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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Regrets that 29 % of the transactions audited in relation to the Union's External relations, Aid and Enlargement, were affected by error, and that none of the errors found had been detected by the Commissions' checks; however, is satisfied that the most likely error was reduced from 3,3 % in 2012 to 2,6 % in 2013;

Amendment

2. Regrets that 29 % of the transactions audited in relation to the Union's External relations, Aid and Enlargement, were affected by error, and that none of the errors found had been detected by the Commissions' checks; however, is satisfied that the most likely error was reduced from 3,3 % in 2012 to 2,6 % in 2013, ***but stresses there is still room for improvement;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment 3
Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Or. it

Amendment 4
Franz Obermayr

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. de

Amendment 5
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Notes that the Court of Auditors observed that, even though there have also been positive developments, the GSP has not yet been able to fully achieve its intended goals; notes also that this system has only been in force for a short time;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Criticises the fact that the Commission failed to submit to the Court of Auditors in good time the impact assessments concerning the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), and urges the Commission to remedy that failing, given the importance of such ex ante assessments for negotiations on trade agreements;

Or. it

Amendment 7
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses that evaluation and control of

trade agreements is not only a budgetary issue, but that it is also essential when it comes to keeping partners to the commitments they have taken in the field of human rights, labour and environmental standards;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Asks to ensure sufficient controls on the various activities supporting the internationalisation of the Union's small and medium-sized enterprises as well as their access to third markets; reminds of the *urgent need for an independent evaluation, in particular, of the effectiveness of the* EU business centres *in Asia.*

Amendment

7. Asks to ensure sufficient controls on the various activities supporting the internationalisation of the Union's small and medium-sized enterprises as well as their access to third markets; reminds of the *need to evaluate the level of effectiveness of and to look for ways in which coordination between* EU business centres, *national business centres and chambers of commerce in third countries could be improved;*

Or. en