Amendment 4 Helmut Scholz, Matt Carthy on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Helmut Scholz

B8-1241/2015

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade on the accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement concluded between the EU and its Member States and Colombia and Peru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the conclusion of the negotiations with Ecuador on the protocol for its accession to the Trade Agreement between the EU, Colombia and Peru, recognising the important benefits that this will bring for Ecuador's exports to the EU, particularly in view of the fact that it no longer benefits from the EU's unilateral Generalised Scheme of Preferences; encourages the quick and complete entry into force and implementation of this agreement, which will ensure the protection of citizens and the environment at the highest level; considers that this agreement will boost and diversify trade and investment on both sides, act as an important driver for economic and social development and contribute to alleviating poverty and reducing inequality;

Amendment

1. Takes note of the conclusion of the negotiations with Ecuador on the protocol for its accession to the Trade Agreement between the EU, Colombia and Peru; stresses the importance of ensuring lasting and sustainable employment policies, continuing the prosperous development of SMEs and improving constitutionally guaranteed social and human rights, as well as ensuring the protection of citizens and the environment at the highest level; considers it important to boost and diversify trade and investment on both sides, with a view to ensuring - on the basis of the new international trade strategy 'Trade for All' and its approach to fair trade – a strong commitment to asymmetric trade relations between partners of very different development levels, as is the case here, and thereby ensuring that trade continues to become a genuine, important driver for economic and social development and contributes to alleviating poverty and reducing inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 5 Helmut Scholz, Matt Carthy on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Underlines the importance of Ecuador ensuring that its policies are consistent with its WTO and trade agreement commitments and providing for full transparency and broad consultation with stakeholders before their adoption; calls on Ecuador, therefore, to address the remaining identified market access obstacles without further delay;

Amendment

3. Underlines the importance of Ecuador ensuring that its policies are consistent with its WTO and trade agreement commitments; stresses the importance of full transparency and broad consultation with stakeholders before ratification, both in the EU and in Ecuador; opposes any provisional application of this free trade agreement before the European Parliament, at least, has ratified it;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Helmut Scholz, Matt Carthy
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution

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Helmut Scholz

on behalf of the Committee on International Trade on the accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement concluded between the EU and its Member States and Colombia and Peru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Welcomes Ecuador's use of the system of obligatory licensing for generic medicines; hopes that this use will be maintained and developed, and calls on the Commission to ensure that this system will not be limited within the application of the new free trade agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Helmut Scholz, Matt Carthy
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Helmut Scholz

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on behalf of the Committee on International Trade on the accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement concluded between the EU and its Member States and Colombia and Peru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Notes that Ecuador is one of the world's 17 mega-diverse countries and is home to the greatest concentration of species (between 5 % and 10 % of the world's biodiversity);

Amendment

17. Notes that Ecuador is one of the world's 17 mega-diverse countries and is home to the greatest concentration of species (between 5 % and 10 % of the world's biodiversity); stresses the importance of the prohibition of the trading and cultivation of genetically modified organisms provided for in the Constitution adopted by Ecuador in 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Helmut Scholz, Matt Carthy
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Motion for a resolution Helmut Scholz

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on behalf of the Committee on International Trade on the accession of Ecuador to the Trade Agreement concluded between the EU and its Member States and Colombia and Peru

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Acknowledges the efforts made by Ecuador to afford better protection to indigenous communities and urges the Ecuadorian Government to make sure that its policies – in particular its mining strategy – do not have an adverse impact on the rights of indigenous communities;

Amendment

28. Acknowledges the efforts made by Ecuador to afford better protection to indigenous communities and urges the Ecuadorian Government and the EU and its Member States to make sure that their policies – in particular its mining strategy – do not have an adverse impact on local communities and that those communities are duly consulted before any decision is taken, in accordance with the ILO convention requiring previous, free and informed consultation;

Or. en