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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 62**

**Draft question for oral answer**  
**Sajjad Karim**  
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State-of-play of the implementation of the Sustainability Compact in  
Bangladesh  
(2017/2636(RSP))



**Amendment 1**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 7 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Commission staff working document entitled "Sustainable garment value chains through EU development action" (COM (2017) 0147) of 24 April 2017,*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Tokia Saïfi, Fernando Ruas**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 7 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Commission staff working document of 24 April 2017, entitled 'Sustainable garment value chains through EU development action',*

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 15 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to special paragraph in the ILO Committee on Application of Standards of the ILO Conference of 2016, the ILO High Level Tripartite Mission Report and the 2017 observations of the ILO Committee of*

**Amendment 4**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Maria Arena**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Citation 15 b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard for the complaint filed in 2017 with the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association concerning the government's crackdown on garment workers in Ashulia in December 2016 and the complaint filed with the UN special mandates concerning the crackdown in Ashulia*

**Amendment 5**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Anne-Marie Mineur, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Citation 16**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

— having regard to special paragraph in the ILO Committee on Application of Standards of the ILO Conference of 2016,

— having regard to special paragraph in the ILO Committee on Application of Standards of the ILO Conference of 2016, *the ILO High Level Tripartite Mission Report and the 2017 observations of the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations concerning Conventions 87 and 98 - all which demonstrate convincingly the failure of the government to respect the right to freedom of association and to bargain*

*collectively;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Citation 16 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard for the complaint filed in 2017 with the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association concerning the government's crackdown on garment workers in Ashulia in December 2016 and the complaint filed with the UN special mandates concerning the crackdown in Ashulia;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**Fernando Ruas**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Citation 21 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Accord Quarterly Aggregate Report on remediation progress at RMG factories covered by the Accord of 31 October 2016,*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital A**

**A.** *whereas Bangladesh has undergone remarkable development in recent years, the country's GDP is predicted to grow annually at an average of 6.6 % between 2013 and 2018, while between 2010 and 2013, total trade grew on average 19% per year, whereas in the Human Development Index (HDI) Bangladesh has consistently moved up the ranks since the 1980s;*

*deleted*

Or. en

### **Amendment 9**

**Agnes Jongerius, Alessia Maria Mosca**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**C.** *whereas the ready-made industry (RMG) is currently employing 4.2 million people in as many as 5000 factories and indirectly supports the livelihoods of as many as 40 million people – about a quarter of Bangladesh's population; whereas the RMG industry has importantly contributed to poverty reduction and to empowerment of women; whereas women, mostly from rural areas, represent 80% of the RMG sector in Bangladesh;*

**C.** *whereas the ready-made industry (RMG) is currently employing 4.2 million people in as many as 5000 factories and indirectly supports the livelihoods of as many as 40 million people -about a quarter of Bangladesh's population; whereas the RMG industry has importantly contributed to poverty reduction and to empowerment of women; whereas women, mostly from rural areas, represent 80% of the RMG sector in Bangladesh; **whereas however 80% of workers are still employed in the informal sector; whereas the complex nature of the garment supply chain and its low level of transparency facilitate human rights violations and increase exploitation;***

Or. en

### **Amendment 10**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza**

## Draft motion for a resolution

### Recital C

#### *Draft motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the ready-made industry (RMG) is currently employing 4.2 million people in as many as 5000 factories and indirectly supports the livelihoods of as many as 40 million people – about a quarter of Bangladesh's population; ***whereas the RMG industry has importantly contributed to poverty reduction and to empowerment of women; whereas women, mostly from rural areas, represent 80% of the RMG sector in Bangladesh;***

#### *Amendment*

C. whereas the ready-made industry (RMG) is currently employing 4.2 million people in as many as 5000 factories and indirectly supports the livelihoods of as many as 40 million people – about a quarter of Bangladesh's population;

Or. en

## Amendment 11

### Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

## Draft motion for a resolution

### Recital C

#### *Draft motion for a resolution*

C. whereas the ready-made industry (RMG) is currently employing 4.2 million people in as many as 5000 factories and indirectly supports the livelihoods of as many as 40 million people – about a quarter of Bangladesh's population; whereas the RMG industry has importantly contributed to poverty reduction and to empowerment of women; whereas women, mostly from rural areas, represent 80% of the RMG sector in Bangladesh;

#### *Amendment*

C. whereas the ready-made industry (RMG) is currently employing 4.2 million people in as many as 5000 factories and indirectly supports the livelihoods of as many as 40 million people – about a quarter of Bangladesh's population; whereas the RMG industry has importantly contributed to poverty reduction and to empowerment of women; whereas women, mostly from rural areas, represent 80% of the RMG sector in Bangladesh; ***whereas, however, the minimum wage in the RMG sector has remained below the World Bank's poverty line;***

Or. en

## Amendment 12

Agnes Jongerius, Alessia Maria Mosca

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***C a. whereas gender equality is a driver of development; whereas women rights fall under the human rights spectrum; whereas it is firmly established in Article 8 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union that "In all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women" and, therefore, the EU has a duty to mainstream gender equality in all its policies, 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 13**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital C b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***C b. Whereas approximately 10% of the workforce in the RMG sector is employed in Export Processing Zones (EPZ), whereas under the EPZ Labour Act falls short of granting sufficient basic rights to workers in comparison to those elsewhere in Bangladesh, whereas a vast expansion of EPZ is planned.***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**

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**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the EU's generous unilateral trade preference under the so-called "Everything, but arms" initiative for least-developed countries (LDCs) enshrined in the EU GSP regulation granting tariff-free access for Bangladesh textiles under flexible rules of origins have significantly contributed to this success story;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the EU's generous unilateral trade preference under the so-called "Everything, but arms" initiative for least-developed countries (LDCs) enshrined in the EU GSP regulation granting tariff-free access for Bangladesh textiles under flexible rules of origins have significantly contributed to this success story;***growth in export and employment***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the EU's generous unilateral trade preference under the so-called "Everything, but arms" initiative for least-developed countries (LDCs) enshrined in the EU GSP regulation granting tariff-free access for Bangladesh textiles under flexible rules of origins have significantly contributed to ***this success story***;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the EU's generous unilateral trade preference under the so-called "Everything, but arms" initiative for least-developed countries (LDCs) enshrined in the EU GSP regulation granting tariff-free access for Bangladesh textiles under flexible rules of origins have significantly contributed to ***Bangladesh's sizable garment exports***;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital D**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the EU's **generous** unilateral trade preference under the so-called "Everything, but arms" initiative for least-developed countries (LDCs) enshrined in the EU GSP regulation granting tariff-free access for Bangladesh textiles under flexible rules of origins have **significantly** contributed to **this success story**;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the EU's unilateral trade preference under the so-called "Everything, but arms" initiative for least-developed countries (LDCs) enshrined in the EU GSP regulation granting tariff-free access for Bangladesh textiles under flexible rules of origins have contributed to **Bangladesh's sizable exports, including of garments**;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital E**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

E. whereas these **generous** trade preferences are enshrined in the EU's principle to promote fair and free trade, and, therefore, provide for the EU to suspend GSP benefits in most serious cases of human rights violations on the basis of chapter V article 19 point 1 a) of the GSP regulation, which stipulates that preferential treatments may be withdrawn temporarily for [among others]: serious and systematic violation of principles laid down in the conventions listed in Part A of Annex VIII;

*Amendment*

E. whereas these trade preferences are enshrined in the EU's principle to promote fair and free trade, and, therefore, provide for the EU to suspend GSP benefits in most serious cases of human rights violations on the basis of chapter V article 19 point 1 a) of the GSP regulation, which stipulates that preferential treatments may be withdrawn temporarily for [among others]: serious and systematic violation of principles laid down in the conventions listed in Part A of Annex VIII, **including the eight ILO fundamental conventions**;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital E a (new)**

***E a. Whereas Bangladesh will cease to be eligible for EBA in 2021, due to its good growth performance, and will have to apply for GSP+ to maintain the current level of market access; whereas GSP+ obligates the receiving country to strict compliance with 27 international conventions on, among others, good governance, labour law and freedom of association; whereas Bangladesh does not meet all of these criteria at the present;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital F a (new)**

***F a. whereas the Directorate-Generals of EMPL, DEVE and TRADE of the European Commission send a letter on March 16 2017 to the Government of Bangladesh demanding tangible progress by May 18 2017 on the following four points: 1) Undertake amendments to the 2013 Labour Act, 2) ensure that the law governing the EPZs allows for full freedom of association, 3) investigate as a matter of urgency all acts of anti-union discrimination and 4) ensure that applications for union registration are acted upon expeditiously and are not denied unless they fail to meet clear and objective criteria set forth in law;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***F b. Whereas the International Labour Organisation gave Bangladesh a special paragraph in the ILO Committee on Application of Standards of the ILO Conference in 2016 stating that the country is in serious breach of its obligations under convention 87 (freedom of association); Whereas in 2015, the ILO reported that 78% of trade union registration applications were rejected due to a mix of hostility to unions by factory managers, certain politicians and an administrative incapacity to register them.***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

G. whereas, according to various reports, hundreds of garment workers died in various factory fires in Bangladesh since 2006, whereas it is estimated that 11.7 thousand workers suffer from fatal accidents and a further 24.5 thousand die from work related diseases across all sectors each year;

G. whereas, according to various reports, hundreds of garment workers died in various factory fires in Bangladesh since 2006, ***for which regrettably many culpable factory owners and managers have never been brought to justice***, whereas it is estimated that 11.7 thousand workers suffer from fatal accidents and a further 24.5 thousand die from work related diseases across all sectors each year;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

H. whereas the current minimum wage of 5 300 BDT (US \$ 67) per month has not been increased since 2013;

*Amendment*

H. whereas the current minimum wage of 5 300 BDT (US \$ 67) per month has not been increased since 2013 ***and continues to provide an income below the extreme poverty line set by the World Bank; whereas the minimum wage board has not been convened;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

H. whereas the current minimum wage of 5 300 BDT (US \$ 67) per month has not been increased since 2013;

*Amendment*

H. whereas the current minimum wage of 5 300 BDT (US \$ 67) per month has not been increased since 2013 ***and the minimum wage board has not been convened;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital I**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

I. whereas since 21st December 2016, following strikes and demonstrations by Bangladeshi garment workers seeking higher wages, the Bangladeshi authorities ***have arrested or*** detained at least ***14***

*Amendment*

I. whereas since 21st December 2016, following strikes and demonstrations by Bangladeshi garment workers seeking higher wages, the Bangladeshi authorities ***arbitrarily arrested and*** detained at least ***35***

*unions* leaders and *worker rights advocates*;

*union* leaders and *advocates, shut union and NGO offices and put them under police surveillance, and suspended or dismissed 1600 workers for protesting the low wages in the garment industry*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 25**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital I**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

I. whereas since 21st December 2016, following strikes and demonstrations by Bangladeshi garment workers seeking higher wages, the Bangladeshi authorities have arrested or detained at least **14 unions** leaders and *worker rights advocates*;

###### *Amendment*

I. whereas since 21st December 2016, following strikes and demonstrations by Bangladeshi garment workers seeking higher wages, the Bangladeshi authorities have arrested or detained at least **35 union** leaders and *advocates, shut union and NGO offices and put them under police surveillance, and suspended or dismissed 1600 workers for protesting the low wages in the garment industry*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 26**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital I**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

I. whereas since 21st December 2016, following strikes and demonstrations by Bangladeshi garment workers seeking higher wages, the Bangladeshi authorities have arrested or detained at least **14 unions** leaders and worker rights advocates;

###### *Amendment*

I. whereas since 21st December 2016, following strikes and demonstrations by Bangladeshi garment workers seeking higher wages, the Bangladeshi authorities have arrested or detained at least **35 unions** leaders and worker rights advocates, *and suspended or dismissed 1600 workers for protesting the low wages in the garment*

*industry;*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital K**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

K. whereas a number of promising initiatives led by the private sector such as the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety (the Accord) have contributed positively to improving supply chain standards and workforce safety over the last 20 years in terms of increasing workers' rights in the garment supply chain;

*Amendment*

K. whereas a number of promising initiatives led by ***a collaboration between labour and*** the private sector such as the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety (the Accord) have contributed positively to improving supply chain standards and workforce safety over the last 20 years in terms of increasing workers' rights in the garment supply chain;

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital K**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

K. whereas a number of promising initiatives led by the private sector such as the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety (the Accord) have contributed positively to improving supply chain standards and workforce safety over the last 20 years ***in terms of increasing workers' rights in the garment supply chain;***

*Amendment*

K. whereas a number of promising initiatives led by the private sector such as the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety (the Accord) have contributed positively to improving supply chain standards and workforce safety over the last 20 years;

Or. en

## Amendment 29

Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Recital K

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

K. whereas a number of promising initiatives led by the private sector such as the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety (the Accord) have contributed positively to improving supply chain standards and workforce safety over the last 20 years in terms of increasing workers' rights in the garment supply chain;

##### *Amendment*

K. whereas a number of promising initiatives led by the private sector such as the Bangladesh Accord on Fire and Building Safety (the Accord) have contributed ***moderately*** positively to improving supply chain standards and workforce safety over the last 20 years in terms of increasing workers' rights in the garment supply chain;

Or. en

## Amendment 30

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft motion for a resolution

#### Recital L

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the conclusions of successive reviews of the Compact in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are reporting tangible improvements achieved by the Bangladeshi authorities, and are recognizing the contribution of the Compact in improving health and safety in factories and working conditions in the RMG industry; whereas progress relating to worker's rights has ***been more challenging and no substantial progress has been witnessed for the last months in this area;***

##### *Amendment*

L. whereas the conclusions of successive reviews of the Compact in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are reporting tangible improvements achieved by the Bangladeshi authorities, and are recognizing the contribution of the Compact in improving health and safety in factories and working conditions in the RMG industry; whereas progress relating to worker's rights has ***instead witnessed no substantial progress; whereas, according to the ILO, the failure to meaningfully amend and implement the Bangladesh Labour Act of 2006 results in severe obstacles to exercise the right of freedom of association and in registering trade unions, especially in the RMG sector; whereas workers in Export***



*Processing Zones have been denied the right to join trade unions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 31**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital L**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the conclusions of successive reviews of the Compact in 2014, 2015 and 2016 **are reporting tangible improvements achieved by the Bangladeshi authorities, and are recognizing** the contribution of the Compact in improving health and safety in factories **and working conditions** in the RMG industry; whereas progress relating to worker's rights has been more challenging and no substantial progress has been witnessed for the last months in this area;

*Amendment*

L. whereas the conclusions of successive reviews of the Compact in 2014, 2015 and 2016 **recognize** the contribution of the Compact in improving health and safety in factories in the RMG industry; whereas progress relating to worker's rights has been more challenging and no substantial progress has been witnessed for the last months in this area;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Recital L**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the conclusions of successive reviews of the Compact in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are reporting tangible improvements achieved by the Bangladeshi authorities, and are recognizing the contribution of the Compact in improving health and safety in factories and working conditions in the RMG industry; whereas

*Amendment*

L. whereas the conclusions of successive reviews of the Compact in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are reporting tangible improvements achieved by the Bangladeshi authorities **in some areas**, and are recognizing the contribution of the Compact in **moderately** improving health and safety in factories and working

progress relating to worker's rights has been more challenging and no *substantial* progress has been witnessed for the last *months* in this area;

conditions in the RMG industry; whereas progress relating to worker's rights has been more challenging and no progress has been witnessed for the last *years* in this area;

Or. en

### **Amendment 33**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital L a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*L a. Whereas the ILO has indicated that Bangladesh has made no tangible progress in amending the Bangladesh Labour Act of 2006 and adopted Implementing Rules which create obstacles to the exercise of freedom of association; whereas workers in the garment sector continue to face serious obstacles in registering trade unions; whereas workers have been dismissed for trade union activity without recourse and without sanction of any kind for the employer; whereas workers have been repeatedly subjected to acts of violence, including murder, for exercising trade union activities; and whereas workers in Export Processing Zones have been denied the right to join trade unions;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 34**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital M a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*M a. whereas global trade unions (ETUC, ITUC, Uni Global Union, IndustriAll) have been calling for the European Commission to carry out a GSP investigation due to, as the unions state: 'the government [of Bangladesh] has demonstrated beyond any doubt that continued dialogue mechanisms have failed and will do little if anything to improve conditions of the more than 4 million garment workers and the many millions more in other sectors'*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Agnes Jongerius**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Recital M b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*M b. whereas, despite the various commitments undertaken by the EU, the Government of Bangladesh, international organizations, and private operators, labour and human rights' protection in the country continues to fall well short of international standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that despite the *impressive track record on growth and development* in recent years, Bangladesh needs to do sizable efforts *over the long run* in order to achieve sustainable and more inclusive

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economic growth; underlines that structural reforms leading to increase of productivity, further diversification of exports *and* fight against corruption would be essential in this sense;

structural reforms leading to increase of productivity, further diversification of exports, *social justice, workers' rights, environmental protection* and fight against corruption would be essential in this sense;

Or. en

### **Amendment 37**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

1. Stresses that despite the impressive track record on growth and development in recent years, Bangladesh needs to *do sizable efforts over the long run in order to achieve* sustainable and more inclusive economic growth; underlines that structural reforms leading to increase of productivity, further diversification of exports and fight against corruption would be essential in this sense;

###### *Amendment*

1. Stresses that despite the impressive track record on growth and development in recent years, Bangladesh needs to *decisively increase efforts towards a more* sustainable and more inclusive economic growth; underlines that structural reforms leading to increase of productivity, further diversification of exports and fight against corruption would be essential in this sense;

Or. en

### **Amendment 38**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 2**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

2. Calls on the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) to *enhance its level of engagement to* improve safety and working conditions and workers' rights in garment sector as a matter of highest priority, to *enhance implementation of* legislation on building and factory safety; to continue to raise government funding for

###### *Amendment*

2. Calls on the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) to improve safety and working conditions and *protect* workers' rights in garment sector as a matter of highest priority, to *implementat* legislation on building and factory safety; to continue to raise government funding for labour inspectorate, to continue to recruit and to

labour inspectorate, to continue to recruit and to train more factory inspectors, to provide for conditions to lower the turnover of labour inspectors, to set-up an annual work plan for follow-up inspections of factories subject to remediation and to enlarge building and factory inspections to other sectors;

train more factory inspectors, to provide for conditions to lower the turnover of labour inspectors, to set-up an annual work plan for follow-up inspections of factories subject to remediation and to enlarge building and factory inspections to other sectors;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 39**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4 a. urges the Government of Bangladesh to instate immediately the minimum wage board and institute a shorter frequency of wage review;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 40**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Urges the GOB to institute a wage review every two years.***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 41**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. ***Calls on*** the international brands/retailers and Bangladeshi private sector to ***stay engaged in order to promote over the long run*** responsible business practices and decent working conditions for Bangladeshi garment workers ***and*** facilitate transparent and coordinated mechanisms between relevant initiatives; encourages the continuation of the work of the global retailers and brands to adopt a unified code of conduct for factory audit in Bangladesh;

*Amendment*

5. ***Urges*** the international brands/retailers and Bangladeshi private sector to ***respect and effectively implement the labour law, to improve*** responsible business practices and decent working conditions for Bangladeshi garment workers, ***and to*** facilitate transparent and coordinated mechanisms between relevant initiatives; encourages the continuation of the work of the global retailers and brands to adopt a unified code of conduct for factory audit in Bangladesh;

Or. en

**Amendment 42**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. Calls on the international brands/retailers and Bangladeshi private sector to ***stay engaged in order*** to promote ***over the long run*** responsible business practices ***and*** decent working conditions for Bangladeshi garment workers and facilitate transparent ***and coordinated mechanisms between relevant initiatives***; encourages the continuation of the work of the global retailers and brands to adopt a unified code of conduct for factory audit in Bangladesh;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the international brands/retailers and Bangladeshi private sector to ***respect the labor laws and*** to promote responsible business practices ***including*** decent working conditions for Bangladeshi garment workers and facilitate transparent ***information on which factories are producing the goods***; encourages the continuation of the work of the global retailers and brands to adopt a unified code of conduct for factory audit in Bangladesh;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

5. Calls on the international brands/retailers and Bangladeshi private sector to stay engaged in order to promote over the long run responsible business practices and decent working conditions for Bangladeshi garment workers and facilitate transparent and coordinated mechanisms between relevant initiatives; encourages the continuation of the work of the global retailers and brands to adopt a unified code of conduct for factory audit in Bangladesh;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the international brands/retailers and Bangladeshi private sector to stay engaged in order to **implement CSR measures and** promote over the long run responsible business practices and decent working conditions for Bangladeshi garment workers and facilitate transparent and coordinated mechanisms between relevant initiatives; encourages the continuation of the work of the global retailers and brands to adopt a unified code of conduct for factory audit in Bangladesh;

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Fernando Ruas**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses the achievements of the engagement of the private business sector in cooperation with the Bangladesh government and international organisations in Bangladesh through the “Accord on Fire and Building Safety”; calls on parties of the “Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh” to prolong their engagement through the “Accord” for another period of five years before the current agreement comes to end on 12 May 2018; invites the government of Bangladesh as well as the Bangladeshi business sector to acknowledge the usefulness of the commitment of retailers in Bangladesh through the Accord and support the extension of their mandate in Bangladesh;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses the achievements of the engagement of the private business sector in cooperation with the Bangladesh government and international organisations in Bangladesh through the “Accord on Fire and Building Safety”; **points out however that despite marking progress on fire and building safety, the Accord still remains concerned with the slow pace of completing remediation on critical safety issues**; calls on parties of the “Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh” to prolong their engagement through the “Accord” for another period of five years before the current agreement comes to end on 12 May 2018; invites the government of Bangladesh as well as the Bangladeshi business sector to acknowledge the usefulness of the commitment of retailers in Bangladesh through the Accord and

support the extension of their mandate in Bangladesh;

Or. en

**Amendment 45**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6 a.** *calls for the Commission to extend corporate social responsibility through binding legislation on due diligence obligations to ensure that EU companies fulfil their obligation to respect both human rights and the highest social and environmental standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

8. Supports the follow-up activities of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact and the Commission and the EEAS enhanced dialogue on labour and human rights with Bangladesh to achieve **better** compliance with the principles of the conventions listed in the GSP regulation;

8. Supports the follow-up activities of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact and the Commission and the EEAS enhanced dialogue on labour and human rights with Bangladesh to achieve compliance with the principles of the conventions listed in the GSP regulation; ***considers that an investigation under the GSP mechanism might be necessary in the case that the May 18 Compact meeting in Dhaka should have failed in indicating a meaningful way towards guaranteeing compliance with the GSP listed conventions;***



**Amendment 47**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**8 a. Calls on the EU to initiate an investigation under the GSP mechanism as a way to ensure meaningful progress on workers' rights, safety and working conditions, building and factory safety and labour inspections; calls on the EU to commence similar procedures regarding the amendment of 2013 Labour Act to address freedom of association and collective bargaining, promotion of social dialogue, non-arbitrary registration of trade unions, and effective investigation and prosecution of alleged anti-union discrimination, as well as the safeguard of labour legislative frameworks and their full compliance with international standards such as ILO conventions 87 and 89;**

Or. en

**Amendment 48**

**Agnes Jongerius, Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment *sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment *sector; reiterates its call on the Commission to propose binding legislation on due diligence obligations for supply chains in the garment sector so as to ensure that the*

*practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;*

*EU and its trading partners and operators fulfil their obligations to respect both human rights and the highest social and environmental standards.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 49**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment *sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles*; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;

###### *Amendment*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment *sector*; *reminds the European Parliament's call on the Commission to go beyond the presentation of a Staff Working Document and to propose binding legislation on due diligence obligations for supply chains in the garment sector*; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 50**

**Tokia Saïfi, Fernando Ruas**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and

###### *Amendment*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles; *notes the Commission staff working document of 24*

exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;

*April 2017, entitled 'Sustainable garment value chains through EU development action', and calls once again on the Commission not to confine itself to simply presenting a working document;* stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 51**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Eleonora Forenza**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives **and achieve** positive results on sustainable development;

###### *Amendment*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives **but have proven to be insufficient to deliver** positive **enough** results on sustainable development;

Or. en

### **Amendment 52**

**Fernando Ruas**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide

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###### *Amendment*

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initiative on the garment sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information *and* exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;

initiative on the garment sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information, exchange of best practices *and the commitment of governments to set the appropriate framework conditions* may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development; *underlines the importance of raising awareness amongst consumers to increase transparency as well as to support the efforts for better labour and environmental standards, product safety and sustainable consumption;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 53**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9**

###### *Draft motion for a resolution*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment *sector-voluntary initiatives and strict codes of conduct shall be its key principles*; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;

###### *Amendment*

9. Supports the Commission's examination of a possible EU-wide initiative on the garment *sector*; stresses furthermore that coordination, sharing information and exchange of best practices may contribute to increasing efficiency of private and public value chain initiatives and achieve positive results on sustainable development;

Or. en

### **Amendment 54**

**Tokia Saïfi, Fernando Ruas**

#### **Draft motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 9 a (new)**

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*Amendment*

**9a.** *Takes the view that the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact, in which the EU is a key player, could serve as a paradigm for the establishment of similar partnerships with third countries; calls on the EU to continue and step up its international cooperation with organisations such as the ILO, the OECD and the United Nations in the area of sustainable development and corporate social responsibility;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 55**  
**Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a.** *Supports the Commission's stated intent to launch an official GSP investigation when by May 18 2017 if no 'sufficient substantial and meaningful progress together with a sound and time-bound strategy' is put in place by the GOB;*

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a.** *Supports the Commission's stated intent to launch an official GSP investigation when by May 18 2017 if no*

*tangible progress is put in place by the  
GOB;*

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Anne-Marie Mineur,  
Helmut Scholz**

**Draft motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a. supports the efforts of the UN  
open ended working group with the aim of  
elaborating a binding UN Treaty on  
business and human rights; calls upon  
the Commission and Member States to  
actively engage in this negotiations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric  
Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 b. Calls on the European  
Commission to use the leverage granted  
by the future GSP+ negotiations with  
Bangladesh to the fullest extent and  
firmly hold the country to the  
international obligations it has to meet  
before being considered for GSP+;**

Or. en

**Amendment 59**

**Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 b. Calls on the European Commission to use the leverage granted by the future GSP+ negotiations with Bangladesh to the fullest extent and firmly hold the country to the international obligations it has to meet before being considered for GSP+;**

Or. en

**Amendment 60**

**Agnes Jongerius, David Martin, Jude Kirton-Darling, Alessia Maria Mosca, Eric Andrieu, Maria Arena, Emmanuel Maurel, Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 c (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 c. Underlines that failure to improve the security situation and systematically confront the threats posed by extremists in Bangladesh will have a direct effect on investment in the country, which will ultimately hold back long term development and the lives of ordinary people.**

Or. en

**Amendment 61**

**Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Draft motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 c (new)**

*Draft motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 c. Underlines that failure to improve the security situation and systematically confront the threats posed by extremists in Bangladesh will have a direct effect on**

*investment in the country, which will ultimately hold back long term development and the lives of ordinary people;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 62**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz**

### **Draft motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 10**

##### *Draft motion for a resolution*

10. Stresses that the high-quality garment sector is essential for Bangladeshi economic and social development, that its expansion has allowed many workers, especially women, to move from informal economy to formal economy; **warns against initiatives that could lead to disengagement of EU and other businesses from Bangladesh which would be damaging not only for their reputation but most importantly for future development perspectives of the country;**

##### *Amendment*

10. Stresses that the high-quality garment sector is essential for Bangladeshi economic and social development, that its expansion has allowed many workers, especially women, to move from informal economy to formal economy; **is deeply concerned about the conditions of garment workers in Bangladesh; shares the concern of the International Trade Union Confederation; Notes with concern how existing voluntary initiatives for garment sector's global supply chain sustainability have fallen short to effectively address human rights and labour rights related issues in the garment sector; Calls, therefore, on the Commission to present a legislative proposal on binding due diligence obligations for supply chains in the garment sector;**

Or. en