all operators active on the European market should continue to be subject to stringent requirements and regulations to prevent corrupt practices such as fraud, fixing games, illegal cartels and money laundering;***

Or.en

Amendment 79
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Considers that the protection of the integrity of sports events and competitions requires cooperation between sports rights owners, online betting operators and public authorities at national as well as EU and international level;

Amendment

6. Considers that the protection of the integrity of sports events and competitions ***as regards fighting fraud and match fixing*** requires cooperation between sports rights owners, online betting operators and public authorities at national as well as EU and international level;

Or.en

Amendment 80
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

6a. Notes that the online gambling industry is relatively new and the precise quantitative and qualitative effects on consumers are not yet known. Therefore, considers that there needs to be more research conducted, in order to establish the relationship between online gambling and consumer detriment across Europe;

Or.en

Amendment 81
Jacques Toubon, Ivo Belet, Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Member States to ensure that sports competition organisers, betting operators and the appropriate regulators cooperate on measures to tackle the risks related to illegal betting behaviour and match-fixing in sport, and explore the establishment of a workable, equitable and sustainable regulatory framework for the financing of measures to protect the integrity of sports and ensure fair financial returns to the benefit of all levels of professional and amateur sport;

Or.en

Amendment 82
Christel Schaldemose, Lasse Lehtinen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Member States to ensure that sports competition organisers, betting operators and the appropriate regulators cooperate on measures to tackle the risks related to illegal betting behaviour and match-fixing in sport, and explore the establishment of a workable, equitable and sustainable regulatory framework to protect the integrity of sports and ensure fair financial returns to the benefit of all levels of professional and amateur sports;

Or.en

Amendment 83
Manolis Mavrommatis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal to ensure that the sports betting sector in the European Union is above board, prevents abuse and corruption and respects the rights of the organisers of sporting contests;

Or.el

Amendment 84
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Highlights that sports bets taken by private operators are a form of commercial exploitation of sporting competitions ;

Or.en

Amendment 85
Jacques Toubon, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Highlights that sports bets are a form of commercial exploitation of sporting competitions;

Or.en

Amendment 86
Manolis Mavrommatis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 b new

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States, in cooperation with sporting and betting organisations, to explore the possibility of setting up a workable, fair and viable framework to ensure that all sports in the European Union remain unaffected by illegal betting practices and retain public confidence in their integrity.

Or.el

Amendment 87
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Recommends that Member States protect sports competition organisers from any unauthorised commercial use of their competitions by requiring betting operators to contribute to sport through a specific taxation;

Or.en

Amendment 88
Jacques Toubon, Ivo Belet

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Recommends that Member States protect sports competition organisers from any unauthorised commercial use of their competitions by a legal "competition organisers right", notably requiring betting operators to reach agreement with competition organisers before taking bets on their competitions;

Or.en

Amendment 89
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Considers that **online gambling creates an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games** with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money;

7. Considers **that the potential omnipresent opportunity provided by the internet to gamble online in privacy**, with immediate results and **with** the possibility of gambling for large sums of money, creates an increased potential for gambling addiction,;

Or.en

Amendment 90
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Considers that online gambling creates an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of

deleted

money;

Or.en

Amendment 91
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers that *online gambling creates an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money;*

Amendment

7. Considers that *proportionate safeguards and regulation that are specific and effective to the online gambling environment should be in place to combat problem gambling;*

Or.en

Amendment 92
Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers that online gambling creates *an increased* potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money;

Amendment

7. Considers that online gambling creates *a different* potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money;

Or.en

Amendment 93
Andreas Schwab

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers that online gambling **creates** an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money;

Amendment

7. Considers that **certain forms of** online gambling **create** an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money; **also considers, however, that the technical possibilities offered by the internet may also serve to improve consumer protection and that account should therefore be taken of the specific form of the service on offer in any evaluation of the risks to the consumer arising from online gambling;**

Or.de

Amendment 94
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers that online gambling **creates** an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money;

Amendment

7. Considers that online gaming **may create** an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money, **but notes that the full impact of online gambling on consumers is not yet known;**

Or.en

Amendment 95
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Considers that ***online gambling creates an increased potential for gambling addiction due to the easy accessibility of games with immediate results and the possibility of gambling for large sums of money;***

Amendment

7. Considers that ***proportionate safeguards and regulation that are specific and effective to the online gambling environment should be in place to combat problem gambling;***

Or.en

Amendment 96
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7a. Draws attention to the growing concern about young people's ability to access online gambling opportunities, both legally and illegally, and stresses the need to have more effective age checks and to prevent underage gamblers from playing free demos on online web sites;

Amendment

Or.en

Amendment 97
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7a. Highlights that Member States have to ensure that their gambling regulations are

Amendment

compatible with EC law and in particular with articles 43 and 49 of the EC Treaty;

Or.en

Amendment 98
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Points out that especially young people may have trouble differentiating between the concepts of: luck, fate, chance and probability; Urges Member States to address the key risk factors which may increase the likelihood of a (young) person developing a gambling problem and to find the tools to target those factors;

Or.en

Amendment 99
Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Is alarmed by the increasing cross-over between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites in offering remote or online games and making it easy and socially acceptable to participate in those games, especially for younger people;

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 100

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Is alarmed by the increasing cross-over between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites in offering remote or online games and making it easy and socially acceptable to participate in those games, especially for younger people; *deleted*

Or.en

Amendment 101

Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Is alarmed by the increasing cross-over between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites in offering remote or online games and making it easy and socially acceptable to participate in those games, especially for younger people; *deleted*

Or.en

Amendment 102

Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Is alarmed by the increasing cross-over between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites in offering remote or online games and making it easy and socially acceptable to participate in those games, especially for younger people;

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 103

Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Is alarmed by the increasing cross-over between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites in offering remote or online games **and making it easy and socially acceptable to participate in those games**, especially **for** younger people;

8. Is alarmed by the increasing cross-over between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites in offering remote or online **gambling** games **especially aimed at minors**;

Or.en

Amendment 104

Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Is alarmed by the increasing cross over between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites in offering remote or online games and making it easy and socially acceptable to participate in those games, especially for younger

8. Considers that technological developments, such as cross-overs between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites, will pose regulatory and social protection challenges in the long-term,

people,

Or.en

Amendment 105

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Considers that technological developments, such as cross-overs between interactive television, mobile phones and internet sites, will pose regulatory and social protection challenges in the long term;

Or.en

Amendment 106

Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, is likely to give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers;

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 107

Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling is likely to give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers;

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling is likely to give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers ***provided the restrictions comply with the Treaty, are objectively justified, and are applied coherently and in a proportionate and non-discriminatory manner;***

Or.en

Amendment 108

Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, ***is likely to*** give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers;

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, ***as with any form of gambling can*** give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers ***as long as any restrictions comply with the rules of the internal market and are non-discriminatory, justified, proportional and consistent;***

Or.en

Amendment 109
Karin Riis-Jørgensen, Bill Newton Dunn

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, **is likely to** give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers;

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling **can** give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers **as long as any restrictions comply with the rules of the internal market and are non-discriminatory, justified, proportional and consistent;**

Or.en

Amendment 110
Malcolm Harbour, Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, **is likely to** can give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers,

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, **as with any form of gambling,** can give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers **provided the restrictions comply with the EC Treaty, as objectively justified, and are applied coherently and in a proportionate and non-discriminatory manner,**

Or.en

Amendment 111
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, **is likely to** give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers,

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling, **as with any form of gambling, can** give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers **as long as any restrictions comply with the rules of the internal market and are non-discriminatory, justified, proportional and consistent;**

Or.en

Amendment 112
Emmanouil Angelakas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling is likely to give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers;

Amendment

9. Is of the opinion that online gambling is likely to give rise to risks to consumers and that Member States may therefore legitimately restrict the freedom to provide online gambling services in order to protect consumers; **on those grounds, acknowledges the Member States' right to totally and absolutely prohibit online gambling in their respective jurisdictions;**

Or.en

Amendment 113
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9a. Stresses that parents have a responsibility in preventing under-age gambling and gambling addiction by minors;

Or.en

Amendment 114
Manolis Mavrommatis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Considers that profits from gambling should be used for the benefit of society, including rolling funding for education, health, professional and amateur sport and culture;

Or.el

Amendment 115
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11. Supports the development of common standards for online gambling regarding age, bonus schemes directed at vulnerable gamblers, ***a maximum amount to be played per week***, information about the possible consequences of gambling,

11.Supports the development of common standards for online gambling regarding age, bonus schemes directed at vulnerable gamblers, information about the possible consequences of gambling, information about where to obtain help in case of

information about where to obtain help in case of addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

Or.en

Amendment 116
Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Supports the development of common standards for online gambling regarding age, bonus schemes ***directed at vulnerable gamblers, a maximum amount to be played per week***, information about the possible consequences of gambling, information about where to obtain help in case of addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

Amendment

11. Supports the development of common standards for online gambling regarding age, bonus schemes, information about the possible consequences of gambling, information about where to obtain help in case of addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

Or.en

Amendment 117
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Supports the development of common standards for online gambling regarding age, bonus schemes directed at vulnerable gamblers, ***a maximum amount to be played per week***, information about the possible consequences of gambling, information about where to obtain help in case of addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

Amendment

11. Supports the development of common standards for online gambling regarding age, bonus schemes directed at vulnerable gamblers, information about the possible consequences of gambling, information about where to obtain help in case of addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

Amendment 118
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Supports the development of common standards for online gambling regarding age, bonus schemes directed at vulnerable gamblers, a maximum amount to be played per week, information about the possible consequences of gambling, information about where to obtain help in case of addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

Amendment

11. Supports the development of ***national*** standards for online gambling regarding ***age limits, a ban on credit and*** bonus schemes ***to protect*** vulnerable gamblers, ***deposit limits (such as*** a maximum amount to be played per week), information about the possible consequences of gambling, information about where to obtain help in case of addiction, the potential addictiveness of certain games, and so on;

Or.en

Amendment 119
Emmanouil Angelakas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. As of those Member States that totally and absolutely prohibit online gambling in their respective jurisdiction, supports the development and adoption of all the appropriate measures at a national level aiming to enforce and to maintain this prohibition, such as blocking online gambling operators' sites, blocking bank or every form of transactions effectuated on the purpose to participate to online gambling, prohibiting online gambling operators' advertisements in their territory, etc.;

Amendment 120
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that self-regulation regarding the advertising **and** promotion of online games is not sufficiently effective and therefore emphasises the need for **co-regulation *between the industry and the authorities***;

Amendment

12. Considers that self-regulation regarding the advertising, promotion **and provision** of online games is not sufficiently effective and therefore emphasises the need for regulation;

Amendment 121
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Considers that self-regulation regarding the advertising and promotion of online games is not sufficiently effective and therefore emphasises the need for co-regulation between the industry and the authorities;

Amendment

12. Considers that self-regulation regarding the advertising and promotion of online games is not sufficiently effective ***in certain Member States*** and therefore emphasises the need for co-regulation between the industry and the authorities ***as an alternative regulatory route in those Member States***;

Amendment 122
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on all stakeholders to address the risk of social isolation caused by online gambling addiction;

Or.en

Amendment 123
Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate at EU level in order to regulate the aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 124
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate at EU level in order to regulate **the** aggressive advertising **directed at** problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate at EU level in order to regulate **any** aggressive advertising **of gambling online, including free demonstration games available on websites, to protect especially** problem

young people;

gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Or.en

Amendment 125
Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate at EU level in order to regulate ***the aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;***

Amendment

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate at EU level in order to regulate.

Or.en

Amendment 126
Markus Ferber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate ***at EU level*** in order to regulate ***the*** aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Amendment

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate in order to regulate ***any*** aggressive advertising ***of any public or private operator*** directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Or.en

Amendment 127
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate **at EU level** in order to regulate **the** aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Amendment

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate in order to regulate **any** aggressive advertising **of any public or private operator** directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Or.en

Amendment 128
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate **at EU level** in order to regulate **the** aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Amendment

13. Urges Member States, together with the industry, to cooperate in order to regulate **any** aggressive advertising **of any public or private operator** directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Or.en

Amendment 129
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Urges Member States, together with

Amendment

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industry, to ***cooperate at EU level*** in order to regulate the aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people,

industry, to ***consider those existing regulatory models found within the EU that already address*** aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people,

Or.en

Amendment 130
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Urges Member States, ***together with the industry, to cooperate at EU level in order to regulate the*** aggressive advertising directed at problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Amendment

13. Urges Member States ***to take measures against any*** aggressive advertising ***and marketing of online gambling in order to protect*** problem gamblers and vulnerable consumers such as children and young people;

Or.en

Amendment 131
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Suggests to study the possibility to introduce a maximized amount that a person can use for gambling activities per month or to oblige online gambling operators to make use of prepaid cards for online gambling to be sold in shops;

Amendment

Or.en

Amendment 132

Eija-Riitta Korhola, Marianne Thyssen, Heide Rühle, Othmar Karas, José Ribeiro e Castro

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Notes that a Code of Conduct may be a useful tool for achieving some public (and private) objectives ***while adjusting to*** technological developments, changes in consumer preferences or developments in market structures;

Amendment

15. Notes that a Code of Conduct may ***still*** be a useful ***supplementary*** tool for achieving some public (and private) objectives ***to take account of*** technological developments, changes in consumer preferences or developments in market structures;

Or.en

Amendment 133

Eija-Riitta Korhola, Marianne Thyssen, Heide Rühle, Othmar Karas, José Ribeiro e Castro

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15.Stresses, ***however***, that a Code of Conduct ultimately remains an industry-driven, self-regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to ***primary or secondary*** legislation;

Amendment

14. Stresses that a Code of Conduct ultimately remains an industry-driven, self regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to, ***not a replacement of legislation***;

Or.en

Amendment 134

Christopher Heaton-Harris

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Stresses, however, that a Code of Conduct ultimately remains an industry-driven, self-regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to primary or secondary legislation;

deleted

Or.en

Amendment 135
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15.Stresses, however, that a Code of Conduct ultimately remains an industry-driven, self-regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to primary or secondary legislation;

15.Stresses, however, that a Code of Conduct ultimately remains an industry-driven, self-regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to primary or secondary legislation; ***notes that, in the absence of secondary legislation on gambling at EU level, an a EU Code of Conduct to establish common standards between regulators, devised by a working group of regulators and operators under an independent chairman, would provide adequate reassurance about the integrity of online gambling operators;***

Or.en

Amendment 136
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses, however, that a Code of Conduct ultimately remains an industry-driven, self-regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to primary or secondary legislation;

Amendment

15. Stresses, however, that a Code of Conduct ultimately remains an industry-driven, self-regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to primary or secondary legislation; ***notes that, in the absence of secondary legislation on gambling at EU level, an EU Code of Conduct to establish common standards between regulators, devised by a working group of regulators and operators under an independent chairman, would provide adequate reassurance about the integrity of online gambling operators;***

Or.en

Amendment 137
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***Stresses, however, that*** a Code of Conduct ***ultimately remains an industry-driven, self-regulatory approach and can therefore only serve as an addition to primary or secondary legislation;***

Amendment

15. ***Given the divergence between Member State approaches to online gambling, a Code of Conduct would be a good first regulatory mechanism to ensure integrity in online gambling;***

Or.en

Amendment 138
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Also stresses that the effectiveness of a Code of Conduct will heavily depend on its recognition by regulators and consumers, as well as on its enforcement;

Amendment

16. Also stresses that the effectiveness of a Code of Conduct will heavily depend on its recognition by **the national** regulators and consumers, as well as on its enforcement;

Or.en

Amendment 139
Christofer Fjellner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Calls on the Commission to initiate research on online gambling and the risk of developing a gambling addiction, **for** example, how advertising influences gambling addiction, whether it is possible to create a common European categorisation of games according to addictive potential, and possible preventive and curative measures;

Amendment

17. Calls on the Commission to initiate research on online gambling and **other forms of gambling into** the risk of developing a gambling addiction. **For** example, **this research might include** how advertising influences gambling addiction, whether it is possible to create a common European categorisation of games according to addictive potential, and possible preventive and curative measures;

Or.en

Amendment 140
Salvador Domingo Sanz Palacio

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to initiate research on online gambling and the risk of developing a gambling addiction, **for** example, how advertising influences gambling addiction, whether it is possible

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to initiate research on online gambling and **other forms of gambling into** the risk of developing a gambling addiction. **For** example, **this research might include** how

to create a common European categorisation of games according to addictive potential, and possible preventive and curative measures;

advertising influences gambling addiction, whether it is possible to create a common European categorisation of games according to addictive potential, and possible preventive and curative measures;

Or.en

Amendment 141
Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Commission to initiate research on online gambling and the risk of developing a gambling addiction, for example *how* advertising influences gambling addiction, whether it is possible to create a common European categorisation of games according to addictive potential, and possible preventive and curative measures,

Amendment

18. Calls on the Commission to initiate research on online gambling and the risk of developing a gambling addiction, for example *what form of advertising influences the disposition to gamble*, whether it is possible to create a common European categorisation of games according to addictive potential, and possible preventive and curative measures,

Or.en

Amendment 142
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18a. Calls on the Commission to examine in particular the role of advertising and marketing (including online, free demonstration games) in targeting directly or implicitly under-age young people to gamble;

Amendment

Or.en

Amendment 143
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Commission to collect information about the extent of fraud in the online gambling sector, e.g. amongst actors involved in the sector;

Amendment

19. Calls on the Commission, ***Europol and the national authorities*** to collect ***and share*** information about the extent of fraud ***and other criminal behaviour*** in the online gambling sector, e.g. amongst actors involved in the sector;

Or.en

Amendment 144
Zuzana Roithová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Invites the Commission, in collaboration with the Member States and on the basis of the health statistics of the Member States and of the latest medical research, to analyse trends in the incidence of gambling addiction and to create a Europe-wide database of risks, so as to enable it to assess the extent and seriousness for society of addiction to online gambling;

Or.cs

Amendment 145
Gary Titley

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

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Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission to undertake an impact assessment of the effects of national regulation of the provision of cross-border gambling services in relation to integrity, social responsibility, consumer protection and ***matters relating to taxation***;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Commission to undertake an impact assessment of the effects of national regulation of the provision of cross-border gambling services in relation to integrity, social responsibility ***and*** consumer protection;

Or.en

Amendment 146
Eija-Riitta Korhola

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Calls on the Commission to undertake ***an impact assessment of the effects of national regulation of the provision of cross-border gambling services in relation to integrity, social responsibility, consumer protection and matters relating to taxation***;

Amendment

20. Calls on the Commission to undertake, ***in close cooperation with the Member States, comprehensive cost-benefit-analyses about the economic and non-economic effects, including all social costs, that deregulation of national gambling markets would have***;

Or.en

Amendment 147
Eija-Riitta Korhola, Marianne Thyssen, Heide Rühle, Othmar Karas, Christel Schaldemose, José Ribeiro e Castro

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

20a. Stresses the importance for the Member State of the residence of the consumer to be able to effectively control, limit and supervise the gambling activities

Amendment

provided on his territory;

Or.en

Amendment 148
Emmanouil Angelakas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses the importance for the Member State of the residence of the consumer to be able, in case online gambling is authorized by its national law, to control, limit and supervise the gambling activities provided on his territory;

Or.en

Amendment 149
Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to clarify the place of taxation of online gambling activities;

Or.en