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AMENDMENTS

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An integrated European policy for the Arctic
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Amendment
Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Notes that three EU Member States (Denmark, Finland and Sweden) and one Overseas Country and Territory (Greenland) are members of the eight-member Arctic Council and seven others (France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, and the United Kingdom) are observers while the EU is seeking to upgrade its status in the Arctic Council;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Takes note of the fact that the Arctic has long been an area of constructive international cooperation and that there is a need to keep the Arctic a low-tension area; whereas interest in the Arctic is increasing because of resource scarcity and the changing environment;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Acknowledges *that climate* change is *creating new opportunities for the* economic development of the Arctic *through the potential exploitation of energy resources such as oil and gas, the creation of new shipping routes and the intensification of tourism activities, which would boost trade with, and investment in, the area;*

Amendment

1. Acknowledges *in line with the statement of the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region of June 2016 that transformative* change is *now occurring in the Arctic driven by the forces of climate change and globalization; calls to intensify collaborative work towards sustainability and adaptation to climate change in the Arctic; calls to prepare decisions on the future* economic development of the Arctic *region by intensified multidisciplinary research concerning the role of the Arctic in the global climate system and ensure that research outcome and results are openly shared internationally; recognises that the effects of the melting ice and rapidly increasing temperatures are not only a risk factor in displacing indigenous populations and thereby threatening the indigenous way of life, but are also creating opportunities for economic development in the Arctic region; acknowledges the wishes of the inhabitants and governments of the Arctic region with sovereign rights and responsibilities to continue to pursue sustainable economic development while at the same time protecting the traditional sources of indigenous peoples' livelihoods and the very sensitive nature of Arctic ecosystems; recommends to strengthen environmental safety and sustainable economic cooperation between the Arctic states, regions and local communities to increase employment, prosperity and quality of life while applying the highest environmental standards;*

Or. en

Amendment
David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Acknowledges that climate change *is creating new opportunities* for the *economic development* of the Arctic *through the potential exploitation of energy resources such as oil and gas*, the creation of new shipping routes and the intensification of tourism activities, *which would* boost trade with, and investment in, the area;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that climate change *remains the main concern* for the *future* of the Arctic, *its human communities and its natural environment, although recognizes that* the creation of new shipping routes and the intensification of tourism activities *could* boost trade with, and investment in, the area;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Acknowledges that climate change is creating new opportunities for the economic development of the Arctic through the potential exploitation of energy resources such as oil and gas, the creation of new shipping routes and the intensification of tourism activities, which would boost trade with, and investment in, the area; *in this regard, stresses the importance of the EU trade policy as a tool to promote sustainable development and environmental objectives and commitments, thanks to their inclusion in some recently negotiated FTAs, as in CETA;*

Or. en

Amendment 6
Jan Zahradil on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Acknowledges that climate change is creating new opportunities for the economic development of the Arctic through the potential exploitation of energy resources *such as oil and gas*, the creation of new shipping routes and the intensification of tourism activities, which would boost trade with, and investment in, the area;

Amendment

1. Acknowledges that climate change is creating new opportunities for the economic development of the Arctic through the potential exploitation of energy resources *as the Arctic is reckoned to hold around 15 percent of the world's undiscovered oil resources and 30 percent of those in natural gas*, the creation of new shipping routes and *infrastructure as well as* the intensification of tourism activities, which would boost trade with, and investment in, the area *over the long turn*;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Laima Liucija Andrikiene

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses the importance of the creation of new shipping routes as a tool to promote the Arctic region trade dimension; in this regard, welcomes the CETA chapters on international maritime transport services and on public procurement; emphasizes that the participation of the European firms in the Canadian procurement market will have a positive impact on the EU shipbuilding sector, notably icebreakers;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that all member states in the Arctic Council identify the protection of the environment as their priority goal for the region; is mindful that trade and economic interests expressed by the European Union may not jeopardise environmental protection measures in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Recalls its 2011 Resolution in stressing the global impact of changes in the Arctic region and the important role that the EU and other industrial powers will have to play alongside the circumpolar nations in reducing pollution in the Arctic region caused by an increase in activities there; points out that climate changes in the Arctic will have a major impact on coastal regions globally, including coastal regions in the European Union, and on climate-dependent sectors in Europe such as agriculture and fisheries, energy, reindeer herding, hunting, tourism and transport;

Or. en

Amendment 10
David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that any current and new ***economic activity*** should be carried out in a sustainable way in order not to undermine the Arctic's natural heritage and with full respect for the Indigenous communities;

Amendment

2. Considers that any current and new ***activities*** should be carried out in a sustainable way in order not to undermine the Arctic's natural heritage and with full respect for the Indigenous communities ***and preserving the Arctic as a peaceful and demilitarized area;***

Or. en

Amendment 11
Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that any current and new economic activity should be carried out in a sustainable way in order not to undermine the Arctic's natural heritage and with full respect for the Indigenous communities;

Amendment

2. Considers that any current and new economic activity should be carried out in a sustainable way in order not to undermine the Arctic's ***fragile ecosystem***, natural heritage, ***local traditions*** and with full respect for the Indigenous communities;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

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undermine the Arctic's natural heritage and with full respect for the *Arctic* Indigenous *peoples and local* communities;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Jan Zahradil on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Considers that any current and new economic activity should be carried out in a sustainable way in order not to undermine the Arctic's natural heritage and with full respect for the Indigenous communities;

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Or. en

Amendment 14

Bendt Bendtsen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers the EU a central strategic partner in supporting sustainable economic development in the Arctic; Considers it essential that EU policy in the Arctic Region reflects the Sustainable Development Goals, that the EU has committed to achieving by 2030;

Or. en

Amendment 15

David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Underlines the necessity to involve the local communities of the Arctic in sustainable economic activities and in decision making processes in order to avoid radical changes in their traditions and living standards;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Takes note of the consultations by the Commission and the European External Action Service, which suggest that the European Arctic is suffering from underinvestment;*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Welcomes that the Russian government announced in September 2016 a ten year moratorium on new offshore oil and gas licenses for drilling on the country's Arctic shelf;*

Or. en

Amendment 18

Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Understands that the Arctic environment is uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of an oil spill; that Arctic conditions make such a spill more likely whilst severely limiting the potential to clean it up; and that the exploitation of Arctic oil resources will significantly increase the risks of dangerous climate change; calls on the Commission, the Member States, and Arctic states to develop and apply common, precautionary standards to the extraction of oil in the region; including a ban on extraction from marine environments, where it is not possible to respond adequately to a spillage, and to work in the international fora towards a total ban of oil and gas extraction in these regions;*

Or. en

Amendment 19

Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. *Recalls that in order to support sustainable development in the Arctic, there is a need for economic development, which includes for instance investing in issues such as environment, adaptation to climate change, infrastructure, renewable energy, transportation routes, meteorological cooperation and*

sustainable tourism;

Or. en

Amendment 20
David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Recalls the need to avoid any further investment in technologies and research aiming at the exploitation of natural resources in those international waters that will become exploitable as result of ice melting;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Welcomes the landmark decision of the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 70th session, 24-28 October 2016 in London, for both the environment and human health, to confirm 1 January 2020 as the implementation date for a significant reduction in the sulphur content of the fuel oil used by ships in international maritime transport to a maximum of 0.50% m/m (mass/mass), and calls on the governments in the Arctic region to do their utmost to ensure the implementation of this decision for all transport using the Arctic passages, in line with the clear

commitment by IMO to ensuring shipping meets its environmental obligations;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Hannu Takkula

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Underlines that European Arctic policy should be developed and carried out together with the peoples living there in order to find the right balance of preservation of the area and meeting the needs for economic development;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Calls on the Commission, the EU Member States and the other Arctic Council Members to strive for an international agreement to ban the use of the Arctic passages by ships powered by hazardous fuels, and to ban the use of the Arctic passages for international trade in hazardous goods;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *Takes note of Canada's commitments in the trade and environment chapter of CETA, in particular on sustainable fisheries and trade in forest products;*

Amendment

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 25
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Takes note of Canada's commitments in the trade and environment chapter of CETA, in particular on sustainable fisheries and trade in forest products;

Amendment

3. Takes note of Canada's commitments in the trade and environment chapter of CETA, in particular on sustainable fisheries and trade in forest products; ***underlines that Canada and the EU have reaffirmed their commitments to strengthening their cooperation in the Arctic at the XVI Canada - EU Summit Joint Declaration of 30 October 2016;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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sustainable fisheries and trade in forest products;

sustainable fisheries and trade in forest products *and asks the Commission to regularly check and report on this situation;*

Or. en

Amendment 27
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that EU fishing fleets shall not threaten biodiversity in the region; welcomes the identification of Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas in the Arctic region under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as an important process in ensuring the effective conservation of Arctic biodiversity and stresses the importance of implementing an Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) approach in the coastal, marine and terrestrial environments of the Arctic, as highlighted by the Arctic Council EBM expert group; call on states to meet their obligations under the CBD and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea by creating a network of marine protected areas and marine reserves in the Arctic Ocean;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Proposes, while invoking the spirit of peace and co-operation that enabled the creation of the Antarctic Treaty, that Arctic states work with the international community to declare the area of international waters around the North Pole a global sanctuary;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Christofer Fjellner, Bendt Bendtsen, Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Recalls that following the WTO challenge by Canada and Norway to the EU ban on seal products, the measure has been strengthened to bring it into line with the WTO Appellate Body ruling of 2014, and that its legitimacy can no longer be called into question;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 30

David Martin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Recalls that following the WTO challenge by Canada and Norway to the EU ban on seal products, the measure has been strengthened to bring it into line with the WTO Appellate Body ruling of 2014, and that its legitimacy can no longer be

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called into question;

called into question; *highlights that similar trade bans are in force in particular in the US and Russia and that these measures will contribute to preserve wildlife in the Arctic as seals are integral to their local ecosystem;*

Or. en

Amendment 31

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to include substantive trade and environmental provisions in TTIP, which can contribute to preserving Alaska's natural environment, including on fisheries and forestry;

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 32

David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to include substantive trade and environmental provisions in TTIP, which can contribute to preserving Alaska's natural environment, including on fisheries and forestry;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 33
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to include *substantive trade and environmental provisions in TTIP, which can contribute to preserving Alaska's natural environment, including **on** fisheries and forestry;*

Amendment

5. ***Welcomes the announcement of Commissioner Malmström to pause the negotiations with the US on a TTIP;*** Calls on the Commission to include ***in all commercial agreements with Arctic countries binding commitments to preserve the Arctic region's natural environment, including **regarding** fisheries and forestry;***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Laima Liucija Andrikienė

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to include substantive trade and environmental provisions in TTIP, which can contribute to preserving Alaska's natural environment, including on fisheries and forestry;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to include substantive trade and environmental provisions in TTIP, which can contribute to preserving Alaska's natural environment, including on fisheries and forestry; ***considers that the inclusion of such provisions shall become an integral part of any future FTA that the EU will conclude with non-EU Arctic partners;***

Or. en

Amendment 35
Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to include substantive trade and environmental provisions in TTIP, which can contribute to preserving *Alaska's* natural environment, including on fisheries and forestry;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to include substantive trade and environmental provisions in TTIP, which can contribute to preserving natural environment *of Arctic areas in North America and Europe*, including on fisheries and forestry;

Or. en

Amendment 36
David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Takes note of the conclusion of a free trade agreement between Iceland and China, and *will monitor* closely the effects it may have on the sustainable economic development not only of the Icelandic side of the Arctic but also on the EU internal market;

Amendment

7. Takes note of the conclusion of a free trade agreement between Iceland and China, and *calls on the Commission to* closely *monitor* the effects it may have on the sustainable economic development not only of the Icelandic side of the Arctic but also on the EU internal market *avoiding the entry of goods hampering EU competitiveness and consumer safety*;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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it may have on the sustainable economic development not only of the Icelandic side of the Arctic but also on the EU *internal market*;

it may have on the sustainable economic development not only of the Icelandic side of the Arctic but also on the EU *economy*;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Jan Zahradil on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Takes note of the conclusion of a free trade agreement between Iceland and China, and will monitor closely the effects it may have on the sustainable economic development not only of the Icelandic side of the Arctic but also on the EU internal market;

Amendment

7. ***Stresses the rising interest of China for Arctic region especially in the access to shipping routes and in its energy resources***, takes note of the conclusion of a free trade agreement between Iceland and China, and will monitor closely the effects it may have on the sustainable economic development not only of the Icelandic side of the Arctic but also on the EU internal market;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Jan Zahradil on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. ***Recalls that no free trade agreement has been concluded between EU and Russia, and that therefore the EU has no effective bilateral instrument with which to influence trade and investment in the Russian Arctic.***

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 40
David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. ***Recalls*** that no free trade agreement has been concluded between EU and Russia, and that therefore the EU has no effective bilateral instrument with which to influence trade and investment in the Russian Arctic.

Amendment

8. ***Regrets*** that no free trade agreement has been concluded between EU and Russia, and that therefore the EU has no effective bilateral instrument with which to influence trade and investment in the Russian Arctic. ***Calls on the Commission to investigate the possibility to redeem negotiations and asks the Council to lift the current sanctions.***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Recalls that ***no free trade*** agreement has been ***concluded between EU and Russia, and that therefore the EU has no*** effective bilateral instrument with which to influence trade and investment in the Russian Arctic.

Amendment

8. Recalls that ***the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Russia*** has been ***the framework of the EU-Russia relations since 1997 and regulates the political and economic relations between the two parties; deplores that talks on modernizing the agreement have failed, preventing also the establishment of a more*** effective bilateral instrument with which to influence trade and investment in the Russian Arctic.

Or. en

Amendment 42
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Recalls that *no free trade agreement has been concluded between EU and Russia*, and *that therefore the EU has no effective bilateral instrument with which to influence trade and investment in the Russian Arctic*.

Amendment

8. Recalls that *the EU will benefit from an environmentally prudent development of the Russian Arctic* and *urges the immediate normalisation of relations with Russia in order to strengthen cooperation in the development plans for that region*.

Or. el

Amendment 43
Hannu Takkula, Paavo Väyrynen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Reiterates the call on the Commission to establish the EU Arctic Information Centre, with sufficient funds, in order to ensure efficient access to Arctic information and knowledge; points out that this kind of an EU Arctic Information Centre could be linked with already existing Arctic Centre or with some other Arctic institution as this kind of a solution would crucially lower the costs;*

Or. en

Amendment 44
David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Calls on the Commission and the Council to promote the creation of an International Arctic Sanctuary aimed at preserving natural environment, local economic and social activities from further distress that might result in increasing natural resources exploitation in international waters.*

Or. en

Amendment 45

David Martin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Recalls that under the EU-Greenland Fisheries Partnership Agreement of 2007 the EU grants Greenland financial support for securing responsible fishing and the sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources in the Greenlandic exclusive economic zone;*

Or. en

Amendment 46

Jan Zahradil on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Recalls the partial freeze in relations between the EU and Russia over the last two years; stresses however that the EU-Russia dialogue on the Arctic is still open in the areas of environmental management and scientific cooperation.*

Amendment 47

David Martin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Stresses that companies operating in the Arctic should comply with binding corporate social responsibility standards which could be developed in cooperation with the Arctic Economic Council and should be based, among others, on the Arctic Investment Protocol and the UN Global Compact.

Or. en

Amendment 48

David Martin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Calls on the Commission to explore wider international finance cooperation instruments to develop infrastructures such as railways, ports and satellites, which are essential to allow for new economic activities and monitor their effects on the environment.

Or. en

Amendment 49

David Martin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8d. Recalls that shipping in the Arctic is subject to specific requirements established by the International Maritime Organisation and welcomes the entry into force of the Polar Code expected on 1 January 2017.

Or. en