

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY



COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS, SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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AMENDMENTS 1-64

Draft recommendation by Mme Tokia Saïfion the future of the Barcelona Process

Amendment 1

Amendment by the Swedish delegation Recital D

D. whereas, nonetheless, *(deletion)* events of the beginning of this century (the stagnation of the Israel-Palestine peace plan, the terrorist attacks in New York and then in Madrid, London and Sharm el-Sheik, and the Iraq war) have *also* profoundly altered the international scenario, affecting the results of the Barcelona Process,

Or. fr

Amendment 2

Amendment by the Turkish delegation Recital D

D. whereas, nonetheless, the events of the beginning of this century (the stagnation of the Israel-Palestine peace plan, the terrorist attacks in New York and then in *Istanbul*, Madrid, London and Sharm el-Sheik, and the Iraq war) have profoundly altered the international scenario, affecting the results of the Barcelona Process,

Amendment by the Israeli delegation Recital D.

D. Whereas, nonetheless, the events of the beginning of this century (the stagnation of the Israel-Palestine peace plan, the terrorist attacks *in Israel*, in New York and then in Madrid, London and Sharm el-Sheik, and the Iraq war) have profoundly altered the international scenario, affecting the results of the Barcelona Process;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Amendment by Philippe MORILLON, European Parliament Recital I

I. convinced that the institutionalisation of the parliamentary dimension of the Barcelona Process *will help to revitalise* the Euro-Mediterranean partnership,

Or fr

Amendment 5

Amendment by Philippe MORILLON, European Parliament Recital J

J. *(deletion) noting with concern that* the economic gap between the two shores of the Mediterranean has widened further *over the past ten years*,

Or. fr

Amendment 6

Amendment by Adriana POLI BORTONE, Sebastiano MUSUMECI on behalf of the UEN group, European Parliament Recital J

J. whereas, despite the budgetary and financial means deployed (EUR 6.4 bn from the Community budget allocated to financial cooperation between the EU and its Mediterranean partners since 1996; EUR 1.8 bn in assistance to the Palestinian Authority since the peace process began in 1994), economic and social progress in the south of the Mediterranean has failed to meet expectations and the economic gap between the two shores of the Mediterranean has widened further,

Amendment by the Swedish delegation Recital M

M. whereas sub-regional North-South initiatives such as the '5+5 dialogue' *and the Mediterranean Forum* can contribute to improving the structuring of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership as a whole, and also to reinforcing South-South cooperation between the western and eastern Mediterranean countries,

Or. fr

Amendment 8

Amendment by Adriana POLI BORTONE and Sebastiano MUSUMECI on behalf of the UEN group, European Parliament Recital N

N. whereas the weak point of the trade aspect of the Barcelona Process lies in the narrow and static character of trade among the ten partner countries of the southern bank of the Mediterranean, which is a serious obstacle to creating a free trade area by 2010; whereas, in this context, the Agadir agreement on trade liberalisation and the recent PanEuroMed agreement between Israel and Jordan on the cumulation of origin are good examples of the type of action needed if this objective is to be attained,

Or fr

Amendment 9

Amendment by the Italian delegation Replace paragraphs 1 and 2 by Recital B worded as follows:

1. Points out that the Barcelona Process is the only project - in existence for ten years now - in the Euro-Mediterranean region as a whole which seeks to create an area of stability and prosperity, based on shared values and grounded in a new approach to international relations that gives priority to cooperation of an ever closer, more solid and more symmetrical nature amongst all the countries and peoples of the Euro-Mediterranean region;

Amendment by Philippe MORILLON, European Parliament Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Points out that to be effective Euro-Mediterranean policy must have a budget that matches its ambitious objectives;

Or. fr

Amendment 11

Amendment by the Swedish delegation Paragraph 3

3. **Welcomes the fact** that the European neighbourhood policy and the strategic partnership for the Mediterranean **countries and the Middle East** should be integrated into the Barcelona Process so as to prevent dispersal of resources; in this context, calls on the EU Council and Commission to clarify the institutional and operational relationship of these instruments to the Barcelona Process;

Or fr

Amendment 12

Amendment by the Italian delegation Paragraph 3 a (new)

3a. Reaffirms that the new financial instrument to be introduced in 2007 must safeguard current levels and planned increases in Community appropriations for Euro-Mediterranean policy, the importance of which must be reflected in intervention that matches the needs of the partner countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 13

Amendment by the Spanish delegation Paragraph 4 a (new)

4a. Calls for the establishment of a permanent General Secretariat to monitor and coordinate the Barcelona Process and ensure that it develops beyond the political direction and priorities established by each six-monthly Presidency;

Amendment by the Israeli delegation Paragraph 5

Welcomes the conclusion of Euro-Mediterranean association agreements with the nine partner countries and *the conclusion of negotiations for an* agreement with Syria; believes that these agreements need to become fully operational as soon as possible, and should be complemented by South-South agreements on the Agadir model, thus making it possible to develop genuine interregional cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Amendment by PSE group, European Parliament Paragraph 5 a (new)

5a. Points out that regular political dialogue - including at parliamentary level - is provided for under the association agreements; such dialogue strengthens relations and covers all matters of common interest, including democracy; believes, in this context, that the signatories of such agreements should grant each other reciprocal rights to observe general and presidential elections; declares its willingness to take part in observation missions of this kind;

Or. fr

Amendment 16

Amendment by the Egyptian delegation Paragraph 6

6. Calls for the discussion of inter alia human rights issue between the EU and southern Mediterranean countries in a relevant sub-committee within the framework of the Association Agreements, with a view to enhancing dialogue on human rights and democracy;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament <u>Paragraph 6</u>

6. Calls for the creation of human rights subcommittees in the context of the association agreements, with a view to developing a structured dialogue, *making practical progress* on human rights and democracy *and considering individual cases*;

Amendment by the Swedish delegation Paragraph 7

- 7. Appeals as a matter of urgency to those Euro-Mediterranean countries which have not already done so to accede as swiftly as possible to the following UN conventions and protocols, *or in other ways ensure that their provisions are fulfilled*:
 - the two optional protocols to the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights;
 - the declaration under Article 41 of the Pact accepting the competence of the Committee on Human Rights in disputes between countries;
 - the optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, also withdrawing as many reservations as possible vis-à-vis the commitments made at the Fourth World Conference on Women's Rights;
 - the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Amendment by the PSE group, European Parliament Paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. Calls on the partner countries to examine the possibility of accession to the ICT and moratorium on the death penalty;

Or. fr

Amendment 20

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 7 b (new)

7b. Urges the Mediterranean partner countries to work closely with UN structures and, in particular, to extend a permanent invitation to UN Special Rapporteurs;

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 7 c (new)

7c. Considers that the EMPA should be fully involved in preparing the Euro-Mediterranean Conference on human rights and democracy organised by the Commission in 2006; calls on the EMPA to set up a working party on this matter;

Or fr

Amendment 22

Amendment by the Palestinian delegation Paragraph 8

8. Welcomes the Israeli *disengagement* from the Gaza strip and the legislative elections in Palestine; believes it essential to create the institutional and material conditions that can ensure *the creation of an economically viable Palestinian State*; calls on the international community, and the EU in particular, to provide firm support for the economic development of that territory and for the rehabilitant of the public and social utility infrastructures, with a view to encouraging productive investment, creating jobs and improving the inhabitants' standard of living and prospects;

Or. En

Amendment 23

Amendment by Luisa MORGANTINI, European Parliament Paragraph 8

8. Welcomes the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza strip despite the fact that it is unilateral; believes that this step in the right direction must be regarded as an integral part of the Roadmap for peace and followed by a process of total withdrawal from all the occupied territories negotiated with the Palestinians and verified internationally; believes it essential to create the institutional and material conditions that can ensure an economically viable Gaza strip; welcomes in this context the EU's financial efforts to support the economic development of that territory and calls on the international community to increase its investment there; calls for the free movement of persons to be guaranteed between Egypt and Gaza without external interference;

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 8

8. Welcomes the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza strip, which should be regarded as a very important step in the context of the Roadmap towards a global political solution, and the legislative elections in Palestine; believes it essential to create the institutional and material conditions that can ensure an economically viable Gaza strip; calls on the international community, and the EU in particular, to provide firm support for the economic development of that territory and for the rehabilitant of the public and social utility infrastructures, with a view to encouraging productive investment, creating jobs and improving the inhabitants' standard of living and prospects;

Or. fr

Amendment 25

Amendment by Adriana POLI BORTONE and Sebastiano MUSUMECI on behalf of the UEN group, European Parliament Paragraph 8

8. Welcomes the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza strip, which must be regarded as a very important step forward in meeting the criteria set out in the Roadmap and draws attention also to the efforts made by the Palestinian authorities with regard to democratic legislative elections in Palestine; believes it essential to create the institutional and material conditions that can ensure an economically viable Gaza strip; calls on the international community, and the EU in particular, to provide firm support for the economic development of that territory and for the rehabilitant of the public and social utility infrastructures, with a view to encouraging productive investment, creating jobs and improving the inhabitants' standard of living and prospects;

Or. fr

Amendment 26

Amendment by Luisa MORGANTINI, European Parliament Paragraph 8 a (new)

8a. Strongly supports the ongoing process of consolidating democratic institutions pursued by President Abbas and the forthcoming general elections in Palestine; welcomes the European Union's contribution to the organisation of these elections;

Amendment by the Italian delegation Paragraph 8 b (new)

8b. Hopes that, on the basis of the new climate in the Middle East conflict, there will be a resumption of contacts with a view to drafting a Euro-Mediterranean Charter for peace and stability, which will provide a vital general reference framework for international security;

Or. fr

Amendment 28

Amendment by the Italian delegation Paragraph 9

9. deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Amendment by the Egyptian delegation Paragraph 9

9. Welcomes the new and encouraging climate of political dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians, the resumption of high-level contacts between the parties, *aiming at achieving a just, comprehensive and* peaceful solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict with the *assistance* of the international community; calls on all the parties *concerned* to seek solutions to the issues still unresolved *through* direct political negotiations *in accordance with* the *UN relevant resolutions and the* Road Map for peace *(deletion)*;

Amendment by the PSE group, European Parliament Paragraph 9

9. Welcomes the new and encouraging climate of political dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians, the resumption of high-level contacts between the parties, and the joint desire to find a peaceful solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict with the help of the international community; *aware of the fragility of this process and the ever present risk that violence will prevail,* calls on all the parties involved to seek solutions to the issues still unresolved by means of direct political negotiations based on the Road Map for peace, as accepted by both sides;

Or. fr

Amendment 31

Amendment by the Italian delegation Paragraph 10

10. deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 32

Amendment by the Israeli delegation Paragraph 10

10. Calls on the international community to support this process, which should be based on the solution, as already proposed, of two states, on the relevant UN *Security Council* resolutions, and on the fundamental right of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples to live in peace and security within *secure and* internationally recognised borders; calls on both sides to abstain from all action that might undermine the moves towards a lasting peace;

Amendment by Philippe MORILLON, European Parliament

<u>Paragraph 10 a</u> (This amendment is identical to the last part of paragraph 11 of the draft recommendation)

10a. *Recalls that the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly* strongly condemns all forms of terrorism and incitement to hatred, whatever their origin;

Or. fr

Amendment 34

Amendment by the Italian delegation Paragraph 11

11. deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 35

Amendment by the Tunisian delegation Paragraph 11

11. Is fully aware, in this connection, of the concerns of the Palestinian delegation regarding such major issues as security, the decision of the International Court of Justice on the Israeli separation wall ('security enclosure' for one side and 'wall of segregation' for the other), the refugees, the settlements and the subjects related to the final status of the negotiations; is equally well aware of the Israeli delegation's concerns over such major issues as security; strongly condemns all forms of terrorism and incitement to hatred, whatever their origin;

Or. fr

Amendment 36

Amendment by the Israeli delegation Paragraph 11

11. Is fully aware, in this connection, of the concerns of the Palestinian delegation regarding such major issues as security, the decision of the *Israeli Supreme Court and the* International Court of Justice on the Israeli *security fence*, the refugees, the settlements and the subjects related to the final status of the negotiations; is equally well aware of the Israeli delegation's concerns over such major issues as security; strongly condemns all forms of terrorism and incitement to hatred, whatever their origin;

Amendment by the Egyptian delegation Paragraph 11

11. Is fully aware, in this connection, of the concerns of the Palestinian delegation regarding such major issues as security, the decision of the International Court of Justice on the Israeli separation wall (or 'security enclosure'), the refugees, the settlements and the subjects related to the final status of the negotiations; is equally well aware of the Israeli delegation's concerns over such major issues as security; *The EMPA* strongly condemns all forms of *terrorist acts (delete) by whomever and wherever committed*:

Or. en

Amendment 38

Amendment by Philippe MORILLON, European Parliament Paragraph 11

11. Is fully aware, in this connection, of the concerns of the Palestinian delegation regarding such major issues as security, the decision of the International Court of Justice on the Israeli separation wall (or 'security enclosure'), the refugees, the settlements and the subjects related to the final status of the negotiations; is equally well aware of the Israeli delegation's concerns over *the unremitting attacks on Israel's security through continuing terrorism and violence*;

Or. fr

Amendment 39

Amendment by the Israeli delegation Paragraph 12

12. Welcomes the Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon and the holding of democratic parliamentary elections in Lebanon, as positive elements of political stabilisation; calls on the Lebanese authorities to *fully implement the UNSC resolution 1559*, *disarming the militias, and* continue their cooperation with the UN's mission of inquiry into the assassination of the former Lebanese Prime Minister, Rafic Hariri;

Amendment by the Tunisian delegation Paragraph 13

13. Welcomes the notion of establishing an 'alliance of civilisations', and stresses the need to confront the causes of terrorism, especially through *combating inequalities*, *promoting economic and human development*, developing education and supporting the creation of a diversified civil society;

Or. fr

Amendment 41

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 13

13. Welcomes the notion of establishing an 'alliance of civilisations' *especially with the aim of* developing education and supporting the creation of a diversified civil society; *at the same time stresses the need to confront the causes of terrorism*;

Or. fr

Amendment 42

Amendment by Paolo COSTA, European Parliament Paragraph 13

Welcomes all initiatives that promote the Cultural Dialogue such as the High-Level Group on Dialogue between Peoples and Cultures; calls once more for the establishment of an Euromed Non-Governmental Platform and stresses the need to confront terrorism and its causes, especially through developing education and supporting the creation of a diversified civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Amendment by the Israeli delegation Paragraph 13 a (new)

13a. Calls on all the Euro-Mediterranean partners to act jointly against racism, xenophobia and intolerance – including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, rejecting

extremist views which attempt to divide us and to incite violence, and joining together to promote common understanding;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 13 b (new)

13b. Points out that security is a global and collective concept which cannot be viewed in terms of the specific interests and requirements of a single country and which must be dealt with in a multilateral framework; believes that the Euro-Mediterranean partnership is the appropriate framework for dealing with security related matters;

Or. fr

Amendment 45

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 14

14. Calls on the Ministerial Conference to *adopt* a fresh *approach* to the fight against terrorism by means of a structured common strategy of the Euro-Mediterranean countries; *regrets that supports no consensus has been reached at international level on a legal definition of terrorism*;

Or. fr

Amendment 46

Amendment by Antonios TRAKATELLIS, European Parliament Paragraph 14 a (new)

14a. Calls the Ministerial Conference to promote tangible actions of the Barcelona Process and to draw up concrete proposals on cooperation on civil protection and in tackling natural disasters; considers that, within this framework, procedures should be accelerated to establish an early warning system in the Mediterranean basin to prevent such disasters;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Amendment by Antonios TRAKATELLIS, European Parliament Paragraph 15 a (new)

15a. Expresses its concern of potential threat of avian influenza and a possible outbreak of flu pandemic in the region. Urges for closer cooperation in networking, monitoring and surveillance on communicable diseases and public health issues;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Amendment by Luisa MORGANTINI, European Parliament Paragraph 16 a (new)

16a. Points out that all Euro-Mediterranean countries have a shared responsibility for managing North-South migratory flows, on the one hand - on the southern shore of the Mediterranean in particular - by combating illegal immigration and human trafficking and on the other - on the northern shore in particular - by creating economic conditions for the social development of the south of the Mediterranean and providing decent reception facilities that respect human dignity;

Or. fr

Amendment 49

Amendment by Luisa MORGANTINI, European Parliament Paragraph 16 b (new)

16b. Calls on the host countries of immigration, in the light of the ongoing migration crises in Ceuta-Melilla and Lampedusa, to comply with international human rights legislation, in particular the Geneva Convention on political refugees; condemns these first reception centres for illegal immigrants which fail to respect fundamental human rights, wherever they may be;

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 17 becomes paragraph 14c

Amendment 51

Amendment by the Turkish delegation

Paragraph 17 (Replace paragraph 17 with the following text):

17. Considers that there can be no justification for terrorism and that, in view of its nature, it should be regarded as a crime against humanity; terrorism violates the right to life, the most fundamental of human rights; by creating a climate of chaos, terrorism also violates the right to live in peace; governments have an obligation to protect their citizens from this scourge; in the light of this obligation, governments should strike a balance between their obligation to protect citizens from terrorism and their material duty to safeguard the principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as democracy and the law;

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 17 a (new)

17a. Is gravely concerned by the repeated human rights violations vis-à-vis migrants and asylum seekers in the Mediterranean region and, in particular, breaches of the principle of non-refoulement, the right to submit an application for asylum and mass expulsions; is particularly worried by the humanitarian conditions of the thousands of migrants in this region, and in Ceuta and Melilla in particular; urges EU Member States and Mediterranean partner countries to adopt a joint approach to legal immigration and asylum policy; calls for ratification and effective implementation of the Geneva Convention on the Status of Refugees and the establishment of close cooperation with the UNHCR; also urges the Euro-Mediterranean countries to give the UNHCR and NGOs unrestricted access to refugee camps;

Or. fr

Amendment 53

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 17 b (new)

17b. Draws attention to the need to consult the local and regional authorities on migration policies given their experience and responsibility for the social integration of migrants, the reception for asylum seekers and dealing with illegal immigrants and asylum seekers whose applications have been rejected;

Or. fr

Amendment 54

Amendment by the Spanish delegation Paragraph 18 a (new)

18a. Points out that the European Union needs to draw up an aid plan for Africa to tackle the underlying causes of emigration from Africa to the Mediterranean countries and Europe in general;

Or. fr

Amendment 55

Amendment by the Italian delegation Paragraph 19

19. deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 56

Amendment by the Israeli delegation
Paragraph 19 (Replace paragraph 19 with the following text:)

19. Calls on all the Euro-Mediterranean partners to work together to promote peace and security that would facilitate incremental progress on the provisions of the Barcelona Declaration related to regional security, CBMs and WMD;

Or. En

Amendment 57

Amendment by the Turkish delegation

Paragraph 19

19. Calls for the implementation of the clauses on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) included in the agreements and action plans, by all *member countries, including* the partners without exception, with a view to making the Mediterranean a WMD-free zone; calls on all the Euro-Mediterranean countries to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT);

Or. fr

Amendment 58

Amendment by the Egyptian delegation Paragraph 20

20. Recommends the enhancement of the ongoing dialogue on the security field and exploring agreed areas for cooperation between the EU and Southern Mediterranean countries, taking into account the European Security and Defence Policy;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Amendment by Philippe MORILLON, European Parliament Paragraph 20

20. Recommends the closer involvement of the partner countries in the European Security and Defence Policy; to this end, calls on the Council to examine the possibility of consulting our Mediterranean partners on ESDP issues on the agenda whenever they are of concern to those countries and to involve them, whenever necessary, in meetings of the General Affairs and External Relations Councils;

Or. fr

Amendment 60

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 21 (Replace paragraph 21 with the following text)

21. Considers that the potential of civil society's contribution has hitherto not been exploited to the full and that further efforts are required to strengthen and involve civil society organisations in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership; in this context, calls for the working party on the funding and review of the EMPA Regulation to

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put in place mechanisms to develop close cooperation with the non-governmental platform of the Euro-Mediterranean Civil Forum and representatives of civil society with a view to widening their involvement in the partnership and informing public opinion about this process;

Or. en/fr

Amendment 61

Amendment by Hélène FLAUTRE and David HAMMERSTEIN on behalf of the VERTS/ALE group, European Parliament Paragraph 22 a (new)

22a. Considers that decentralised cooperation between local and regional authorities can contribute to local institution and capacity building, as well as greater visibility and ownership of the partnership; points out that concrete small-scale cooperation projects between cities on a range of issues related to sustainable urban development (e.g. waste and water management, clean water provision) can produce tangible results for citizens and immediate improvements in their quality of life;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Amendment by the PSE group, European Parliament Paragraph 22 b (new)

22b. Undertakes, within this framework, to offer civil society organisations and governments meeting opportunities to foster dialogue, with a view to making progress on the reforms required to democratise Euro-Mediterranean institutions and society with due regard for civil, political and social rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 63

Amendment by the Italian delegation Paragraph 22 c (new)

22c. Proposes to establish a Euro-Mediterranean day marking the anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration and providing an annual opportunity to publicise and celebrate the partnership;

Amendment by the French delegation to <u>modify the order of paragraphs</u> as follows:

Position of paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 unchanged.

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Replace:
               - Paragraph 3 with paragraph 22;
               - 5 with 3;
               - 6 with 8;
               - 7 with 9;
               - 8 with 10;
               - 9 with 11;
               - 10 with 12;
               - 11 with 13;
               - 12 with 15 +16;
               - 13 with 14;
               - 14 with 17;
               - 15 with 18;
               - 16 with 5;
               - 17 with 19;
               - 18 with 20;
               -19 with 6+7;
               - 20 with 21;
               - 21 with 23;
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