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AMENDMENTS

1 - 55

Draft opinion

Kati Piri

(PE597.544v01-00)

Towards a new trade framework between the EU and Turkey and the
modernisation of the Customs Union
(2016/2031(INI))

Amendment 1
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph - 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Notes that the Customs Union between Turkey and the European Union came into force in 1995 and has since remained unchanged, while changes in the world economy and technological advances has fundamentally changed the global trading landscape;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph - 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes, therefore, the initiative to update the Customs Union to reflect these changes by broadening the scope to include more sectors, such as services and agricultural products, as well as to address current shortcomings in the Customs Union by looking to include new rules on for example trade and sustainable development, energy and raw materials and dispute settlement;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Renate Sommer, Lefteris Christoforou, Arnaud Danjean, Costas Mavrides

Draft opinion
Paragraph - 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Welcomes the greater transparency within the Commission and the increased role of

Parliament in relation to the negotiation of international agreements, and supports the Commission's transparency initiative, particularly in respect of trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Georgios Epitideios

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that modernisation of the Customs Union will further strengthen the already strong economic ties between Turkey and the **European Union (EU) and will keep Turkey economically anchored to the EU**; believes that strengthening trade relations could bring **concrete** benefits to citizens in Turkey and EU Member States, **and also contribute to both sides engaging in a positive reform agenda while mitigating political tensions with Ankara on the deteriorating situation of the rule of law and fundamental freedoms in the country**

Amendment

1. Stresses that modernisation of the Customs Union will **no** further strengthen the already strong economic ties between Turkey and the **EU**; believes that strengthening trade relations **between EU and Turkey although** could bring benefits to citizens in Turkey and **possibly the** EU member states, **it will undermine the sovereignty and dignity of a member state, Cyprus which Turkey insistently denies to recognize.**

Or. en

Amendment 5
Bodil Valero
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that modernisation of the Customs Union **will** further strengthen the already strong economic ties between Turkey and the European Union (EU) and **will** keep Turkey economically anchored to the EU; believes that strengthening trade relations could bring concrete benefits to citizens in Turkey and EU Member States, and also contribute to both sides engaging in a positive reform agenda

Amendment

1. Deeply regrets that the EU member states in the past missed the opportunity to link Turkey closer to the European Union while the country was making considerable progress and was enacting fundamental and promising reforms towards EU membership; Stresses that modernisation of the Customs Union **could** further strengthen the already strong economic ties between Turkey and the

while mitigating political tensions with Ankara **on** the deteriorating situation of the rule of law and fundamental freedoms in the country;

European Union (EU) and **could** keep Turkey economically anchored to the EU; believes that **this opportunity to** strengthening trade relations **which** could bring concrete benefits to citizens in Turkey and EU Member States, and also contribute to both sides engaging in a positive reform agenda while mitigating political tensions with Ankara

has unfortunately been lost for now and that the drastically deteriorating situation of the rule of law and fundamental freedoms in the country **rule out negotiations for an enhanced Customs Union with Turkey at this point in time**;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Eleni Theocharous, Sofia Sakorafa

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Stresses that **while the** modernisation of the Customs Union will further strengthen the already strong economic ties between Turkey and the European Union (EU), **this cannot proceed when Turkey has not fully and effectively implemented the existing Customs Union towards all member states including the Republic of Cyprus**; believes that strengthening trade relations could bring concrete benefits to citizens in Turkey and EU Member States, and also contribute to both sides engaging in a positive reform agenda while mitigating political tensions with Ankara on the deteriorating situation of the rule of law and fundamental freedoms in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Renate Sommer, Lefteris Christoforou, Arnaud Danjean, Costas Mavrides

Draft opinion

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1. Stresses that modernisation ***and effective implementation*** of the Customs Union will further strengthen the already strong economic ties between Turkey and the European Union (EU) and will keep Turkey economically anchored to the EU; ***recalls that the Customs Union can only reach its full potential when Turkey fully implements the Additional Protocol vis-à-vis all Member States***; believes that strengthening trade relations could bring concrete benefits to citizens in Turkey and EU Member States, and also contribute to both sides engaging in a positive reform agenda while mitigating political tensions with Ankara on the deteriorating situation of the rule of law and fundamental freedoms in the country; ***reiterates its concern over the overall situation of democracy and human rights***;

Or. en

Amendment 8 **Nikos Androulakis**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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Amendment 9
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 10
Philippe Juvin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment 11
Geoffrey Van Orden

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Gilles Pargneaux, Vincent Peillon, Pier Antonio Panzei, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Virginie Roziere, Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot, Soraya Post

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Amendment 13
Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that external policies, including trade policy, must contribute to protecting and promoting the values upheld by the EU, as defined in Article 2 of the TEU, such as democracy, the rule of law, respect of human rights, fundamental rights and freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Emphasises that EU-Turkey trade relations are and must remain based on mutual respect for human rights and fundamental freedom;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses in this regard that the European Union must take a two-track approach in which negotiation on the modernisation of the Customs Union does not come at the expense of addressing ongoing concerns around the

deterioration of the rule of law and undermining of fundamental freedoms in Turkey; neither can the Customs Union been considered a direct or indirect replacement of accession talks;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Bodil Valero

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that the upgrade of the EU-Turkey trade relations forms an essential part of the efforts made by the EU and Turkey to deepen their relations in key areas of joint interest identified at the EU-Turkey Summit of 29 November 2015 and in the EU-Turkey statement of 18 March 2016; states that this is even more important now that the accession talks are stalled despite the significant short- and long-term strategic interests for both the EU as Turkey, such as trade, migration, the fight against terrorism, energy and stability in the neighbourhood;

Amendment

2. Recalls that in November 2016 the European Parliament passed Resolution 2016/2993 asking for the temporary freeze of the accession talks with Turkey due to the serious and persistent breach of the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law by the Turkish government in recent years, and especially since the failed coup attempt; concludes that logically no new chapters should be opened and no new initiatives undertaken in relation to Turkey's EU integration, including the enhancement of the Customs Union;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Gilles Pargneaux, Vincent Peillon, Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Soraya Post, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Virginie Rozière

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 18 **Georgios Epitideios**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Notes that the upgrade of the EU-Turkey trade relations *could form* an essential part of the efforts made by the EU and Turkey to deepen their relations in key areas of joint interest identified at the EU-Turkey Summit of 29 November 2015 and in the EU-Turkey statement of 18 March 2016; states that *the Republic of Turkey occupies illegally 37% of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus as a result of the military invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Additionally the refusal of Turkey to allow Cypriot-flagged ships to access Turkish ports violates all commercial principles in shipping which are laid down in Council Regulation EEC No. 4055/86 (Freedom to provide services), such as the freedom of navigation, freedom of transit, freedom of access to ports and harbours, as well as equality of treatment. The whole issue relates also to EEC- Council Regulation (EEC) No. 4058/86 of 22 December 1986 concerning coordinated action to safeguard free access to cargoes in ocean trades.*

Or. en

Amendment 19 **Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Eleni Theocharous, Sofia Sakorafa**

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Renate Sommer, Leteris Christoforou, Arnaud Danjean

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 21

Gilles Pargneaux, Vincent Peillon, Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Soraya Post, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Virginie Rozière, Edouard Martin

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls its resolution adopted on 24 November 2016 whereby the European Parliament called for a temporary freeze on the accession negotiations as long as the situation of human rights and civil liberties does not improve in Turkey; considers that, out of consistency, the conditions set for resuming the accession negotiations should equally apply to the modernisation of the Customs Union;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Bodil Valero

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Reminds that the European Parliament will base the review of its position on “whether the rule of law and human rights are restored throughout the country”; warns that the constitutional reforms adopted by the Turkish Parliament on 21 January 2017 which could be confirmed by popular vote in an upcoming referendum, would seal the end to a democratic system of checks and balances in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Recalls that Turkey has not fully implemented the Additional Protocol to the

EC-Turkey Association Agreement towards all Member States; underlines that the full implementation of the Additional Protocol, including towards the Republic of Cyprus must be a precondition for the negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Eleni Theoharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Regrets that Turkey does not fully fulfil its obligations required by the EU and does not cooperate with the Republic of Cyprus; Calls upon Turkey to respect EU legal order by implementing the existing Custom Union with all member states and thus removing any legal barriers blocking the current procedure.

Or. en

Amendment 25
Renate Sommer, Lefteris Christoforou, Arnaud Danjean, Costas Mavrides

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

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conclusion that further trade integration with the EU would be stimulated by Turkey's elimination of impediments to the functioning of the Customs Union;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 27
Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Eleni Theocharous, Sofia Sakorafa

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Amendment 28
Nedzhmi Ali

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 29
Philippe Juvin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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the *acquis communautaire*;

the *acquis communautaire*; ***stresses that Turkey continued not to open Turkish ports to Cypriot vessels and failed to apply to Cyprus the Additional Protocol to the Ankara Agreement ;***

Or. en

Amendment 30 **Georgios Epitideios**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016; stresses that while the chaos and instability in the Middle East, ***the Russian annexation of Crimea and intervention in Ukraine***, are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood, ***an*** upgraded Customs Union can help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to transforming Turkey into a pillar of stability and an engine of growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made by the government;

Amendment

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016; stresses that while the chaos and instability in the Middle East, ***in coordination with the fact that Turkish Air Force violated Greek airspace 2,244 times in 2014 alone and the fact that on the 29th of January 2017 a missile boat of the Turkish Navy carrying the four Turkish Chiefs of Staff along with two Special Forces carrying boats violated the Greek territorial waters***, are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood. ***Therefore*** an upgraded Customs Union alone could not help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to transforming Turkey into a pillar of stability and an engine of growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made by the government;

Or. en

Amendment 31 **Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Eleni Theocharous, Sofia Sakorafa**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 32
Nedzhmi Ali

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016; stresses that while the chaos and instability in the Middle East, the Russian annexation of Crimea and intervention in Ukraine, are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood, an upgraded Customs Union can help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to transforming Turkey into a pillar of stability and an engine of growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made

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by the government;

by the government; **emphasizes the strategic importance of the political and economic stability in the region for the security and welfare of the European citizens and further deepening and acceleration of Turkey and EU's dialogue will enhance the sphere of European influence in the region;**

Or. en

Amendment 33

Renate Sommer, Lefteris Christoforou, Arnaud Danjean, Costas Mavrides

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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Or. en

Amendment 34

Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the ***failed*** coup attempt of 15 July 2016; stresses that while the chaos and instability in the Middle East, the Russian annexation of Crimea and intervention in Ukraine, are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood, an upgraded Customs Union can help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to ***stabilising Turkey and providing*** growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made by the government;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Philippe Juvin

Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 36

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

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4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016; stresses that while **the chaos and instability in the Middle East, the Russian annexation of Crimea and intervention in Ukraine**, are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood, an upgraded Customs Union can help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to transforming Turkey into a pillar of stability and an engine of growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made by the government;

Amendment

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016; stresses that while **the recent developments in the region** are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood, an upgraded Customs Union can help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to transforming Turkey into a pillar of stability and an engine of growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made by the government;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016; stresses that while the chaos and instability in the Middle

Amendment

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism ; stresses that while the chaos and instability in the Middle East, the Russian annexation of Crimea and intervention in

East, the Russian annexation of Crimea and intervention in Ukraine, are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood, an upgraded Customs Union can help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to transforming Turkey into a pillar of stability and an engine of growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made by the government;

Ukraine, are adversely affecting Turkey's foreign trade within its neighbourhood, an upgraded Customs Union ***must encourage Turkey to respect human rights, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms***, can help Turkey to overcome the challenges it faces, and contribute to transforming Turkey into a pillar of stability and an engine of growth for its citizens, if the necessary reforms are made by the government;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Bodil Valero

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016;

Amendment

4. Underlines the growing geopolitical and economic challenges facing Turkey as a result of instability in its neighbourhood, ***civil war***, terrorism and the aftermath of the coup attempt of 15 July 2016;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Georgios Epitideios

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union

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would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Geoffrey Van Orden

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model **and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’**; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s **independent** regulatory institutions;

Amendment

5. Believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s regulatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Nikos Androulakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish

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regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive ***when it is fully applied; regrets that many technical barriers in trade are still in place***; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 42 **Philippe Juvin**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has ***made the country more competitive***; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has ***increase trade between EU and Turkey***; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 43 **Manolis Kefalogiannis, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union, **when in practice applied**, has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Eleni Theocharous, Sofia Sakorafa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. **Welcomes** the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; **welcomes** the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Amendment

5. **Notes** the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; **notes** the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Amendment 45**Bodil Valero**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; **welcomes** the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union **will** have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; **considers** that the deepening of the Customs Union **could** have a positive influence on Turkey’s economic governance and strengthen Turkey’s independent regulatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 46**Renate Sommer, Lefteris Christoforou, Arnaud Danjean****Draft opinion****Paragraph 5***Draft opinion*

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the fact that Turkish regulatory alignment with EU standards resulting from the conclusion of the Customs Union has made the country more competitive; believes that the modernisation of the Customs Union would provide an opportunity for Turkey to revisit its growth model and escape from the ‘middle income (country) trap’; **hopes**

welcomes the fact that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey's economic governance and strengthen Turkey's independent regulatory institutions;

that the deepening of the Customs Union will have a positive influence on Turkey's economic governance and strengthen Turkey's independent regulatory institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Geoffrey van Orden

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

Calls on the Commission to include political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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Or. en

Amendment 48
Anders Primdahl Vistisen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission *to include political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU* on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

6. Calls on the Commission *and the Council not to start the negotiations on the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU until Turkey has met the EU standards* on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Or. en

Amendment 49
Bodil Valero

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Calls on the Commission to include political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms.*

Amendment

6. *Insists that no actions to accelerate the accession process, including the modernisation of the CU, should be taken until the situation in Turkey has improved considerably; considers that this should also include the halt of returning refugees to Turkey under the EU-Turkey Statement on Migration;*

Or. en

Amendment 50

Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Lefteris Christoforou, Eleni Theocharous, Sofia Sakorafa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission *to* include political *benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU* on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Amendment

6. Calls on *the Council and* the Commission to *demand from Turkey to fulfil all its obligations towards all Member States in a non-discriminatory manner before an upgraded Customs Union is finalised that must* include political benchmarks on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to include

Amendment

6. **Emphasises that the EU is founded on**

political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights. Calls on the Commission to include political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms **and to take a firm stance in this matter.**

Or. en

Amendment 52

Gilles Pargneaux, Vincent Peillon, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Virginie Roziere, Eric Andrieu, Jean-Paul Denanot, Soraya Post, Edouard Martin

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to include political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to include *a clause on human rights and fundamental freedoms with benchmarks and timetable, in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU.*

Or. en

Amendment 53 Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to include political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to include *clear and strong* political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU, *making* human rights and fundamental freedoms *a key conditionality.*

Or. en

Amendment 54
Georgios Epitideios

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to ***include political benchmarks in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms.***

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to ***call off the Customs Union between Turkey and the EU and include political benchmarks in a future upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU.***

Or. en

Amendment 55
Javi López

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to include political ***benchmarks*** in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to include ***a political clause*** in the upgraded Customs Union between Turkey and the EU on human rights and fundamental freedoms, ***specially media freedom and freedom of expression; to protect the situation of women, LGBT, and minorities such as Roma people and NGOs; to ensure the judicial independence and the right of every individual to a fair trial, including through an effective access to a lawyer.***

Or. en