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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 26**

**Draft opinion**

**David Borrelli**

(PE609.319v01-00)

on a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part  
(2017/2035(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Maria Arena**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. Supports Parliament's conclusion of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) with Kazakhstan, since it upgrades trade provisions and builds on WTO membership obligations and disciplines;

*Amendment*

A. Supports Parliament's conclusion of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) with Kazakhstan, since it upgrades trade provisions and builds on WTO membership obligations and disciplines; ***but reserves the right to call on the Commission and the Council to suspend the agreement in case of flagrant breaches of human rights, in particular labours rights ;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. ***Supports Parliament's conclusion of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) with Kazakhstan, since it upgrades trade provisions and builds on WTO membership obligations and disciplines;***

*Amendment*

A. ***Stresses the high importance of enhancing political and economic relations of the EU with Kazakhstan, which should be based on shared commitments to international values, including WTO obligations and disciplines, and guided by mutual interest;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Helmut Scholz, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

**Aa.** *Acknowledges the value of the significant trade and economic cooperation between Kazakhstan and the European Union. Also underlines the EU's importance to Kazakhstan; the EU is the country's first investment partner and plays a significant role in supporting the development and diversification of the Kazakh economy.*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 4** **Klaus Buchner**

#### **Draft opinion** **Recital B**

B. Notes that the EU is Kazakhstan's main trade and investment partner *and that bilateral trade has slowed considerably over the past years*; believes that economic diversification, *liberalisation*, investments in sustainable development, *tackling corruption and opening up to* foreign direct investment (*FDI*) could be important means to further develop and strengthen trade and economic relations; calls on the Commission to assist the Kazakh authorities *in implementing* the EPCA *effectively in these fields*;

B. Notes that the EU is Kazakhstan's main trade and investment partner; believes that economic diversification, investments in sustainable development, *including* foreign direct investment, *and tackling corruption* could be important means to further develop and strengthen trade and economic relations, *within the wider framework of the General Principles as enshrined in Article 1 of the EPCA*; calls on the Commission to assist the Kazakh authorities *and ensure they implement* the EPCA, *including its essential elements, by developing benchmarks and deadlines for implementation and by providing for an effective and comprehensive monitoring mechanism between Parliament and the Commission/EEAS for the whole EPCA*;

Or. en

## Amendment 5

Maria Arena

### Draft opinion

#### Recital B

##### *Draft opinion*

B. Notes that the EU is Kazakhstan's main trade and investment partner and that bilateral trade has slowed considerably over the past years; believes that economic diversification, liberalisation, investments in sustainable development, tackling corruption and opening up to foreign direct investment (FDI) could be important means to further develop and strengthen trade and economic relations; calls on the Commission to assist the Kazakh authorities in implementing the EPCA effectively in these fields;

##### *Amendment*

B. Notes that the EU is Kazakhstan's main trade and investment partner and that bilateral trade has slowed considerably over the past years; believes that economic diversification, liberalisation, investments in sustainable development, tackling corruption and opening up to ***productive, real and sustainable*** foreign direct investment (FDI) could be important means to further develop and strengthen trade and economic relations; calls on the Commission to assist the Kazakh authorities in implementing the EPCA effectively in these fields ***and to comply with international standards notably against tax avoidance and evasion as well as against money laundering***;

Or. en

## Amendment 6

David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin

### Draft opinion

#### Recital B

##### *Draft opinion*

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authorities in implementing the EPCA effectively in these fields;

authorities in implementing the EPCA effectively in these fields; ***notes that regulatory approximation is an important enabler to facilitate the development of bilateral trade relations;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 7**

**David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital B**

##### *Draft opinion*

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B. Notes that the EU is Kazakhstan's main trade and investment partner and that bilateral trade has slowed considerably over the past years; believes that economic diversification, liberalisation, investments in ***research, education, vocational training and*** sustainable development, tackling corruption and opening up to foreign direct investment (FDI) could be important means to further develop and strengthen trade and economic relations; calls on the Commission to assist the Kazakh authorities in implementing the EPCA effectively in these fields;

Or. en

## **Amendment 8**

**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Recital B**

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diversification, liberalisation, investments in sustainable development, tackling corruption and opening up to foreign direct investment (FDI) could be important means to further develop and strengthen trade and economic relations; calls on the Commission to *continue its efforts to* assist the Kazakh authorities in implementing the EPCA effectively in these fields;

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ba. Notes that Kazakhstan's economy is largely based on the exploitation and export of raw materials and hydrocarbons; takes the view that the EPCA should help Kazakhstan diversify its economy in an environment-friendly and sustainable manner;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Helmut Scholz, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ba. Welcomes Kazakhstan's economic and administrative modernisation, stemming from its accession to the WTO on 1 January 2016 and its chairing of the Committee for Trade and Environment.***

**Amendment 11**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Bb. Takes note of Kazakhstan's commitment to fully liberalise movement of capital relating to direct investment and regrets that the Trade and Business part of the EPCA does not contain anti-corruption provisions; is of the view that particular attention should be paid to the issues of corporate governance and corruption in monitoring the implementation of the Agreement, in order to avoid increasing the risk of money laundering;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Patrick Le Hyaric, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***D. Calls on Kazakhstan not to align its import tariffs with those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), but to push instead for the continued fulfilment of its WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments in order to avoid costly compensation payments to WTO trading partners;***

***deleted***

Or. en



**Amendment 13**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. ***Calls on Kazakhstan not to align*** its import tariffs with those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), ***but to push instead for*** the continued ***fulfilment*** of its WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments ***in order to*** avoid costly compensation payments to WTO trading partners;

*Amendment*

D. ***Welcomes the constructive behaviour of Kazakhstan on the issue of the Russian ban on EU agricultural products; encourages Kazakhstan to carefully consider the issue of aligning*** its import tariffs with those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), ***because*** the continued ***fulfilment*** of its WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments ***would*** avoid costly compensation payments to WTO trading partners;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Joachim Starbatty**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. **Calls on Kazakhstan not to align its** import tariffs with those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), **but to push instead for the continued fulfilment of its** WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments ***in order to avoid costly compensation payments to WTO trading partners;***

*Amendment*

D. **Calls on Kazakhstan not to align its** import tariffs with those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), **but to push instead for the continued fulfilment of its** WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments;

Or. de

**Amendment 15**  
**Joachim Starbatty**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. Calls on Kazakhstan not to align its import tariffs with those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), but to push instead for the continued fulfilment of its WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments ***in order to avoid costly compensation payments to WTO trading partners;***

*Amendment*

D. Calls on Kazakhstan not to align its import tariffs with those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), but to push instead for the continued fulfilment of its WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments;

Or. de

**Amendment 16**  
**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital D**

*Draft opinion*

D. Calls on Kazakhstan ***not*** to align its import tariffs with ***those of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), but to push instead for the continued fulfilment of its WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments*** in order to avoid costly compensation payments to WTO trading partners;

*Amendment*

D. Calls on Kazakhstan to ***fully*** align its import tariffs with ***its WTO and Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) commitments, irrespective of its participation in the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU),*** in order to avoid costly compensation payments to WTO trading partners;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Helmut Scholz, Patrick Le Hyaric**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ea. Welcomes Kazakhstan's participation in the voluntary Partnership Programme "Green Bridge"; believes it will provide a stable and long-term basis for green investment, transfer of new technologies and innovations, towards a carbon energy free society;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital F**

*Draft opinion*

F. ***Accepts*** the general five-year transitional period for public procurement and the eight-year transitional period for construction laid down in the EPCA, ***and looks forward to increased trade once these periods have drawn to a close;***

*Amendment*

F. ***Recalls*** the general five-year transitional period for public procurement and the eight-year transitional period for construction laid down in the EPCA. ***Notes that public procurement constitutes a significant public policy instrument for Kazakhstan and is relevant for strengthening and developing domestic industry as well as increasing employment; is concerned that these benefits might be diminished due to the liberalisation efforts of the EPCA;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Patrick Le Hyaric, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital F**

*Draft opinion*

F. ***Accepts*** the general five-year

*Amendment*

F. ***Takes note of*** the general five-year

transitional period for public procurement and the eight-year transitional period for construction laid down in the EPCA, and looks forward to increased trade once these periods have drawn to a close;

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Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Maria Arena**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital F a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Fa. Is particularly concerned by the deterioration of labour standards in Kazakhstan, in particular by persecution reported of workers' representatives and trade union; calls the Kazakh government to put an end to actions against labour activists and unions and urges the Kazakh authorities to implement appropriate reform in order to effectively implement all ILO core conventions and to ensure labour right protection;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital G**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to pressure the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law and the role of trade unions.***

***G. Recalls that human rights, including labour rights, are an essential element of the EPCA and regrets that the situation has deteriorated over the last few years, including in the area of freedom of association and the right to strike, with clear infringements of the core ILO***

Conventions; *urges the Commission to activate the dispute settlement mechanism as provided by Article 155 under the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter without delay;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Maria Arena**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital G**

*Draft opinion*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to pressure the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law and the role of trade unions.

*Amendment*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to pressure the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law and the role of trade unions, *and to stand ready to suspend the Enhanced PCA in case of flagrant breaches of human rights principles.*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Patrick Le Hyaric, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital G**

*Draft opinion*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to pressure the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law *and the role* of trade unions.

*Amendment*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's *full* leverage to *put* pressure *on* the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law, *the freedoms* of trade unions *and their members and their role.*

**Amendment 24**  
**David Borrelli, Tiziana Beghin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital G**

*Draft opinion*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to pressure the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law and the role of trade unions.

*Amendment*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to pressure ***and assist*** the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, ***good governance***, the rule of law and the role of trade unions.

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital G**

*Draft opinion*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to pressure the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law and the role of trade unions.

*Amendment*

G. Calls on the Council and the Commission to use the EU's leverage to ***continue to*** pressure the Kazakh authorities to implement the core ILO conventions effectively and to ensure respect for human rights, the rule of law and the role of trade unions.

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Patrick Le Hyaric, Helmut Scholz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital G a (new)**

***Ga. Calls on the Council and the Commission to monitor closely progress by the Kazakhs authorities in the fields of Human Rights, freedom of expression, and association, as well as labour laws and environmental protection, and to link those progresses to chapters of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation agreement; stresses that any setbacks in those fields in the legal framework or in practices should be met by warnings of the European Union, and followed by suspension of parts of the agreements if they are ignored;***

Or. en