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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 64**

**Draft opinion**

**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

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Implementation of the 2010 recommendations of Parliament on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility  
(2015/2038(INI))

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## Amendment 1

**Klaus Buchner**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Recital B

##### *Draft opinion*

B. whereas Article 21 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) *reaffirms* that the *EU's external actions will be guided by the principles of* democracy, the rule of law, *the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms,* respect *for human dignity, the principle of equality and solidarity, and compliance with the UN Charter and international law;*

##### *Amendment*

B. whereas Article 21 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) *states* that the *Union shall define and pursue common policies and actions, in order to consolidate and support* democracy, the rule of law, *human rights and the principles of international law; and that the Union shall* respect *these principles and pursue these objectives in the development and implementation of its external action and of the external aspects of its other policies;*

Or. en

## Amendment 2

**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permut**

### Draft opinion

#### Recital C

##### *Draft opinion*

*C. whereas the link between trade, human rights and social and environmental standards has become an integral part of the EU's economic and commercial relations; whereas the EU's human rights and democracy policy in third countries should continue to be mainstreamed through other EU policies with an external dimension, including the trade policy;*

##### *Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 3**  
**Hans-Olaf Henkel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas the link between trade, human rights and social and environmental standards has become an integral part of the EU's economic and commercial relations; whereas the EU's human rights and democracy policy in third countries should continue to be mainstreamed through other EU policies with an external dimension, including the trade policy;

*Amendment*

C. whereas the link between trade, human rights ***on the one hand*** and social and environmental standards ***on the other*** has become an integral part of the EU's economic and commercial relations; whereas the EU's human rights and democracy policy in third countries should continue to be mainstreamed through other EU policies with an external dimension, including the trade policy;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Klaus Buchner**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

C. whereas the link between trade, human rights and social and environmental standards ***has become*** an integral part of the EU's economic and commercial relations; whereas ***the EU's*** human rights and democracy policy ***in third countries*** should continue to be ***mainstreamed through other*** EU policies with an external dimension, ***including*** the trade policy;

*Amendment*

C. whereas the ***Commission's proposal for a new trade and investment strategy, "Trade for All", recognises the*** link between trade, human rights and social and environmental standards ***and insists on the need to make those rights and standards*** an integral part of the EU's economic and commercial relations; whereas human rights and democracy policy should ***however*** continue to be ***better integrated into*** EU policies with an external dimension, ***notably*** the trade policy;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Marietje Schaake**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ca. whereas trade policy and ambitious trade agreements are key to promoting and strengthening the global-rules based trading system, which is essential for the EU with its trade-dependent economy; whereas the EU should use trade policy to aim towards setting high global standards in the area of human and social rights, consumer protection, the environment and animal and plant health;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ca. whereas trade policies can have a negative impact on human rights of residents, consumers and workers; whereas, the issues of human rights should be considered prior to concluding any bilateral or multilateral EU trade negotiations in a sound and transparent manner;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Miguel Urbán Crespo**

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

*Ca. whereas in 2000 the UN launched the United Nations Global Compact, in which it appealed to transnational companies voluntarily to implement 10 principles dealing with a range of aspects linked to human rights, labour rights, non-discrimination, the environment and anti-corruption; whereas in 2011 the United Nations Human Rights Council established the guiding principles on business and human rights, which were adopted by the UN Human Rights Council and oblige states to protect human rights where third parties, particularly businesses, take action that affects their territory and/or jurisdiction, and to make businesses responsible for ensuring that human rights are respected and guarantee that victims have the right to effective remedy; whereas several major companies, many of which operate with European capital and have signed up to the above international instruments, have been the target of claims and complaints relating to human and labour rights violations or on the grounds that they have caused environmental disasters;*

Or. es

**Amendment 8**

**Josu Juaristi Abaunz, Miguel Urbán Crespo**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C b (new)**

*Cb. whereas on 26 June 2014 the UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution on the establishment of an intergovernmental working group with the task of launching a process leading to the introduction of an international*

*legally binding instrument to regulate the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises in the framework of international law; whereas the European Union voted against this resolution;*

Or. es

**Amendment 9**

**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Cc. whereas as long ago as 1974 the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations drew up a Code of Conduct for transnational corporations, and again in 2003, the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights published its Norms on the responsibility of transnational corporations and other business enterprises; whereas, in both cases, corporations prevented the documents from being adopted and instead drew up their own voluntary and unilateral codes of conduct;*

Or. es

**Amendment 10**

**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Cd. having regard to the Commission communications entitled ‘Corporate social responsibility: a business*

*contribution to sustainable development’ (2002) and ‘Implementing the partnership for growth and jobs: Making Europe a pole of excellence on corporate social responsibility’ (2006), as well as the ‘Renewed EU strategy 2011-14 for corporate social responsibility’ (2011) and the European Parliament resolution on ‘corporate social responsibility: accountable, transparent and responsible business behaviour and sustainable growth’ (2013); whereas none of these documents is binding in nature and the Commission has refused to define legal responsibilities, has failed to introduce any type of regulation and has left businesses to set their own rules;*

Or. es

**Amendment 11**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*D. whereas trade and human rights can reinforce each other, and the business community has an important role to play in promoting human rights and democracy; whereas strengthening trade relations enhances mutual understanding and common values such as the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 12**  
**Hans-Olaf Henkel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**



*Draft opinion*

D. whereas *trade and human rights can reinforce each other, and the business community has an important role to play in promoting human rights and democracy*; whereas strengthening trade relations enhances mutual understanding and common values such as the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

D. whereas *the long-term positive impact on human rights of European businesses operating globally and leading by example through a non-discriminatory corporate culture is acknowledged*; whereas strengthening trade relations enhances mutual understanding and common values such as the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Klaus Buchner**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas trade and human rights *can* reinforce each other, and the business community *has* an important role to play in promoting human rights and democracy; whereas strengthening trade relations *enhances mutual understanding and common values such as* the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

D. whereas trade and human rights *may* reinforce each other, and the business community, *while obliged to respect human rights, may also have* an important role to play in promoting human rights and democracy; whereas strengthening trade relations *may enhance* the rule of law, good governance and respect for *human rights, provided that trade and investment policies are carefully designed and implemented to protect, respect and enforce human rights; whereas this positive dynamic also depends on the EU ensuring guarantees to prevent and provide remedies to the possible negative impacts of its policies and action on* human rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Andrej Plenković**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas trade and human rights can reinforce each other, and the business community has an important role to play in promoting human rights **and democracy**; whereas strengthening trade relations enhances mutual understanding and common values such as the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

D. whereas trade and human rights can reinforce each other, and the business community has an important role to play in promoting human rights, **democracy, environmental standards and corporate responsibility**; whereas strengthening trade relations enhances mutual understanding and common values such as the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. whereas trade and human rights can reinforce each other, and the business community has an important role to play in promoting human rights and democracy; whereas strengthening trade relations enhances mutual understanding and common values such as the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

D. whereas trade and human rights can **also** reinforce each other, and the business community has an important role to play **in giving positive incentives** in promoting human rights and democracy; whereas strengthening trade relations enhances mutual understanding and common values such as the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Da. whereas the European Union has played a leading role in negotiating and implementing a number of global initiatives for global responsibility, in particular the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, the revised OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles Concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, the framework of the International Integrated Reporting Council, the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact, and the ISO 26000 Guidance Standard on Social Responsibility;*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Da. whereas there is a clearly asymmetrical relationship between international rules on trade and investment, which have full legal force as part of international trade law, and international labour standards, which are subject to cultural and political differences between countries, come below national standards in the legal hierarchy, do not have transnational judicial institutions and make no provision for coercive measures or economic sanctions;*

Or. es

**Amendment 18**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Db. whereas the draft French law on 'due diligence' advancing the UN Guiding Principles, the statement of President Juncker at the 2015 G7 Summit in favour of "urgent action" to improve responsibility in global supply chains and the commitment of the current Dutch EU Presidency to seek Council Conclusions on global supply chains, all demonstrate the global responsibility for European business to promote and respect international standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Db. whereas in many cases trade and investment treaties signed between transnational companies and peripheral states contravene national legislation, are signed under conditions that are known for the pressure exerted and the lack of public information and transparency, and cause serious harm to the development of national industries and people's right to effective access to essential public goods and services; whereas, as the independent expert Alfred-Maurice de Zayas pointed out in his influential report on the promotion and protection of human*

*rights, drawn up for the United Nations General Assembly, the investor-state dispute settlement mechanisms that generally accompany these agreements have until now been completely opaque and ineffective in terms of guaranteeing the criminal liability of businesses in cases involving serious damage to the environment, public health and food security, and attacks against the physical integrity and lives of people who have opposed or demonstrated against major projects carried out by these undertakings;*

Or. es

**Amendment 20**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Dc. whereas the "Realising Long-term Value for Companies and Investors project" being undertaken by the UN Principles of Responsible Investment and the UN Global Compact demonstrate that economic recovery in Europe and the world is compatible with and mutually reinforcing to principles of social justice, environmental sustainability and respect for human rights;*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Klaus Buchner**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that the EU ***committed itself*** to promoting human rights and democracy in its relations with third countries; ***stresses, therefore, that the advancement of human rights and democratic principles should be supported through*** all EU policies, including trade policy, and all relevant EU external financing instruments;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that the EU ***is committed*** to promoting ***and respecting*** human rights and democracy in its relations with third countries ***in*** all EU policies, including trade policy, and all relevant EU external financing instruments;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that the EU committed itself to promoting human rights and democracy in its relations with third countries; stresses, therefore, that the advancement of human rights and democratic principles should be supported through all EU policies, including trade policy, and all relevant EU external financing instruments;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that the EU committed itself to promoting human rights and democracy in its relations with third countries; stresses, therefore, that the advancement of human rights and democratic principles should be ***respected and*** supported through all EU policies, including trade policy, and all relevant EU external financing instruments;

Or. es

**Amendment 23**

**Ignazio Corrao**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Points out that coherence in human rights policies has to be viewed as a priority in order that the EU, by***

*increasingly shouldering more and more responsibility, may act as a driving force for the international community as a whole, thus making for effective protection of human rights at the practical level;*

Or. it

#### **Amendment 24**

**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuoy**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*2. Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of European values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 25**

**Hans-Olaf Henkel**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of **European** values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights;

*Amendment*

2. Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of **democratic** values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Klaus Buchner**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. ***Recommends***, therefore, ***that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of European values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights;***

*Amendment*

2. ***Welcomes***, therefore, ***the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights, but regrets that trade and investment agreements still fail to expressly oblige businesses and investors to respect international human rights law and to provide for complaint mechanisms for the populations and individuals whose human rights are affected by EU trade and investment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of European values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights;

*Amendment*

2. Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of European values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights; ***welcomes the reference to corporate social responsibility now included in all the EU's trade and other bilateral agreements, but calls for a follow-up mechanism to also be included, to seek to operationalise this commitment;***

Or. en



## Amendment 28

Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of European values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights;

##### *Amendment*

2. Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of European values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights, ***eliminate forced and child labour, ensure food security and right to health***;

Or. en

## Amendment 29

David Martin

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. ***Recommends, therefore, that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of European values and interests in third countries; welcomes, therefore, the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights;***

##### *Amendment*

2. ***Welcomes the Commission's aim to enhance trade agreements and trade preferences effectiveness and emphasis on core values in its new 'Trade for All' strategy; reiterates the importance of trade agreements and preferences as levers to promote human rights, sustainable development, high safety and environmental standards, and economic opportunity for all;***

Or. en

## Amendment 30

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Regrets that EU trade and investment agreements do not reaffirm nor fully protect both the right and the obligation of States to regulate in order to enhance and fulfil human rights; calls on the EU to propose new human rights clauses and mechanisms in order to deal with those shortcomings, provide complaint mechanisms for affected populations and their representatives and ensure that human rights are protected including in any (state-to-state or investor-state) dispute settlement mechanism set up in EU agreements;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuy, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Urges the EU to adopt the necessary measures to incorporate labour and social rights into the European and international regulatory framework so that these rights, and in particular the right of collective bargaining, are made binding, as proposed by the Commission in its 2004 communication ‘Partnership for change in an enlarged Europe - Enhancing the contribution of European social dialogue’;***

Or. es

**Amendment 32**  
**David Martin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to including human rights for impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals, implementing measures and trade agreements; *furthermore*, calls on the Commission to *systematically carry out such* human rights impact assessments *and* to improve *their* quality and comprehensiveness;

*Amendment*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to including human rights for impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals, implementing measures and trade agreements; *but regrets the Commission's failure to carry out a human rights impact assessment for the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement, and therefore* calls on the Commission to *address this and henceforth ensure that* human rights impact assessments *are carried out* to improve quality and comprehensiveness;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to *including* human rights *for* impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals, implementing measures and trade agreements; furthermore, calls on the Commission to systematically carry out such human rights impact assessments and to improve their quality and comprehensiveness;

*Amendment*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to *account for* human rights *and for economic, social and environmental consequences in its* impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals *and trade negotiations*, implementing measures and trade agreements; furthermore, calls on the Commission to systematically carry out such human rights impact assessments and *ex-post impact assessments* to improve their quality and comprehensiveness;

Or. en

## Amendment 34

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to including human rights for impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals, implementing measures and trade agreements; *furthermore*, calls on the Commission to systematically carry out such human rights impact assessments and to improve their quality and comprehensiveness;

##### *Amendment*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to including human rights for impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals, implementing measures and trade agreements; ***regrets however that these impact assessments still present shortcomings, notably regarding their capacity to influence the outcome of trade and investment policies; reiterates that impact assessments should lead to enhancing the human rights protections and mechanisms set up in trade and investment agreements and policies***; calls, *furthermore*, on the Commission to systematically carry out such human rights impact assessments and to improve their quality and comprehensiveness;

Or. en

## Amendment 35

Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuy, Josu Juaristi Abaunz

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 3

##### *Draft opinion*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to including human rights for impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals, implementing measures and trade agreements; furthermore, calls on the Commission to systematically carry out

##### *Amendment*

3. Notes the Commission's efforts to fulfil its commitment to including human rights for impact assessment studies of legislative and non-legislative proposals, implementing measures and trade agreements; furthermore, calls on the Commission to systematically carry out

such human rights impact assessments and to improve their quality and comprehensiveness;

such human rights impact assessments and to improve their quality and comprehensiveness; *to this end, welcomes any effort made towards effective coordination with the ILO and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the endorsement and enforcement of all international principles and conventions signed in the field of human rights, specifically as regards labour rights;*

Or. es

**Amendment 36**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries;

*Amendment*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights **conditionality** clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries; *stresses that political will is needed to actually enforce commitments made by third countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries;

*Amendment*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements **including trade agreements** between the EU and third countries;

**Amendment 38**  
**Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Reiterates ***its support*** for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries;

*Amendment*

4. Reiterates ***the need*** for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Klaus Buchner**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries;

*Amendment*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries; ***and deplores the fact that despite the unanimous endorsement of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights by the Human Right Council in 2011, the number of human rights abuses linked to business activity continues to grow; calls on the Commission to report regularly on the state of implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights by EU Member States;***

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Hans-Olaf Henkel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in *all* international agreements between the EU and third countries;

*Amendment*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in international agreements between the EU and third countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries;

*Amendment*

4. Reiterates its support for the systematic introduction of human rights clauses in all international agreements between the EU and third countries; *and for the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and other international corporate responsibility standards to be consistently raised by EU representatives in Human Rights Dialogues with third countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Klaus Buchner**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Calls on the EU to support civil society in third countries in contributing to impact assessments and in assessing the human rights impact of the trade and investment agreements that the EU is negotiating in the countries concerned;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission to systematically monitor the implementation of the human rights clauses and to report regularly to Parliament on partner countries' respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

5. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission to systematically monitor the implementation of the human rights clauses and to report regularly to Parliament on partner countries' respect for human rights; ***calls on the Commission, in close dialogue with the European Parliament and Council, to suspend agreements if third countries systematically violate human rights;***

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**David Martin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission to systematically monitor the implementation of the human rights clauses and to report regularly to Parliament on

*Amendment*

5. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission to systematically monitor the implementation of the human rights clauses and to report regularly to Parliament on



partner countries' respect for human rights;

partner countries' respect for human rights;  
*insists the Commission acknowledges the importance and value of Domestic Advisory Groups and joint consultative committees;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 45**

**Klaus Buchner**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 5**

#### *Draft opinion*

5. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission to systematically *monitor the implementation of the* human rights *clauses and* to report regularly to Parliament on partner countries' respect for human rights;

#### *Amendment*

5. Calls, furthermore, on the Commission to systematically *review and assess the impact of its trade and investment policies on* human rights *and to set up the needed safeguards to prevent and remedy the negative impacts, also by amending these agreements when needed; calls on the Commission* to report regularly to Parliament on partner countries' respect for human rights *and core ILO standards;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 46**

**Klaus Buchner**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 5 a (new)**

#### *Draft opinion*

#### *Amendment*

*5a. Calls on the Commission to set up adequate monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to ensure companies and investors comply with human rights, centralise complaints made by affected populations and civil society*

*organisations, and report on the provision of remedies for violations of rights;*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuy**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*6. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to support the implementation of the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the UN Global Compact and at the same time to encourage all trading partners to comply with these international principles;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 48**

**Andrej Plenković**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to support the implementation of the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the UN Global Compact and at the same time to encourage all trading partners to comply with these international principles;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to support the implementation of the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the UN Global Compact and at the same time to encourage all trading partners to comply with these international principles; *reiterates the importance of the Guiding Principles and the Global Compact becoming legally binding;*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to support the implementation of the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights **and** the UN Global Compact and at the same time to encourage all trading partners **to** comply with these international principles;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to support the implementation of the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, ***the revised OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles Concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, the framework of the International Integrated Reporting Council, the UN Global Compact and the ISO 26000 Guidance Standard on Social Responsibility, and*** at the same time to encourage, ***assist and monitor how*** all trading partners comply with these international principles;

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Klaus Buchner**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to support the implementation of the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the UN Global Compact and at the same time **to encourage** all trading partners to comply with these international principles;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the Commission's efforts to support the implementation of the UN's Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the UN Global Compact and at the same time ***calls on*** all trading partners to comply with these international principles; ***considers that more efforts should be made to recognise binding and enforceable due diligence requirements and considers that the access to remedies remains the weak link of the national action plans and EU***

*strategy under the UNGP; calls on the Commission to propose legislative initiatives on mandatory due diligence for companies and to address and reinforce all aspects of access to remedies (including access to justice, legal aid, access to information, burden of proof) as a matter of priority;*

Or. en

**Amendment 51**

**Klaus Buchner**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Deplores the obstructive behaviour by EU member states in relation to the establishment of the Open-ended Inter-Governmental Working Group (IGWG) on the elaboration of an international legally-binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights; welcomes the work so far of the IGWG and calls on the EU and its Member States to constructively engage in the negotiations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 52**

**Andrej Plenković**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Recognizes the importance of the spread of sustainable practices and*

*environmental management norms to transnational corporations (TNCs) as well as the promotion of environmental management system (EMS) codes;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Calls on the European Commission to present a legislative proposal for an update of EU dual use export control legislation without further delay, which is needed to make sure that EU companies are not involved in human rights violations in third countries and to align the EU's strategic goals and its values;*

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Urges the EU to ensure that the EU Court of Justice specialises in labour law and can pass judgment on failure to comply with labour law at European and international level;*

Or. es

**Amendment 55**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuy**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

***7. Welcomes the entry into force of the new Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) (Regulation (EU) No 978/2012) on 1 January 2014; recalls that partner countries are required to implement the 27 core international conventions on human rights and labour standards listed in the GSP Regulation; stresses that the Commission has to monitor and report on the implementation of these conventions by the GSP+ beneficiaries; calls for continuing the dialogue with GSP+ countries, where the EU can have the most impact on the fight against human rights violations, and to be ready to suspend GSP+ benefits in the most serious cases of human rights violations.***

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. es

**Amendment 56**  
**Petras Auštrevičius, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

***7. Welcomes the entry into force of the new Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) (Regulation (EU) No 978/2012) on 1 January 2014; recalls that partner countries are required to implement the 27 core international conventions on human rights and labour standards listed in the GSP Regulation; stresses that the Commission has to monitor and report on the implementation of these conventions by the GSP+ beneficiaries; calls for***

*Amendment*

***7. Welcomes the entry into force of the new Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) (Regulation (EU) No 978/2012) on 1 January 2014; recalls that partner countries are required to implement the 27 core international conventions on human rights and labour standards listed in the GSP Regulation; stresses that the Commission has to monitor and report on the implementation of these conventions by the GSP+ beneficiaries; calls for***

continuing the dialogue with GSP+ countries, where the EU can have the most impact on the fight against human rights violations, and to be ready to suspend GSP+ benefits in the most serious cases of human rights violations.

continuing the dialogue with GSP+ countries, where the EU can have the most impact on the fight against human rights violations, and to be ready to ***take restrictive measures and*** suspend GSP+ benefits in the most serious cases of human rights violations.

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Welcomes the study on dealing with gross corporate violations of human rights through judicial remedy which was conducted by the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, and reiterates its call on the European Union and its Member States to engage constructively in the UN Working Group for a treaty process on business human rights;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permu, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Encourages the Commission and Member States to work towards the promotion in Europe of social and solidarity-based economy entities (cooperatives, mutual societies, foundations, associations and others) in***

*third countries, which in themselves represent new formats for intervention that give priority to individual rights and the values of social justice, reciprocity, democracy, ecological sustainability and social and technological innovation over company profits;*

Or. es

**Amendment 59**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7b. Stresses that the European's "Trade for All" strategy commits the European Union to "reinforcing corporate social responsibility initiatives" and underlines that this must mean new action at the EU level including the agreement of a new EU CSR Action Plan up to 2020;*

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuy, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7b. Urges the Commission to provide an urgent and forceful account of cases of business irresponsibility that have occurred in Europe in relation to tax evasion committed by major European and multinational undertakings and fraud surrounding checks on pollutant gas emissions in the car industry, that will serve as an example and bolster the EU's*



*credibility when calling for human and environmental rights to be complied with in third countries; to this end, proposes stepping up fiscal control and transparency mechanisms and strengthening judicial cooperation among states;*

Or. es

**Amendment 61**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7c. Strongly welcomes the inclusion of human rights reporting by large business in the EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive; calls on the EU Member States to transpose the Directive swiftly and effectively; draws attention to the UN Guiding Principles Reporting Framework, the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark and the objective of 'integrated reporting', and calls on all EU listed companies and their stakeholders to comply with the spirit of the Directive;*

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Miguel Urbán Crespo, Javier Couso Permuy, Josu Juaristi Abaunz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7c. Urges the Commission and Member States to play an active part in the proceedings opened by the United Nations Human Rights Council and the United*

*Nations Environment Programme with the aim of ensuring that businesses are effectively held accountable for human rights abuses and environmental crimes; to this end, reiterates the need for international agreements signed between the EU and third countries to incorporate clauses relating to human rights and the protection of the environment and fundamental ecological equilibria in the territories where these businesses operate.*

Or. es

**Amendment 63**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7d. Reiterates its call on the Commission, in particular its DG Trade, to move from a 'passive' to an 'active' approach to the OECD Guidelines, inter alia by applying to adhere to the OECD Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises, which includes the OECD Guidelines, ensuring the promotion of, and continuous support for, the OECD Guidelines by the EU's Delegations in third countries, funding capacity-building initiatives in conjunction with businesses, trade unions and civil society in third countries in relation to the implementation of the Guidelines, ensuring that the Guidelines are specifically cited in all new agreements between the EU and third countries, including all trade and investment treaties; and to provide civil society groups with concrete support for raising 'specific instances' of alleged breaches, in cooperation with Member States;*

Or. en

**Amendment 64**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7e. Invites the European Commission to apply the emerging results of the "Realising Long-term Value for Companies and Investors project" being undertaken by the UN Principles of Responsible Investment and the UN Global Compact, to its own European Fund for Strategic Investments, to its dialogue with investors and to support the concept of a "Sustainable Capital Markets Union".***

Or. en