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AMENDMENTS

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A new forward-looking and innovative future strategy on trade and investment
(2015/2105(INI))

Amendment 1

Joachim Schuster, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Welcomes the general thrust of the future trade strategy presented by the Commission in the document 'Trade for all. Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy', in particular its focus on a value-based approach aiming at safeguarding the European social and regulatory model at home and using trade agreements and preference programmes as levers to promote, around the world, European values like sustainable development, human rights, fair and ethical trade and the fight against corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Emphasises that future trade ***agreements should*** take into account ***Parliament's*** resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

1. Whereas recommendations for the future trade ***strategy need to*** take into account ***the*** resolutions ***of the European Parliament*** on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement which remain valid for the future ***course of*** EU trade policy in particular as far as the protection of public services ***(as an European Model to fight against inequalities)*** is concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Joachim Schuster, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. **Emphasises** that future trade agreements should take into account **Parliament's** resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

Amendment

1. **Emphasises** that future trade agreements should take into account **the** resolutions of **the European Parliament** on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership **of 8 July 2015** and on the Trade in Services Agreement **of 3 February 2016** which remain valid for the future EU trade policy in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned **as it is part of a European model to fight against inequalities**;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions **on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy**, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 5

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on *the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement*, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the *protection of public services is concerned*;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on trade and investment *agreements*, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the *calls for ambitious, balanced and comprehensive agreements which address long-standing, unnecessary market barriers to the benefit of consumers, citizens, employees and businesses; underlines the importance of continuing to ensure that public services are protected in trade agreements*;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

Amendment

(Does not affect the English version.)

Or. pl

Amendment 7
Anne Sander, Tokia Saïfi, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the **protection** of public services is concerned;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the **exclusion** of public services **from trade negotiations** is concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of **Services of General Interest and Services of General Economic Interest (which include but are not limited to water, health, social services, social security systems and education)** public services is concerned. **Reiterates that the quality, availability, affordability, accessibility of and non-discriminatory equal access to these services has to be guaranteed at all times;**

Or. en

Amendment 9
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned; ***calls for all ILO core labour standards to be a compulsory element of EU trade agreements such as TiSA from the outset and for the ILO Decent Work Agenda to be complied with;***

Or. de

Amendment 10

Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of public services is concerned;

Amendment

1. Emphasises that future trade agreements should take into account Parliament's resolutions on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and on the Trade in Services Agreement, which remain valid for the future EU trade policy, in particular as far as the protection of ***workers' rights and*** public services is concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 11

Yana Toom, Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recognises that 90 per cent of global growth is occurring outside of the European Union and therefore underlines the crucial importance of securing opportunities for new market access for EU businesses as well as ensuring fair, non-discriminatory and equal treatment for EU service providers; expects that particular obstacles faced by SMEs are taken into account when negotiating new agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Arne Gericke

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the European Commission to take on a global leadership role for the EU in the development of a new 'fair-trade agreement culture';

Or. de

Amendment 13

Claude Rolin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Insists that the Commission should engage in a genuine democratic debate with Parliament and consult the social partners to a greater extent in order to improve clarity in, lay down the

framework for, and guarantee the transparency of, the negotiating mandate for all trade agreements;

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Yana Toom, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Negotiations on further market liberalisation should bear in mind the need for the EU-wide cooperation in order to maintain working conditions in accordance with the respective laws on labour and social affairs and collective agreements in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Claude Rolin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Is concerned about the impact that granting China market economy status would have, particularly as regards employment in Europe; points out that five criteria must be fulfilled for the EU to grant market economy status, and that China has a long way to go in that regard;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Yana Toom, Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Calls for transparent negotiation; European and national parliaments, European social partners and civil society should have the possibility to contribute to the negotiating process in a meaningful way, in order to promote a more inclusive and relevant agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Yana Toom, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Encourages trade agreements to be negotiated on a multilateral level rather than a bilateral level;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Yana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1e. Stresses the need for an effective mechanism to protect European investment abroad; calls for an assessment to evaluate the existing framework to ensure efficiency and

correct implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Insists that sustainability impact assessments are conducted,*** allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Amendment

2. ***To conduct sustainability sectorial, regional and national impact assessments*** allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation; ***demands that the social partners and the civil society are given the opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of sustainability impact assessment;***

Or. en

Amendment 20

Yana Toom, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments are conducted, ***allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;***

Amendment

2. Insists that ***social and*** sustainability impact assessments are conducted ***that focus on impacts on the social and employment situation in the European Union and calls for publication of statistical projections to ensure that each agreement will contribute fairly and significantly to job creation;***

Or. en

Amendment 21

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists **that** sustainability impact assessments are conducted, allowing not only for **an ex-ante** but also for **an ex-post** evaluation;

Amendment

2. Insists, **in line with the *Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law Making* agreed recently by the European Parliament and the Member States, that the Commission ensure that impact assessments, including sustainability impact assessments, of new initiatives** are conducted, allowing not only for **ex ante** but also for **ex post** evaluation;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments are **conducted**, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Amendment

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments are **implemented in the course of trade negotiations, assessing the social, economic and environmental impact of future trade agreements; calls on the Commission to monitor the impact of trade agreements** allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation; **demands that the social partners and civil society are given the opportunity to participate in the design and implementation of sustainability impact assessments;**

Or. en

Amendment 23
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments are conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Amendment

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments ***including human, social and environmental rights for any trade policy initiative*** are conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments are conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Amendment

2. Insists that ***thorough*** sustainability impact assessments are conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation ***and stresses the need to involve the social partners and civil society in this***;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments ***are*** conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post

Amendment

2. Insists that ***effective and transparent*** sustainability impact assessments ***be*** conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante

evaluation;

evaluation but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Csaba Molnár

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that sustainability impact assessments are conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Amendment

2. Insists that sustainability, *economic and social* impact assessments are conducted, allowing not only for an ex-ante but also for an ex-post evaluation;

Or. hu

Amendment 27
Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that possible adjustment costs in the EU labour market are countered by a timely intervention on the side of the Commission supporting the affected sectors, regions or Member States; this support could be achieved through EU funding, including an adapted European Globalisation Adjustment Fund with an adequate budget;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Believes that the use of the EGF as proposed by the commission to tame the adverse impacts resulting from the international trade agreements is not satisfactory given its low financial capacity and its lack of competency to prevent and to fight against the negative effects from globalization;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out that EU exports provide roughly 31 million jobs in the EU, that is to say, every seventh job in the EU depends on exports;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Joachim Schuster, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission to take steps to protect regional production structures in developing countries in cases in which the Sustainable Impact Assessment indicates that these might be endangered

as a consequence of trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Deplores the fact that only 13% of European SMEs have been operating internationally outside the EU and points out that many of them are being prevented from doing so by non-tariff barriers; welcomes the fact that a chapter on SMEs is to be included in free trade agreements;

Or. es

Amendment 32
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Stresses that it is crucial to extend the prerogatives of the EGF and thus provide a mechanism of risks' anticipation and of adaptation of sectorial, regional and national production structures in cases in which the sustainable impact assessment indicates that these might be endangered as a consequence of trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Verónica Lope Fontagné

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls for encouragement to be given with a view to expanding and modernising the EU's free trade agreements with non-EU countries;

Or. es

Amendment 34
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Emphasises that, **as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements**, should be applicable to **contractual service suppliers**;

3. Emphasises that legislation on **protection of employees, including legislation on the posting of workers**, should **also** be applicable to **subcontractors**;

Or. sl

Amendment 35
Yana Toom, Marian Harkin, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Emphasises that, **as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation**, as well as collective agreements, should **be applicable to contractual service suppliers**;

3. Emphasises that **provisions of social and employment legislation at both the European Union and national levels**, as well as collective agreements **and social standards must be guaranteed; insists, however, that European Union wide posting of workers should not be regulated in trade agreements**;

Amendment 36

Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

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

3. Emphasises that, as a minimum, *the* legislation *on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation*, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that, as a minimum, *national* legislation, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Or. fr

Amendment 37

Joachim Schuster, Evelyn Regner, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

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

3. *Emphasises that*, as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers *and* other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Amendment

3. *Emphasises that* as a minimum the legislation on the posting of workers *together with* other national and EU labour *and social* legislation as well as collective agreements should be applicable to contractual service suppliers *and business sellers accessing the EU; calls on the Commission to ensure that all workers, irrespective of their home country, enjoy the same labour rights as nationals in their host country and that the principle of equal pay for equal work at the same place is respected; in this respect calls on the Commission to ensure that the Directive on the posting of workers is revised in a way so that the principle of equal pay for equal work at the same place is given full effect;*

Amendment 38

Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Emphasises that***, as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers ***and*** other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Amendment

3. ***To make sure that*** as a minimum the legislation on the posting of workers ***together with*** other national and EU labour ***and social*** legislation as well as collective agreements should be applicable to contractual service suppliers ; ***to ensure that all workers, irrespective of their home country, enjoy the same labour rights as nationals in their host country and that the principle of equal pay for equal work is respected;***

Or. en

Amendment 39

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. ***Emphasises that, as a minimum***, the legislation on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Amendment

3. ***Notes that*** the legislation on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises that, as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that, as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers and other ***EU and*** national and EU labour legislation ***applicable in the country where the service and therefore the work is provided***, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers; ***considers this is without prejudice to more favourable provisions in legislation or agreements applicable in the sending country***;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Emphasises that, as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements, should be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Amendment

3. Emphasises that, as a minimum, the legislation on the posting of workers and other national and EU labour legislation, as well as collective agreements, should, ***where appropriate***, be applicable to contractual service suppliers;

Or. es

Amendment 42
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for safeguards to ensure as a

matter of principle that trade agreements will not, under any circumstances, serve to weaken, circumvent, or invalidate Member States' or EU standards in the following areas: workers' rights, working conditions, social security, social inclusion and social protection, health and safety in the workplace, professional training, professional qualifications, free movement of workers and pensioners, social dialogue, anti-discrimination in the workplace and on the employment market;

Or. de

Amendment 43

Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to include a safety clause preventing companies from circumventing or undermining the right to take industrial action through the use of workers from third countries during negotiations on collective agreements and labour disputes and allow Member States to apply any necessary safeguards should pressure be put on domestic wages, the right of domestic workers be endangered or other agreed standards be infringed;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Joachim Schuster, Evelyn Regner, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Jutta Steinruck, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Commission to ensure that nothing will prevent the EU and its Member States from maintaining, improving and applying labour and social regulations, collective agreements as well as legislations regulating the entry of natural persons into, or temporary stay in, its territory;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Rejects any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;

4. Points out that Mode 4 should be applicable only to the movement of highly skilled workers for a specific purpose in a given period, in accordance with clearly defined conditions laid down by the national law of the country where the service is to be performed and under a contract conforming to that national law;

Or. es

Amendment 46

Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Rejects any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;

4. Notes the high levels of outward mobility from EU Member States of highly skilled professionals; believes that trade policies should remain cautious with

regards to inward mobility, unless other trading partners are willing to offer substantial concessions to the EU; requests, in any event, that trade agreements contain clauses maintaining the legal obligation of foreign service providers to comply with EU and Member State social and labour legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Yana Toom, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Rejects any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;*

Amendment

4. *Underlines the importance to monitor GATS mode 4 category of service providers in order to avoid abuse and exploitation of third-country workers;*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Rejects any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;*

Amendment

4. *Considers there should be a careful evaluation engaging all stakeholders before making any changes as regards GATS Mode 4 commitments;*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Rejects any*** further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;

Amendment

4. Stresses that further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments ***should be subject to monitoring of compliance with EU and national labour standards;***

Or. pl

Amendment 50

Joachim Schuster, Evelyn Regner, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Rejects*** any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to ensure that Mode 4 commitments must only apply to the movement of highly-skilled professionals, such as persons holding a university or equivalent Masters degree or employed in a senior managerial role, for a specific purpose, for a limited period of time and under precise conditions stipulated by the domestic legislation of the country where the service is performed and by a contract respecting such domestic legislation; to reject any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments and to consider a revision of Directive 2014/66/EU on the conditions of entry and residency of third country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer in order to avoid abuse and social dumping;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Rejects any further liberalisation* of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;

Amendment

4. *Welcomes the prospect of a review* of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Rejects any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments;

Amendment

4. Rejects any further liberalisation of the GATS Mode 4 commitments; *recalls that Mode 4 commitments must only apply to the movement of highly skilled professionals;*

Or. en

Amendment 53
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for the Parliament committee responsible for employment and social affairs to be informed without delay, so as to allow an opportunity for discussion and decision-taking, should any provisions of trade agreements be such as to jeopardise, or conflict with, standards in the above areas;

Amendment 54
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Amendment

5. Notes with satisfaction that EU trade agreements include a specific chapter on sustainable development; calls on all parties to endorse and implement the main ILO standards and principles and to encourage the adoption of other ILO conventions and UN resolutions;

Or. es

Amendment 55
Yana Toom, Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Amendment

5. Calls for the ILO labour standards to be respected; expects that the European Union plays a leading role in reaching the objective to encourage all parties to ratify, implement and enforce the eight fundamental ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Danuta Jazlowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be ***equally implemented in all chapters*** of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a ***revision*** clause allowing ***a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements*** of labour and social standards;

Amendment

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be ***complied with by signatories*** of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a clause allowing ***for review of the application*** of labour and social standards;

Or. pl

Amendment 57
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including ***the eight*** fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, ***must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements***, and that these agreements must include a ***revision*** clause allowing a party to ***leave the agreement or to suspend commitments*** in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Amendment

5. Stresses that labour standards, including fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, ***should be considered for inclusion in trade and sustainable development chapters, with necessary flexibilities for those developing countries who may experience difficulties in their implementation***, and that these agreements must include a clause allowing a party to ***address problems*** in the event of infringements of ***mutually agreed*** labour and social standards;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, **must be** equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, **and that these agreements must** include a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to ensure that future trade agreements include binding and enforceable sustainable development chapters, guaranteeing the full and effective ratification, implementation and enforcement of the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions, urges the Commission to promote further labour provisions in particular the ILO's Decent Work Agenda aiming at improving levels of protection of labour; stresses that labour standards including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions **are** equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements; **calls on the Commission to** include a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental **International Labour Organisation** conventions, must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause

Amendment

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the **International Labour Organisation's** eight fundamental **and four priority** conventions, must be **mandatory and** equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these

allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social *standards*;

agreements must include, *firstly*, a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of *social standards and human and labour rights*, and *secondly, a binding social clause seeking to include provisions relating to labour, preventing the dismantling of social legislation*;

Or. fr

Amendment 60 **Csaba Molnár**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause allowing a party *to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments* in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Amendment

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause allowing a party *an appropriate legal remedy* in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Or. hu

Amendment 61 **Jean Lambert**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause allowing a

Amendment

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be equally implemented *included* in all chapters of trade agreements *and effectively implemented by all parties*, and that these

party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

agreements must include a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions, must be equally implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Amendment

5. Stresses that labour standards, including the eight fundamental International Labour Organisation conventions ***have to be an essential part of EU-trade agreements and must be equally and horizontally*** implemented in all chapters of trade agreements, and that these agreements must include a revision clause allowing a party to leave the agreement or to suspend commitments in the event of infringements of labour and social standards;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that labour standards are made enforceable by guaranteeing that the implementation of and compliance with labour provisions is subjected to an effective monitoring process, involving

social partners and civil society representatives; where disputes arise regarding labour provisions, these disputes should be subject to a dispute settlement mechanism, including the possibility of imposing trade sanctions, and with due consideration for the ILO supervisory bodies and reference to ILO jurisdiction;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to include not only legally binding but also enforceable Sustainable Development chapters in all EU trade and investment agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Points out that the fundamental ILO conventions ought to apply strictly to all signatory states to an agreement so as to stem the trend towards globalised social dumping, but also to prevent any unfair competition, particularly competition that is based on inhuman or degrading practices;

Amendment 66
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Believes that – with particular regard to maintaining high social standards in international trade – appropriate international and extra-judicial mediation centres subject to the principles of transparency and democratic scrutiny must be developed;

Or. de

Amendment 67
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Stresses that *the Domestic Advisory Groups handling the* infringements of social clauses of trade agreements *must have sufficient financing and that they must consist of a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society;*****

6. Stresses that infringements of social clauses of trade agreements *are unacceptable and should be appropriately punished;*

Or. sl

Amendment 68
Joachim Schuster, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. **Stresses** that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling the infringements of social clauses of trade agreements **must have** sufficient financing **and** that they **must** consist of a balanced representation of labour and business organisations **from civil society**;

Amendment

6. **Calls on the Commission to ensure** that the Domestic Advisory Groups (**DAGs**), handling the infringements of social clauses of trade agreements **have a** sufficient financing **to work effectively**, that they consist of a balanced representation of labour and business **organisation as well as other civil society organisations, that joint meetings of the DAGs from both sides of the trade agreement are institutionalised and that they dispose of a secretariat that is situated at the Economic and Social Committee**;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Anne Sander, Tokia Saïfi, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. **Stresses** that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling **the** infringements of social clauses **of** trade agreements **must** have sufficient financing and that they **must consist of** a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society;

Amendment

6. **Recommends** that the Domestic Advisory Groups, **whose tasks include** handling infringements of social clauses **within** trade agreements, **ought to** have sufficient financing and **ensure** a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society;

Or. fr

Amendment 70

Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling *the* infringements of social clauses *of* trade agreements *must* have sufficient financing and that they *must* consist of a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups *in each Member State* handling infringements of social clauses *within* trade agreements *should* have sufficient financing and that they *should* consist of a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society;

Or. fr

Amendment 71

Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling *the* infringements of social clauses *of* trade agreements must have sufficient financing and that they must consist of a balanced representation of labour *and business* organisations from civil society;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling infringements of social clauses *within* trade agreements *and failures to uphold labour law and social standards* must have sufficient financing, and that they must consist of a balanced representation of *the social partners, union and* labour organisations, *and businesses* from civil society;

Or. fr

Amendment 72

Maria Arena

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling the infringements of social clauses of trade agreements must have sufficient financing and that they

Amendment

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling the infringements of social clauses of trade agreements must have sufficient financing and that they

must consist of a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society;

must consist of a balanced representation of ***environment***, labour and business organisations from civil society;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling the infringements of social clauses of trade agreements must have sufficient financing and that they must consist of a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society;

Amendment

6. Stresses that the Domestic Advisory Groups handling the infringements of social clauses of trade agreements must have sufficient financing and that they must consist of a balanced representation of labour and business organisations from civil society; ***calls on the Commission to take measures to improve the work of the DAGs such as providing financial resources, prior information and the possibility of using more advanced media in order to facilitate civil society participation;***

Or. en

Amendment 74
Romana Tomc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Encourages the Member States to strengthen the operation of their inspection services to ensure more effective prevention of employment-related offences;

Or. sl

Amendment 75
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Calls on Member States to ensure effective and timely monitoring and enforcement of labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to ensure an effective monitoring of labour standards by recommending Member States to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, their labour and social inspectorates in order to meet the target of one inspector for every 10 000 workers, as recommended by the ILO;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Anne Sander, Tokia Saïfi, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the

Amendment

7. Encourages the Member States to

staffing levels of, and the resources available to, **Member States'** labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, **their** labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of **compliance with** labour standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 78

Yana Toom, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need **to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow** for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the need for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to **increase the** staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the need to **ensure sufficient** staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Or. pl

Amendment 80

Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the *resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates* to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of *Member States' labour inspectorates, to step up cooperation between the Member States and the European Platform against undeclared work, to increase the inspectorates' resources* to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards, *to ensure that labour law is applied, to guarantee vital protection for workers in exercising their professions, and to prevent and limit as many infringements as possible within this area in order to combat social dumping;*

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, *Member States' labour inspectorates* to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of *Member States' labour inspectorates, in keeping with ILO recommendations*, and *to increase* the resources available to *them*, to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards *and to ensure that workers' rights are upheld;*

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates, *in keeping with the principle of subsidiarity*, to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 83
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Amendment

7. Emphasises the need to increase the staffing levels of, and the resources available to, Member States' labour *and social* inspectorates to allow for effective monitoring of labour standards;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Joachim Schuster, Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to effectively withdraw tariff preferences if the eight ILO core labour standards are not complied with; the withdrawal of tariff preferences should also be made possible for our trading partners in cases where

*EU Member States infringe on the eight
ILO core labour standards;*

Or. en

Amendment 85
Yana Toom, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

*8. Stresses the importance of binding
measures for due diligence in the
production chain, ensuring liability going
beyond voluntary corporate social
responsibility initiatives;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 86
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

*8. Stresses the importance of binding
measures for due diligence in the
production chain, ensuring liability going
beyond voluntary corporate social
responsibility initiatives;*

Amendment

*8. To propose binding measures to beyond
corporate social responsibility initiatives
and propose a legally binding framework
for due diligence in the production chain
ensuring liability;*

Or. en

Amendment 87
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses the importance of **binding** measures **for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;**

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of measures, **where appropriate and feasible, aimed at encouraging and fostering due diligence in supply chains;**

Or. en

Amendment 88

Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses the importance of **binding measures** for due diligence in the production chain, **ensuring liability going beyond** voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of **encouraging the adoption of voluntary initiatives** for due diligence in the production chain, **as well as** voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Or. es

Amendment 89

Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses the importance of **binding** measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability **going beyond** voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability **supplementing** voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Or. pl

Amendment 90

Jean Lambert

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures for due diligence in the *global* production chain *for these to be sustainable and transparent*, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Or. en

**Amendment 91
Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures – *exercised by the Member States* – for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Or. fr

**Amendment 92
Patrick Le Hyaric, Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives; *takes the view*

that corporate social responsibility requires a fair tax policy and is therefore incompatible with tax evasion strategies; calls for proportionate penalties to be applied in the event of breaches of labour provisions and standards;

Or. fr

Amendment 93
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives;

Amendment

8. Stresses the importance of binding measures for due diligence in the production chain, ensuring liability going beyond voluntary corporate social responsibility (**CSR**) initiatives; **firmly rejects, however, compulsory CSR being made applicable to SMEs;**

Or. de

Amendment 94
Yana Toom, Martina Dlabajová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses the need to increase efforts to unblock the reform of trade defence instruments.

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 95
Anne Sander, Tokia Saïfi, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. *Stresses the need* to *increase efforts* to unblock the reform of trade defence instruments.

Amendment

9. *Emphasises that trade defence instruments make it possible to tackle all forms of unfair competition, including social dumping; as a result, calls on the Council and the Commission* to unblock the reform of trade defence instruments, *without weakening them, to make them speedier, more effective and more accessible for SMEs;*

Or. fr

Amendment 96

Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Guillaume Balas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. *Stresses the need* to increase efforts to unblock the reform of trade defence instruments.

Amendment

9. *Calls on the Commission* to increase efforts to unblock the reform of trade defence instruments; *deplores that the Council has not been able to advance on the reform of trade defence instruments, keeping in mind that a modern and robust trade defence regime is also very important for jobs in Europe;*

Or. en

Amendment 97
Amjad Bashir

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses the need to *increase efforts to unblock the reform of trade defence instruments.*

Amendment

9. Stresses the need to *ensure that any changes to EU anti-dumping law retain the ability of the EU to take timely, necessary and effective action to tackle anti-competitive market practices by EU trading partners and ensure EU companies continue to operate on a global level playing field;*

Or. en

Amendment 98
Thomas Mann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls for trade agreements to ensure that EU SMEs will be able to profit without restriction, an aim to be achieved by creating good economic conditions for the export of goods and services and a favourable, competition-driven, and sustainable business environment;

Or. de

Amendment 99
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to step up the ex-ante coordination between its different services working on trade and on employment and social affairs;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Opposes granting MES to China as it is not fulfilling, for the time being, the EU five technical criteria for defining a market economy;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Joëlle Mélin, Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Points out that only national initiatives that tally exactly with the needs of the real economy in each Member State will have a major impact for SMEs where trade defence is concerned;

Or. fr

Amendment 102
Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that governments have the opportunity to adopt socially and environmentally responsible procurement policies; procurement provisions should not

prevent governments from addressing societal and environmental needs and the agreement must not restrict the ability to make social demands, as stated in the new EU directives on public procurement; in addition, public procurement policies should be in line with ILO Convention 94 regarding labour clauses in public contracts;

Or. en

Amendment 103

Joachim Schuster, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. Calls on the Commission to make very limited commitments as to future provisions regarding services provided digitally or by electronic means, so as not to undermine the high working standards and conditions in the European Union in an increasingly digitalised economy;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Joachim Schuster, Georgi Pirinski, Evelyn Regner, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9c. Calls on the Commission to ensure that labour standards are excluded from the concepts of non-tariff barriers and technical barriers, and for the Social Partners to be included in the process of regulatory cooperation within a balanced representation, in order to ensure that

regulatory cooperation does not restrict the right of governments and the European Parliament to legislate in the public interest and does not lead to regulatory chill or to the weakening of labour standards, including health and safety standards;

Or. en