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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Pier Antonio Panzeri
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Implementation of the GSP Regulation No 978/2012
(2018/2107(INI))

Amendment 1
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas Article 21 TEU sets out the EU's obligation to ensure consistency between the different areas of its external action, including its trade and human rights policies, thus mutually enhancing the potential effectiveness of these policies;

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A. whereas Article 21 TEU sets out the EU's obligation to ensure consistency between the different areas of its external action, including its trade and human rights policies, thus mutually enhancing the potential effectiveness of these policies;
whereas Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union states that it shall contribute, inter alia, to sustainable development, the eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights;

Or. es

Amendment 2
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas trade relations conducted by the EU and its Member States must not undermine, either directly or indirectly, the promotion and protection of human rights and the role of civil society in developing countries; whereas in a number of countries benefiting from the GSP, no concrete and substantial improvements have been observed in terms of human and social rights and it is even being alleged that GSP-assisted production is encouraging landgrabbing and infringements of labour and human rights; whereas these arrangements are encouraging increased dependence on the exportation of raw materials, thereby

intensifying the pressure on land and water resources, which could lead more quickly to deforestation and reduction of biodiversity;

Or. es

Amendment 3
Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas EU trade policy must help to promote the values for which the Union stands, set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, and contribute to the pursuit of the aims listed in Article 21, including the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law, respect for human rights, fundamental rights and freedoms, equality, respect for human dignity and the protection of the environment and of social rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas, although the GSP+ is conducive to trading preferences favouring the ratification and effective implementation of 27 fundamental conventions related to human and labour rights, environmental standards and good governance, effective mechanisms for monitoring compliance with these

standards and the implementation thereof are not included therein; whereas the European Commission has failed to introduce a transparent and objective process to decide when an investigation should start, making it impossible for NGOs or others to participate and hampering the activation of the safeguard clause that would stop duty-free imports;

Or. es

Amendment 5
Karol Karski

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. Recalls that in the 2016 resolution on implementation of Parliament's 2010 recommendations on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility, it proposed to introduce corporate social responsibility in the GSP Regulation, to ensure transnational corporations' compliance with human and labour rights, and to reform WTO rules to introduce supply chain due diligence and transparency requirements, building on the UN guiding principles for business and human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas the GSP, GSP+ and EBA systems can be essential tools which enable these values to be upheld and whereas it is important for them to be effectively implemented and monitored;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas the GSP has become an instrument of political leverage applied by the European Union and its Member States to garner the support of third countries for various aspects of their international agendas; whereas the European Union should promote different trading models based on equality between partners;

Or. es

Amendment 8
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives;

Or. fr

Amendment 9

Ádám Kósa, László Tóké

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability by the participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments set out in international conventions; calls on the Commission to ***consider establishing joint oversight commissions or*** domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability by the participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments set out in international conventions; ***stresses the need to strengthen local civil society organisations, because problems can be addressed most effectively on the spot, and*** calls on the Commission to ***support the creation of*** domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives; ***considers it important that local civil society organisations which play a role in defending the interests of marginalised communities, including people with disabilities, should be supported;***

Or. hu

Amendment 10

David Martin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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accountability by the participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments set out in international conventions; calls on the Commission to consider establishing joint oversight commissions or domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives; ***in this respect, recalls the importance of a continued engagement with the relevant monitoring bodies established under the relevant conventions such as those of the ILO and the UN;***

Or. en

Amendment 11 **Miguel Urbán Crespo**

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Or. es

Amendment 12 **Judith Sargentini**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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1. Welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability by the participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments ***set out in international conventions***; calls on the Commission to consider establishing joint oversight commissions or domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability by the ***meaningful*** participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments ***under the GSP+ scheme; calls for the GSP+ monitoring mechanisms to be extended to the EBA scheme***; calls on the Commission to consider establishing joint oversight commissions or domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society, ***human rights defenders*** and trade union representatives;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability by the participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments set out in international conventions; calls on the Commission to consider ***establishing joint oversight commissions or domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives;***

Amendment

1. ***States that GSP has proved to be an important tool for the promotion and protection of core human rights and principles of sustainable development;*** welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability by the participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments set out in international conventions; calls on the Commission to consider ***more permanent structures for civil society involvement;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Georgios Epitideios

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability ***by the*** participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments set out in international conventions; calls on the Commission to consider establishing joint oversight commissions or domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the acknowledgement of the need to enhance transparency and accountability, ***as well as the conditional*** participation of civil society in monitoring the effective implementation of human rights commitments set out in international conventions; calls on the Commission to consider establishing joint oversight commissions or domestic advisory groups with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives; ***the other commissions will have an advisory role;***

Amendment 16
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to make publicly available the assessments for eligibility to the scheme, and the country scorecards in respect of GSP+ compliance;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Believes that GSP+ assessments for eligibility and scorecards should be made public in order to increase transparency and oversight of the scheme;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Recalls that the *full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation*

2. Recalls that the *overriding aim of any EU trade policy must be to promote*

with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;

and protect the interests of the EU's own citizens and that that policy must prioritise the interests of European workers;

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved *and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;*

Amendment

2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Miguel Urbán Crespo

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fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures; ***stresses the need for an assessment of the impact of GSP arrangements in practice on human and labour rights before and during the granting of trade preferences to a candidate country; takes the view that these assessments should be carried out by independent experts, in consultation with civil society, including representatives of communities affected by the granting of trade preferences;***

Or. es

Amendment 21
Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;

Amendment

2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to ***human rights***, workers' rights, ***sustainable development***, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures; ***stresses that the GSP and GSP+ systems, which are part of EU trade policy, must contribute to the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals;***

Or. fr

Amendment 22

Pier Antonio Panzeri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality **and** abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;

Amendment

2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to **good governance, including** workers' **rights, labour** rights, promotion of gender equality, **removal of the death penalty, civil and political rights, freedom of religion and freedom of expression,** abolition of child labour and forced labour **and protection of the environment** can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
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Amendment

2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if **reporting requirements and** monitoring **mechanisms** of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures **as to provide to the European Commission all necessary information to assess the respect of the binding commitments;**

Amendment 24
Georgios Epitideios

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved **and** the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;

Amendment

2. Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regard to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality and abolition of child labour and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved, ***if sound recommendations are submitted by the commissions and if*** the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;

Or. el

Amendment 25
Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to work harder with beneficiary countries, the EEAS, Union delegations, Member States' diplomatic missions, international organisations, businesses, the social partners and civil society in order to improve its information gathering and provide more in-depth analysis of the monitoring exercise so that the implementation of all aspects of the system can be clearly evaluated;

Amendment 26
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. The monitoring and evaluation of GSP+ should take into account the international monitoring bodies' reports, UN, ILO, International NGOs, and recommendations for each country under each convention and monitor effective implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls for the inclusion of ILO Convention 169 on indigenous peoples among the fundamental binding conventions that condition the granting of trade preferences;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Underlines that progress at legislative level has not yet been matched by progress at the level of implementation in many beneficiary countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 29
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. *Calls on the Commission to address shrinking space for civil society, threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions;*

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Or. fr

Amendment 30
Ádám Kósa, László Tőkés

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to *address* shrinking space for civil society, threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of

3. *Stresses that the local involvement of civil society organisations is essential in order to assert interests effectively, and calls on the Commission to *examine objectively, and in a comparable manner, the* shrinking space for civil society *and address* threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in*

the International Labour Organisation core conventions;

scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions;

Or. hu

Amendment 31

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

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3. Calls on the Commission to address shrinking space for civil society, threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to **EU** funding to NGOs in scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to address shrinking space for civil society, threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to funding to NGOs in scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions; ***urges, once again, the Commission to continue to fund civil society initiatives that monitor the implementation of this scheme, including through shadow reporting;***

Or. en

Amendment 32

Georgios Epitideios

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Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to ***address shrinking space*** for civil society, threats to

Amendment

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independent trade unions and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions;

civil society **and respond to** threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions;

Or. el

Amendment 33

Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to address shrinking space for civil society, threats to independent trade unions, **risks and threats to human rights defenders** and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in scorecards and GSP+ dialogues, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Recommends, within the framework of the review of the

Regulation, to extend the conventions currently listed under the GSP+ to EBA and GSP beneficiary countries; reiterates its call for the inclusion of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in the list of conventions required for GSP+ status; recommends also to include ILO Convention No.169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to lay down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and to include these systematically in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring consistency and the mainstreaming of human rights into trade policy;

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Or. fr

Amendment 36
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls on the Commission to lay down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and to include

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these systematically in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring *consistency and the mainstreaming of human rights into trade* policy;

suitable, to include these systematically in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring policy *coherence*;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to lay down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and to include these systematically in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring consistency and the mainstreaming of human rights into trade policy;

Amendment

4. Calls on the *European Commission to investigate the actual implementation of the 27 international conventions that are the prerequisite for the granting of GSP+ arrangements and that the recipient countries have ratified and undertaken to implement in practice; calls on the* Commission to lay down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and to include these systematically in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring consistency and the mainstreaming of human rights into trade policy;

Or. es

Amendment 38
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and to include these systematically in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring consistency and the mainstreaming of human rights into trade policy; ***calls on the Commission to consider introducing a system of more gradual entry into force of trade preferences based on progress in reaching specific objectives and benchmarks by the beneficiary countries;***

Or. en

Amendment 39
Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for the creation of roadmaps for each GSP, EBA and GSP+ beneficiary country, which set out specific and time-bound human and labour rights benchmarks in an on-going process; underlines that the benchmarks should include compliance with core human and labour rights conventions and need to be customized to address also specific country problems and shortcomings;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that human rights defenders should be able to perform their task freely and unhindered and that the circumstances in which they must work should be benchmarked in the assessment of GSP+ compliance;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to establish an inter-institutional task force on business and human rights and to initiate mandatory due diligence legislation at EU level without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Karol Karski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to include defence of human rights of Christians and other religious groups as a criterion to monitor under the GSP+ scheme;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Pier Antonio Panzeri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls the importance that benchmarks should be tailored to each country's specific problems and shortcomings;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Urges the establishment of a complaint mechanism and body within the GSP scheme that allows all interested parties to submit petitions on alleged labour and human rights violations on companies or states benefiting from the duty-free access to the EU under the GSP-list;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Karol Karski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Commission to modify the standard GSP and EBA schemes in the forthcoming GSP Regulation in order to allow for the blacklisting of those

companies responsible for serious human rights violations, which wish to export to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Karol Karski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Calls on the Commission to introduce an obligation on economic operators exporting to the EU to enforce respect of human rights and labour rights by putting in place due diligence practices, in line with the UN guiding principles on business and human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Karol Karski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. Calls on the Commission to report on the implementation of the European Parliament's 2016 resolution on implementation of Parliament's 2010 recommendations on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion
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5. *Encourages the establishment of an independent and formal complaints mechanism related to the effective implementation of obligations under international conventions under GSP+, in order to take into account all available information, including from reliable local stakeholders;*

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Or. en

Amendment 49
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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5. *Encourages* the establishment of an independent *and formal* complaints *mechanism* related to *the effective implementation of obligations under international conventions* under *GSP+*, *in order to take into account all available information, including from reliable local stakeholders;*

5. *Calls for* the establishment of an independent *complaint mechanism and body within the GSP scheme that would allow all interested parties to submit* complaints related to *alleged labour and human rights violations committed by States or corporations benefiting from trade preferences* under *the Regulation;*

Or. en

Amendment 50
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Encourages the establishment of an independent and formal complaints mechanism related to the effective implementation of obligations under international conventions under GSP+, in order to take into account all available information, including from *reliable* local stakeholders;

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Or. es

Amendment 51
Pier Antonio Panzeri

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5. Encourages the establishment of an independent and formal complaints mechanism related to the effective implementation of obligations under international conventions under GSP+, in order to take into account all available information, including from reliable local stakeholders;

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5. Encourages the establishment of an independent and formal complaints mechanism *and safe-guard clause*, related to the effective implementation of obligations under international conventions under GSP+, in order to take into account all available information, including from reliable local stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Calls for a Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) conducted by the EU before granting trade preferences to a candidate country and during its implementation; stresses that these HRIAs should be undertaken by

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independent experts, in consultation with civil society, including with representatives of communities affected by trade preferences; insists that HRIAs should be conducted prior to extending GSP+ status to beneficiary countries and the EU should impose flanking measures to mitigate risks and negative impacts identified;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Stresses that the assessment of GSP+ eligibility and continuous monitoring of a GSP+/GSP/EBA beneficiary country have to be done in a transparent and accountable manner; regrets that the scorecards, used for the monitoring of GSP+ beneficiary countries, remain secret and not accessible to third parties thereby leaving out a key player in the process of monitoring the compliance with conventions in practice;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

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6. Calls on the Commission to address

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labour *standards* in Export Processing Zones by establishing a long-term road map with the partner countries concerned;

violations of labour rights, including collective bargaining and freedom of association, in Export Processing Zones (EPZ) in current or potential beneficiary countries; insists on the need for the Commission to prioritize the removal of carve-outs from labour right protection in EPZ and by establishing a long-term road map with the partner countries concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Calls on the Commission to *address* labour standards in Export Processing Zones *by establishing a long-term road map with the partner countries concerned*;

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6. Calls on the Commission to *ensure that conditions on* labour standards *apply* in Export Processing Zones *equally as in other parts of beneficiary country territories*;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6a. Expresses concern about reports that the GSP+ scheme would have contributed to landgrabbing and other human rights violations; calls on the Commission to effectively address such negative impacts and to ensure that adequate mitigation and redress measures are in place;

Amendment

Amendment 57
Jean-Luc Schaffhauser

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. *Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles.*

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 58
Judith Sargentini
 on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences *may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles.*

Amendment

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; ***calls in this regard for extending the scorecard system to the EBA scheme;*** notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences ***needs to be accompanied by adequate assistance in order to ensure genuine*** compliance with international human rights ***commitments by the beneficiary countries;***

Amendment 59
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; ***notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles.***

Amendment

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; ***considers that any suspension of preferences must be taken with full coherence with the overarching objective of poverty alleviation and that if partial suspension is chosen as a method, this should be designed to minimise the negative effects for the local population;***

Or. en

Amendment 60
David Martin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles.

Amendment

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles; ***stresses that the withdrawal of trade preferences should be seen as a last resort measure; in particular, considers that preferences should be withdrawn***

when the EBA beneficiary lacks a concrete willingness and necessary engagement to address the serious shortcomings in the effective implementation of the GSP conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Georgios Epitideios

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles.

Amendment

7. Supports more engagement with least developed countries under the Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles *but that it is a 'necessary evil' when it comes to making clear the position of the EU regarding such violations and preventing them from occurring; this policy will not deny the rights of the states concerned to lawful defence and self-protection.*

Or. el

Amendment 62
Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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Everything But Arms scheme with regard to preventing and addressing cases of serious and systematic violation of human rights; notes that the threat of withdrawal of trade preferences may in itself not be a sufficient measure to promote real compliance with international human rights principles, *and may need additional political initiatives*;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Miguel Urbán Crespo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Condemns the economic, social and political interference by the EU in third countries through GSP arrangements; points out that these policies have led to landgrabbing and the pillaging of natural resources, and are responsible for the economic, social, political and humanitarian crisis; urges the EU and its Member States to embark upon new types of cooperation with third countries based on mutual development and the best interests of the people;

Or. es

Amendment 64
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Welcomes the recent Commission

decisions to launch the process for the withdrawal of the Everything But Arms preferences to Cambodia and to send an emergency, high-level EU mission to Myanmar in response to the human rights situation in both countries; expects the Commission to keep Parliament closely informed and involved in further steps, including with regards the suspension of preferences;

Or. en

Amendment 65
David Martin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. *Acknowledges that GSP+ plays an important role in promoting international labour rights, human rights, good governance and environmental protection standards in its beneficiary countries not only by offering incentives to comply with these standards but also by establishing a platform for regular dialogue in the areas covered by the conventions and promoting engagement in substantive reforms;*

Or. en

Amendment 66
Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. *Calls on the Commission to intensify and develop its cooperation with international organisations such as,*

among others, the United Nations, the ILO and the OECD in the context of the monitoring and implementation of the GSP and GSP+ systems;

Or. fr

Amendment 67

Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls to reform WTO rules to institute supply chain due diligence and transparency requirements, building on the UN guiding principles on business and human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Louis Michel, Petras Auštrevičius, Hilde Vautmans

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Recalls that the EU should, on behalf of the coherence of their policies, encourage other international actors, such as multinational enterprises to participate fully in the improvement of human rights, social rights and environmental standards worldwide; calls on the EU to take leadership in order to get human rights and labour rights in global value chains fully respected;

Or. en

Amendment 69

David Martin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Calls for a structured monitoring mechanism to ensure compliance with relevant GSP conventions applying also to the GSP general arrangement and EBA;

Or. en