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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Ionel-Sorin Moisă
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Conclusion of an Association agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part
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Amendment 1
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the EU-Moldova Association Agreement – negotiated under the framework of the Eastern Partnership for the 2010-2013 period – includes, in particular, a trade pillar which, in light of the regulatory approximation provisions contained therein, may constitute one of the most ambitious free trade agreements that the EU has concluded to date with a third country;

Amendment

A. whereas the EU-Moldova Association Agreement – negotiated under the framework of the Eastern Partnership for the 2010-2013 period – includes, in particular, a trade pillar which, in light of the regulatory approximation provisions contained therein, may constitute one of the most ambitious free trade agreements that the EU has concluded to date with a third country; ***whereas the measures expected to be carried out by Moldova over a short time period will lead to all the known effects of a shock therapy;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

A a. whereas it is very difficult for any Moldovan government to implement the agreed approximation to the Union's acquis without strong administrative support from EU experts;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 3
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A b. whereas the association agreement and in particular the regulatory component of its trade chapter shows all characteristics of a pre-accession agreement, without providing Moldova with access to funding made available by the EU to countries with candidate status; whereas members of the Moldovan government have repeatedly announced an application for EU membership in 2015; whereas such an application should be legitimated by a referendum;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas the creation of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between the EU and Moldova represents one of the most ***significant mutual benefits*** of the agreement, bearing ***incontrovertible importance*** for trade and economic growth, prosperity and stability in Moldova;

B. whereas the creation of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between the EU and Moldova represents one of the most ***challenging elements*** of the agreement, bearing ***not only opportunities for the diversification of Moldovan exports, but also risks*** for trade and economic growth, prosperity and stability in Moldova ***due to increased competition***;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the creation of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between the EU and Moldova represents one of the most significant mutual benefits of the agreement, bearing incontrovertible importance for trade and economic growth, prosperity and stability in Moldova;

Amendment

B. whereas the creation of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between the EU and Moldova represents one of the most significant mutual benefits of the agreement, bearing incontrovertible importance for trade and economic growth, **jobs creation**, prosperity and stability in Moldova;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas by having established a DCFTA with the EU, Moldova will enhance its access to the EU market, thereby creating new opportunities for development and growth and benefiting Moldovan businesses and citizens directly; whereas **the EU will benefit from** smoother commercial flows and better investment conditions in Moldova;

Amendment

C. whereas by having established a DCFTA with the EU, Moldova will enhance its access to the EU market, thereby creating new opportunities for development and growth and benefiting Moldovan businesses and citizens directly; whereas **Moldova will open its market to goods and services from the EU and will provide for** smoother commercial flows and better investment conditions in Moldova, **which will create major challenges for the competitiveness of Moldovan companies, including the public procurement and services sector;**

Or. en

Amendment 7
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the DCFTA includes several provisions aimed at reforming Moldova's trade legislation and trade-related policies in line with, and on the basis of, the EU acquis, which will provide for the modernisation of the country's economy and an improved and more predictable business environment;

Amendment

D. whereas the DCFTA includes several provisions aimed at reforming Moldova's trade legislation and trade-related policies in line with, and on the basis of, the EU acquis, which will provide for the modernisation of the country's economy and an improved and more predictable business environment; ***whereas at the same it must be avoided that the approximation to the Union's acquis cuts Moldova's economic opportunities towards its neighbours in the Eurasian Economic Union;***

Or. en

Amendment 8
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 9
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

D a. whereas the DCFTA might even complicate outstanding issues related to Transnistria, in particular with regard to rules of origin;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. whereas by granting autonomous trade preferences and GSP+ preferences, the EU has already afforded substantial benefits to the Moldovan **market** and should **continue to** support the country in the future;

E. whereas by granting autonomous trade preferences and GSP+ preferences, the EU has already afforded substantial benefits to the Moldovan **exporters** and should **increase its direct support for** the country in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ionel-Sorin Moisă

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. whereas by granting autonomous trade preferences and GSP+ preferences, the EU has already afforded substantial benefits to the Moldovan **market** and should continue to support the country in the future;

E. whereas by granting autonomous trade preferences and, **previously**, GSP+ preferences, the EU has already afforded substantial benefits to the Moldovan **economy** and should continue to support the country in the future;

Amendment 12
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Recital E a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

E a. whereas the trade committee of the European Parliament has produced its opinion under enormous time pressure, created by the leading foreign affairs committee and their desire to ratify the agreement prior to the upcoming elections in Moldova, thus not allowing for any consultation with stakeholders or an expert hearing; whereas this procedure does not comply with good parliamentary practice established in the context of the ratification of other trade agreements by the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Commends Moldova's determination and commitment to pursue closer economic ties with the EU by undertaking deep, complex and costly economic reforms; **strongly believes** that the DCFTA will have a long-term beneficial effect for Moldova's economy and will thus contribute to increasing the quality of life of its citizens;

1. Commends Moldova's determination and commitment to pursue closer economic ties with the EU by undertaking deep, complex and costly economic reforms; **hopes** that the DCFTA will have a long-term beneficial effect for Moldova's economy and will thus **one day** contribute to increasing the quality of life of its citizens; **is aware of the short-term negative effects for Moldova's economy**

and citizens of the foreseen shock therapy;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the ratification of the agreement by the Parliament of Moldova on 23 July 2014, which triggered the provisional application of the DCFTA as from 1 September 2014; notes the significant damages suffered by the Moldovan economy in recent months following the politically motivated import bans imposed by Russia, *and welcomes the provisional application* of the DCFTA, *which should at least provide for the alleviation* of the *damages incurred*;

Amendment

2. *Acknowledges* the ratification of the agreement by the Parliament of Moldova on 23 July 2014, which triggered the provisional application of the DCFTA as from 1 September 2014; notes the significant damages suffered by the Moldovan economy in recent months following the politically motivated import bans imposed by Russia; *notes with concern the short- and mid-term impact of the implementation* of the DCFTA *on the social and economic life of Moldovan citizens, in particular with regard to the employment situation; calls therefore for additional supportive measures by the EU; strongly criticises the provisional application* of the DCFTA *prior to its ratification by the European Parliament*;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Moldova on 23 July 2014, which triggered the provisional application of the DCFTA as from 1 September 2014; *regrets* the significant damages suffered by the Moldovan economy in recent months following the politically motivated import bans imposed by Russia, and welcomes the provisional application of the DCFTA, which should at least provide for the alleviation of the damages incurred;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Yannick Jadot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines the fact that the success of the DCFTA is subject to the thorough and effective implementation by both parties of the commitments set out in the agreement; calls, in this respect, for the EU to provide Moldova with all necessary technical assistance;

Amendment

3. Underlines the fact that the success of the DCFTA is subject to the thorough and effective implementation by both parties of the commitments set out in the agreement; calls, in this respect, for the EU to provide Moldova with all necessary *financial and* technical assistance, *also with a view to alleviating short-term costs for Moldova*;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines the fact that the success of the DCFTA is subject to the thorough and effective implementation by both parties of the commitments set out in the agreement;

Amendment

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the agreement; calls, in this respect, for the EU to provide Moldova with all necessary technical assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Believes that parliamentary scrutiny is a fundamental condition for democratic support for EU policies; calls, therefore, on the Commission to facilitate the regular and detailed monitoring of the implementation of the DCFTA by Parliament.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 19
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Believes that parliamentary scrutiny is a fundamental condition for democratic support for EU policies; calls, therefore, on the Commission to facilitate the regular and detailed monitoring of the implementation of the DCFTA by Parliament.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls on the EU Commission to immediately begin talks with member states of the Eurasian Economic Union and Moldova to identify obstacles to improved economic cooperation emerging from the DCFTA, endeavour to resolve those and to rebuild trust and prosperity in the entire region;

Or. en