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AMENDMENTS

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on Fight against corruption and follow up the CRIM resolution
(2015/2110(INI))

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Amendment 1

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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Recalls that corruption impacts negatively the achievement of SDGs both directly and indirectly; by increasing project costs for both the private and public sectors; damaging public institutions; reducing citizens' trust in their government and increasing social inequality;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Marina Albiol Guzmán

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Notes that organised crime has a transnational dimension; highlights the need for a joint action based on accessible information and increased cooperation between the police and the judicial authorities of various Member States and ***developing*** countries, which should be assisted by ad hoc joint coordination bodies;

1. Notes that organised crime has a transnational dimension; highlights the need for a joint action based on accessible information and increased cooperation between the police and the judicial authorities of various Member States and ***impoverished*** countries, which should be assisted by ad hoc joint coordination bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that organised crime has a transnational dimension; ***highlights the need for a joint action based on accessible information and increased cooperation between the police and the judicial authorities of various Member States and developing countries, which should be assisted by ad hoc joint coordination bodies;***

Amendment

1. Notes that organised crime ***frequently*** has a transnational dimension; ***deplores that corruption and money laundering amount to 5 percent of annual global GDP and that in developing countries, funds lost to corruption are estimated to represent 10 times the amount of ODA; highlights the need for a comprehensive framework requiring active participation by international and regional organisations, state actors, private sector and civil society on the basis of transparency and mutual accountability;***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Elly Schlein, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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1. Notes that organised crime has a transnational dimension; highlights the need for a joint action based on accessible information and increased cooperation between the police and the judicial authorities of various Member States and developing countries, which should be assisted by ad hoc joint coordination bodies;

Amendment

1. Notes that organised crime has a transnational dimension ***and encompasses a various range of criminal activities including drug trafficking, smuggling of migrants, money-laundering, trafficking in counterfeit goods, firearms, wildlife and cultural property;*** highlights the need for a joint action based on accessible information and increased cooperation between the police and the judicial authorities of various Member States and developing countries, which should be assisted by ad hoc joint coordination

bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 5

Elly Schlein, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that the costs of corruption cannot only be calculated in economic terms, and that these costs are very high, especially in developing countries, which undermines public trust in public authorities and democratic institutions, increases inequalities that disproportionately affect the poorest and most vulnerable, and reduces the effectiveness of development aid;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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Stelios Kouloglou, Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights that ending tax havens and bank secrecy is indispensable and essential to fight effectively against corruption and organised crime; urges the EU to cancel any economic or commercial agreement with states that are considered to be tax havens by at least one of the Member States of the EU; stresses that the EU must promote the fight against tax havens, banking secrecy and

money laundering as a priority in all relevant international fora;

Or. en

Amendment 7

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the need to address both the supply and demand sides of corruption; encourages developing countries to prioritise anti-corruption measures in their development agendas, i.e. through setting up independent and competent regulatory and law enforcement systems;

Or. en

Amendment 8

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Recalls that illicit financial flows, estimated at \$1 trillion a year, are major obstacles to the mobilisation of domestic revenue for development, and drain resources that should be invested in developing countries;

Or. en

Amendment 9

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls on the EU to take a more active role in providing financial and technical assistance to developing countries to cope with emerging global standards for fighting tax evasion, including automatic exchange of information;

Or. en

Amendment 10

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Recalls that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognises the need to fight corruption in all its forms, calling on States to reduce illicit financial flows, bribery and corruption and to build effective, accountable and transparent institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 11

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Calls on the Commission to develop a comprehensive strategy for corruption risk management in developing countries

and to implement fully the anti-fraud strategy issued in 2013, especially when implementing EU aid in all its modalities, including the EDF and trust funds, and when delegating development projects to third parties;

Or. en

Amendment 12

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Paragraph 1 e (new)

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Amendment

1e. Calls on the EU to support the establishment of strong national systems and institutions to address corruption in developing countries, including central and local government systems, tax authorities, law enforcement agencies, but also NGOs, media and parliaments; stresses that budget support to developing countries should be accompanied by a clear strategy to minimise corruption risks;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Calls on the EU to support the **creation and strengthening of** regional and specialised police and judicial networks in developing countries, and to share the best practices and know-how of Europol, Eurojust and the European Judicial

2. Calls on the EU to **further** support the **consolidation of public administration and the adoption of adequate anti-corruption legislative frameworks in partner countries, notably in post-conflict and transition countries where state**

Network;

institutions are weak; insists on the need to reinforce regional and specialised police and judicial networks in developing countries, and to share the best practices and know-how of Europol, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network;

Or. en

Amendment 14

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2. Calls on the EU to support the creation and strengthening of regional and specialised police and judicial networks in *developing* countries, and to share the best practices and know-how of Europol, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network;

Amendment

2. Calls on the EU to support the creation and strengthening of regional and specialised police and judicial networks in *impoverished* countries, *always under parameters that guarantee appropriate standards of data protection and privacy*, and to share the best practices and know-how of Europol, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network;

Or. en

Amendment 15

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Eurojust and the European Judicial Network;

Eurojust and the European Judicial Network; *stresses the need to improve regulation and law enforcement and to promote whistleblower protection to hold offenders responsible for their crimes;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Emphasises that corruption has disastrous impacts on development when funds that should be devoted to education, health and other vital public services are instead diverted into the hands of corrupt elites; takes into account that corruption also exacerbates violence and insecurity and can lead to dissatisfaction with public institutions, decreased legitimacy of the government in the eyes of the citizens, and eventually cause spirals of anger and unrest;

Or. en

Amendment 17
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that corruption not only affects economic capacities and infrastructures in developing countries, it also hinders development efforts and increases inequalities, with a greater impact on the most vulnerable

populations; insists on the need systematically to integrate anti-corruption measures into development policies and as part of the EU's relations with third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 18
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Recalls that the fight against all forms of organised crimes, including corruption, illicit financial flows and stolen assets is now embodied in Sustainable Development Goal 16; calls on the EU to monitor closely and track progress in this regard; considers that in order to achieve this target, EU action should further focus on supporting good governance and institution-building in developing and fragile countries;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Recalls that among the institutions most affected by corruption are the judiciary and police; notes that corruption, bribery, theft and tax evasion cost some US \$1.26 trillion for developing countries per year and that these resources could be used to lift those who

are living on less than \$1.25 a day above \$1.25 for at least six years;

Or. en

Amendment 20
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Emphasises the importance of prioritising the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 16 of Agenda 2030 which seeks substantially to reduce corruption, as well as to promote access to justice and effective, accountable and transparent institutions; urges the EU to make SDG 16 a priority in development programming;

Or. en

Amendment 21
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Calls on the EU to promote as a priority in its external policies the correct transposition and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, and of all other relevant international instruments that aim to combat corruption and money laundering;

3. Notes with concern that the most relevant international conventions and initiatives aiming to fight corruption and illicit financial flows fail to deliver concrete results at their implementation stage; recalls that the development of a foreign policy anti-corruption strategy is essential to combat corruption and financial crime effectively; calls on the EU to promote as a priority in its external policies the correct transposition and

implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, and of all other relevant international instruments that aim to combat corruption and money laundering;

Or. en

Amendment 22

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Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that whistleblowing is an essential anti-corruption tool, and that a proper system to protect whistleblowers should be established both inside and outside the EU; stresses in particular a direct reporting mechanisms is needed for citizens in EU aid recipient countries who bring attention to irregularities in EU-funded aid programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to ensure through constant monitoring that EU aid does not directly or indirectly contribute to corruption; believes that development aid, and in particular budget support, should be subject to more conditionality to ensure developing countries' political commitment to undertake sectorial reforms and promote anti-corruption

measures;

Or. en

Amendment 24

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Notes with concern that the EU approach towards corruption in ACP countries provides little strategic guidance on strengthening country systems to prevent and control it;

Or. en

Amendment 25

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on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
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Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Expresses concern regarding the links between multinational corporations and organized crime in third countries to intimidate, blackmail, and even murder human rights defenders, social leaders, and unionists; calls on the EU to investigate the activities of multinational corporations acting with European capital and strengthen the control and monitoring of the activities of these multinational corporations;

Or. en

Amendment 26
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the EU to develop a strong holistic risk management system to prevent development aid from contributing to corruption in recipient countries; in particular, calls on the EU to address corruption directly through programming and country strategy papers and to link budget support to clear anti-corruption objectives; to this end, stresses the need to set up robust mechanisms to monitor its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Recalls the importance of coherence between the EU's internal and external policies and points at the need to integrate the fight against organised crime in development and security strategies as a means to restore stability in developing countries;

Or. en

Amendment 28
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Deems that companies should be required to have an anti-corruption management system in place, including adequate alert mechanisms throughout the supply chain, to be selected for projects which receive EU funds;

Or. en

Amendment 29
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Deems that more coordination is needed between EEAS and DEVCO in their approach to effectively curbing corruption in developing countries; takes the view that aid assistance should be more aligned to the absorptive capacity of the host country and its general development needs to avoid massive waste and corruption of aid resources;

Or. en

Amendment 30
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Stresses that ***people's right to decide on their own food and agriculture systems is the solution to combating*** criminal activities that cause hunger and poverty; urges the international community to actively confront financial speculation on foodstuffs, such as purchases at low prices in vast agricultural areas and land grabbing by large multinational agro companies, taking into consideration the detrimental impact on small producers;

Amendment

4. Stresses that ***respecting each Government's sovereignty to regulate and plan its economy and achieve food sovereignty is a basic pillar to combatting the causes of*** criminal activities that cause hunger and poverty; urges the international community to actively confront financial speculation on foodstuffs, such as purchases at low prices in vast agricultural areas and land grabbing by large multinational agro companies, taking into consideration the detrimental impact on small producers;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Stresses that people's right to decide on their own food and agriculture systems is the solution to combatting criminal activities that cause hunger and poverty;*** urges the international community to actively confront financial speculation on foodstuffs, such as purchases at low prices in vast agricultural areas and land grabbing by large multinational agro companies, taking into consideration the detrimental impact on small producers;

Amendment

4. Urges the international community to actively confront financial speculation on foodstuffs, such as purchases at low prices in vast agricultural areas and land grabbing by large multinational agro companies, taking into consideration the detrimental impact on small producers;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Nicolas Bay, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 33
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Stelios Kouloglou, Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the importance of the principle of universal justice to fight against organised crime; rejects the limitations that the Governments of Member States have imposed on it, seriously severing the capacity of judges to investigate crimes committed outside the territory of their Member State; urges the EU to defend the inclusion of economic, financial, and environmental crimes under universal jurisdiction;

Amendment 34
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Notes that an evaluation of new policies on soft drugs is a priority and considers that decriminalisation/legalisation strategies should be considered as a means of effectively combating criminal organisations; requests that the EU introduce this issue in both its internal and external policies by involving in the political debate all relevant EU and international agencies and the institutions of all countries involved; ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 35
Nicolas Bay, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Notes that an evaluation of new policies on soft drugs is a priority and considers that decriminalisation/legalisation strategies should be considered as a means of effectively combating criminal organisations; requests that the EU introduce this issue in both its internal and external policies by involving in the political debate all relevant EU and international agencies and the institutions of all countries involved; ***deleted***

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Notes that an evaluation of new policies on soft drugs is a priority and considers that decriminalisation/legalisation strategies should be considered as a means of effectively combating criminal organisations; requests that the EU introduce this issue in both its internal and external policies by involving in the political debate all relevant EU and international agencies and the institutions of all countries involved;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 37
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recalls that corruption is closely related to activities such as money laundering, tax evasion, and illicit trade; in this light, stresses that transparency should be the cornerstone of all anti-corruption strategies and include: lifting excessive professional secrecy; automatic exchange of information on tax matters; public country-by-country reporting of multinationals and public registries of beneficial owners of companies;

Or. en

Amendment 38
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Urges the EU to show strong political will and determination against tax avoidance and evasion, in line with the principle of Policy Coherence for Development, as enshrined in article 208 of the Lisbon Treaty; recalls the EU's responsibility to combat tax rules that facilitate tax dodging by transnational corporations and individuals and to help third countries to repatriate illicit funds and prosecute perpetrators;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Heidi Hautala, Maria Heubuch
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Stresses the need to undertake an analysis of the impact of the tax systems of EU Members States on developing countries to combat effectively illicit financial flows;

Or. en

Amendment 40
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Highlights that double taxation agreement (DTAs) can enable illicit financial flows (IFFs); urges the EU to ensure a fair distribution of taxing rights while negotiating tax and investment treaties with developing countries; to this end, calls on the EU to negotiate Tax Treaties with developing countries based on the model treaty of the United Nations Tax Committee, which gives stronger rights to taxation at source;

Or. en

Amendment 41
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5e. Notes that extractive industries, utilities and infrastructure, health and education are particularly vulnerable to corruption; recalls in particular that non-transparent government procurement and supply chains can provide opportunities for corruption-related IFFs; accordingly, deems that anti-corruption efforts should also aim at modernising procurement practices;

Or. en

Amendment 42
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5f. Calls on developing countries to increase transparency and accountability in resource contracts, companies' financial reporting and auditing as well as revenue collection and allocation as part of their anti-corruption agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 43
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5g. Calls on the EU to upgrade its support to help resource-rich countries to implement the EITI principles of greater transparency and accountability in the oil, gas and mining sectors; believes that the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) should be made mandatory and extended: they should not focus only on governments but also on producing firms and commodity trading companies;

Or. en