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Implementation of the 2010 recommendations of Parliament on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility
(2015/2038(INI))

Amendment 1
Constance Le Grip

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas trade agreements affect women and men differently owing to **gender** inequalities ***in access to education, job opportunities, services, resources and decision making;***

Amendment

A. whereas trade agreements ***may*** affect women and men differently owing to ***structural*** inequalities ***between them on the labour market;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas trade agreements affect women and men differently owing to gender inequalities in access to education, job opportunities, services, resources ***and*** decision making;

Amendment

A. whereas trade agreements affect women and men differently owing to gender inequalities in access to education, job opportunities, services, resources, ***income, their position as consumers, and their representation in*** decision making;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Constance Le Grip, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas comprehensive and balanced trade agreements may have a positive impact on women's employment rate,

contributing to growth and social cohesion;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the current EU Strategy for equality between women and men (2010-2015) provides that the EU will integrate gender equality into its trade policy as part of a wider framework of sustainable development;

Amendment

B. whereas gender equality as a strategic objective is essential for the achievement of general EU objectives; whereas the current EU Strategy for equality between women and men (2010-2015) provides that the EU will integrate gender equality into its trade policy as part of a wider framework of sustainable development;

Or. ro

Amendment 5
Constance Le Grip

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas any measure improving workers' skills, employment stability, working conditions, unemployment insurance and benefits – such as paid leave, including parental leave, and healthcare – is likely to benefit women workers greatly, especially those in the most precarious conditions;

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deleted

Or. en

Amendment 6
Catherine Bearder

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas according to article 8 of the TFEU the EU has an obligation to take account of the principle of gender equality and therefore the gender dimension should be incorporated in all its activities, including when negotiating trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas current human rights clauses in free trade agreements and other economic partnership agreements are ineffective and usually not respected, which have a detrimental effect on gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas gender was not mentioned in the Parliament's 2010 resolution on

corporate social responsibility (CSR) in international trade;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the fifth objective of the Sustainable Development Goals is the achievement of gender equality by 2030;

Or. it

Amendment 10
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas women and men are often differently affected by trade liberalisation, owing to different social rules applying to men and women, women's presence in low skill positions and gender inequalities in access to resources and education;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Catherine Bearder

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas trade agreements should on no account weaken the progress made the EU, or its Member States, in gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas abolishing barriers to investments in form of legal rights, social standards, consumer protection and environmental regulations will lead to a 'harmonisation' towards lower labour standards, as well as privatisation of public services and the welfare sector, which will have a negative impact on gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Julie Ward

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas sustainable and inclusive development and growth must include gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

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Amendment

Cb. whereas trade liberalisation cannot be expected to eliminate the gender inequalities by its own and needs specific tailored measures and economic recourses to monitor the impact on women;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Catherine Bearder

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Calls for the effective application of the International Labour Organisation's core labour standards and its Decent Work Agenda in EU preferential trade agreements;

1. Calls for the effective application of the International Labour Organisation's core labour standards and its Decent Work Agenda in EU preferential trade agreements ***as ILO standards are particularly relevant to improving gender equality because of their principles of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex and equal pay for men and women;***

Or. en

Amendment 16
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Calls for the *effective* application of the International Labour Organisation's core labour standards and its Decent Work Agenda in EU preferential trade agreements;

Amendment

1. Calls for the *binding* application of the International Labour Organisation's core labour standards and its Decent Work Agenda *as well as international environmental protection commitments* in EU preferential trade agreements;

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Calls for a broad-based effective participation of women and women's rights organisations and trade unions in trade consultations and negotiations as well as in trade policy-making and related implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1b. Calls for increased transparency and accountability to grassroots constituencies in the formulation of international trade rules and national trade policies, while ensuring consistency with respect for workers' rights, human rights including women's rights;

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Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

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Paragraph 1 c (new)

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Amendment

1c. Calls on the EU to ensure that trade policy does not overturn domestic regulations on social protection, consumer protection, public safety, public health and education, food safety, environmental protection and gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the EU for the systematic inclusion of binding, enforceable and non-negotiable human rights clauses, including girls and women's rights, in the EU's international agreements, including trade and investment agreements concluded or to be concluded;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Constance Le Grip, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Reiterates its strong support for the *practice of including legally binding human rights* clauses, with particular emphasis on women's rights, *in the EU's international trade agreements*;

Amendment

3. Reiterates its strong support for the *inclusion of human rights aspects in the EU's international trade agreements*, including *through, where appropriate, legally binding* clauses, with particular emphasis on women's rights;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Recalls likewise the EU's commitment to mainstream gender in all its policies and the importance of guaranteeing that men and women benefit equally from social changes, economic growth and the creation of decent jobs, doing away with discrimination and promoting respect for women's rights in the world;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Reiterates the importance of activating the suspension clause of the international trade agreements in the event of human rights infringements by the other contracting party;

Amendment 24
Constance Le Grip

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. *Considers it regrettable that trade agreements are often negotiated without reference to their impact on women's and girls' rights – the rights to health, education, food, work and water – and calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, **employment, migration** and gender equality;*

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4. ***Calls on the Commission and the Member States to collect data on the potential specific impact of trade agreements on the situation of women in third countries, in order** to increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, and gender equality;*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
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4. Considers it regrettable that trade agreements are often negotiated without reference to their impact on women's and girls' rights – the rights to health, education, food, work and water – and calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, employment, migration and gender equality;

Amendment

4. Considers it regrettable that trade agreements are often negotiated without reference to their impact on women's and girls' rights – the rights to health, education, food, work and water – and calls on the Commission and the Member States to **analyse in depth the impact thereof on gender issues and** increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, employment, migration and gender equality;

Or. ro

Amendment 26
Catherine Bearder

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4. Considers it regrettable that trade agreements are often negotiated without reference to their impact on women's and girls' rights – the rights to health, education, **food, work** and water – and calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, employment, migration and gender equality;

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4. Considers it regrettable that trade agreements are often negotiated without **specific** reference to their impact on women's and girls' rights **such as** the rights to health, **access to education and training, food, safe working conditions** and water – and calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, employment, migration and gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Inés Ayala Sender

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4. Considers it regrettable that trade agreements are often negotiated without reference to their impact on women's and girls' rights – the rights to health, education, food, work **and** water – and calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, employment, migration and gender equality;

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4. Considers it regrettable that trade agreements are often negotiated without reference to their impact on women's and girls' rights – the rights to health **and the associated rights, including to reproductive health**, education, food, work, water **and access to land ownership** – and calls on the Commission and the Member States to increase coherence among different but interlinked policies, such as trade, development, employment, migration and gender equality;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Viorica Dăncilă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Calls on the Commission, in parallel or prior to the negotiation of trade agreements, to conduct gender assessments, as part of a broader human development impact assessment;

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5. Calls on the Commission, in parallel or prior to the negotiation of trade agreements, to conduct gender assessments, as part of a broader human development impact assessment ***and to adopt proactive principles and policies in order to counter discrimination and social exclusion, promote gender equality and respect the fundamental rights of all;***

Or. ro

Amendment 29
Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

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5a. Stresses the need for sound and reliable data to evaluate the gendered impacts of different trade measures and instruments e.g. TTIP, TISA, CETA;

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Calls for existing trade and investment agreements to be assessed thoroughly systematically and compulsory in order to

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identify any areas which may negatively affect gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to include, in trade agreements, gender-equality benchmarks and resources to conduct ex-ante and ex-post assessments of the impact of trade agreements concluded by the EU on women and gender equality;

Or. es

Amendment 32
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

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5b. Reinforce its continuous and transparent need for engaging with a wide range of stakeholders throughout the negotiation process of trade agreements, including environmental, consumer, labour, development organisations and in particular, gender equality organisations and institutes ; encourages women and women organisations to participate actively and to put forward initiatives and information relevant to the negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Stresses that EU trade policy must ensure that states' capacity to regulate and protect women's rights, the environment, consumer rights and workers' rights is not undermined, and make sure that corporations and investors are held accountable to people and governments for their human rights, gender equality, social, environmental and development impacts.

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6. Stresses that EU trade policy must ensure that states' capacity to regulate and protect women's rights, *as well as* the environment, consumer rights and workers' rights, is not undermined, and make sure that corporations and investors are held accountable to people and governments for their human rights, gender equality, social, environmental and development impacts.

Or. es

Amendment 34
Constance Le Grip, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that EU trade policy *must ensure that states' capacity to regulate and* protect *women's* rights, the environment, consumer rights and workers' rights *is not undermined, and make sure that* corporations and investors *are held accountable to people and governments for their* human rights, gender equality, social, environmental and development *impacts.*

Amendment

6. Stresses that EU trade policy *should incentivise third country partners to* protect *women's* rights, the environment, consumer rights and workers' rights, *but should also promote EU* corporations' and investors' *responsibility as regards their impact on* human rights, gender equality, social, environmental and development.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Malin Björk, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for in-depth impact analyses, from a human rights, climate, gender equality and sustainability perspective, of the outcome of multilateral and bilateral trade agreements negotiated between the EU and third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Margot Parker

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Competence over negotiating and concluding international trade agreements should be repatriated from the EU back to Member States to ensure democratic accountability, the protection of citizens' rights and the safeguarding of public services.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Catherine Bearder

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that the EU, when negotiating trade agreements, should be concerned to not only improve global social and environmental standards and a fairer and equitable global model of trade, but also

promote gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Julie Ward

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

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6a. Regrets that gender perspectives have so far been largely neglected in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR);

Or. en

Amendment 39

Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that the gender dimension in EU trade policy has not been fully mainstreamed into its strategy for equality between men and women; deplores that the communication of 15 October 2015 on the new EU strategy for trade and investment failed to take due account of gender;

Or. es

Amendment 40

Inés Ayala Sender

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for the systematic inclusion in trade agreements of an ambitious and binding chapter on sustainable development, including provisions on its impact on women's rights, and a mechanism for addressing employment-related or environmental disputes by lodging complaints and meting out sanctions.

Or. fr

**Amendment 41
Julie Ward**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)**

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Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to mainstream gender into its policy on CSR, through including measures, among others: for corporations to increase the representation of women in management positions at all levels, and specifically in sectors where they are underrepresented, to support life-long learning and training for women at work, particularly in male-dominated sectors, to ensure adequate work conditions and rights for women throughout their supply chains, and to avoid sourcing material from conflict areas where there is widespread gender-based violence; calls on the Commission to include gender in CSR clauses in international trade agreements;

Or. en

**Amendment 42
Julie Ward**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. Highlights that alternative business models such as cooperatives, mutuals, and social enterprises play an important role at promoting gender equality, and advancing sustainable and inclusive development and growth; calls on the Commission and Member States to facilitate and promote these alternative models across the EU, and in trade and development policy;

Or. en