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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Wim van de Camp

Reform of the European Union's system of own resources
(2017/2053(INI))

Amendment 1
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Calls for own resources reforms that establish a predictable and stable basis for the EU budget which is independent, transparent and balanced and will address the growing pressure on the EU budget, simplify the complex and opaque rebate arrangements, and aim to lower the contribution of the Member States (and not increase the tax burden on EU citizens) and decrease the EU's dependency on the national contributions based on VAT and GNI;

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Or. de

Amendment 2
France Jamet, Edouard Ferrand, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini, Georg Mayer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Calls for reforms that bring stability to the EU budget, are transparent and balanced and ensure that the relevant authorities do not systematically create new areas of expenditure – which often duplicate activities carried out in the Member States, simplify the complex and opaque rebate arrangements, and aim to lower the contribution of the Member States (and not increase the tax burden on EU citizens) and decrease the EU's dependency on the national contributions based on VAT and GNI; calls for greater transparency in all the

EU bodies, particularly the Commission;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Calls for own resources reforms that establish a predictable and stable basis for the EU budget which is independent, transparent and balanced and will address the growing pressure on the EU budget, simplify the complex and opaque rebate arrangements, *and aim to lower* the contribution of the Member States (*and not* increase the tax burden on EU citizens) *and decrease the EU's dependency on the national contributions based on VAT and GNI;*

Amendment

1. Calls for own resources reforms that establish a predictable and stable basis for the EU budget which is independent, transparent and balanced and will address the growing pressure on the EU budget, simplify the complex and opaque rebate arrangements, *in order to provide the additional financial means that are much needed to meet the demands of our citizens towards the Union without increasing* the contribution of the Member States, *while aiming to avoid an* increase *in* the tax burden on EU citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Calls for *an efficient management of* own resources *to ensure* a predictable and stable basis for the EU budget which is transparent and balanced and will address the growing pressure on the EU budget; *notes that* the national contributions based on VAT and GNI *are reliable, fair, and genuine own resources*

not increase the tax burden on EU citizens) and decrease the EU's dependency on the national contributions based on VAT and GNI;

that are sufficient to fund the EU budget if appropriate consideration is given to the expenditure side of the budget, which should focus on modern priorities and offer value for money;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Wim van de Camp

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Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Calls for own resources reforms that establish a predictable and stable basis for the EU budget which is independent, transparent and balanced and will address the growing **and existing** pressure on the EU budget, simplify the **current** complex and opaque rebate arrangements, and aim to lower the contribution of the Member States (and not increase the tax burden on EU citizens) and decrease the EU's dependency on the national contributions based on VAT and GNI;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Joachim Schuster, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Alessia Maria Mosca

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abolish all rebate arrangements, and aim to lower the contribution of the Member States (and not increase the tax burden on EU citizens) and decrease the EU's dependency on the national contributions based on GNI;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Wim van de Camp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the initiatives for a comprehensive reform of the EU own resources, to increase the members state's and citizens support for a genuine credible and independent EU budget, fostering the EU's sustainable economy and generating EU added value;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Joachim Schuster, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Expects that the current VAT-based own resources are replaced by a proper transfer of a share of VAT levied at national level;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Joachim Schuster, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls for a reform of the system of own resources in such a way that the own resources share of the EU budget is increased to at least 50 percent;

Or. en

Amendment 10

France Jamet, Edouard Ferrand, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini, Georg Mayer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Points out that the ***EU's*** international trade is directly related to the traditional own resources of the EU, which consist mainly of customs duties on imports from outside the EU and sugar levies and in 2015 represented 12.8 % of the total revenue of the EU;

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Or. fr

Amendment 11

Wim van de Camp

Draft opinion
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2. Points out that the EU's international trade is directly related to the traditional own resources of the EU, which consist mainly of customs duties on imports from outside the EU and sugar levies and in 2015 represented 12.8 % of the total revenue of the EU;

Amendment

2. ***Points out that the Customs Union is a basic pillar of the EU and essential in negotiating trade agreements as one of the largest trading blocs in the world;*** Points out that the EU's international trade is directly related to the traditional own resources of the EU, which consist mainly of customs duties on imports from outside the EU and sugar levies and in 2015 represented 12.8 % of the total revenue of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Points out that the EU's international trade is directly related to the traditional own resources of the EU, which ***consist mainly*** of customs duties on imports from outside the EU and sugar levies and in 2015 represented 12.8 % of the total revenue of the EU;

Amendment

2. Points out that the EU's international trade is directly related to the traditional own resources of the EU, which ***also consists*** of customs duties on imports from outside the EU and sugar levies and in 2015 represented 12.8 % of the total revenue of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. *Suggests to fix the percentage of customs revenues retained by Member States for collection costs again at the original ten percent, in order to compensate for the diminishment of this traditional own resource after significant tariff reductions agreed at the WTO and in major bilateral EU trade agreements.*

Or. en

Amendment 14

France Jamet, Edouard Ferrand, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini, Georg Mayer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. Underlines the need to analyse the impact on the traditional own resources of the conclusion of (free) trade agreements and to allocate alternative sources of income in order to compensate for a possible decrease in those resources;

Amendment

3. Underlines the ***pressing*** need to analyse the impact on the traditional own resources of the conclusion of (free) trade agreements and to allocate alternative sources of income in order to compensate for a possible decrease in those resources; ***points out that steps must be taken to stop powers being transferred, even temporarily, to the Commission, given that those powers are often exercised without proper and continuous scrutiny by Parliament and generate expenditure against the budget;***

Or. fr

Amendment 15

Wim van de Camp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines the need to analyse the impact on the traditional own resources of the conclusion of (free) trade agreements **and** to allocate alternative sources of income in order to compensate for a possible decrease in those resources;

Amendment

3. Underlines the need to analyse the impact on the traditional own resources **as a result** of the conclusion of (free) trade agreements **by the EU and the need** to allocate alternative sources of income in order to compensate for a possible decrease in those resources;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Joachim Schuster, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Nicola Danti, Karoline Graswander-Hainz

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Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Underlines the need to analyse the impact on the traditional own resources of the conclusion of (free) trade agreements and to allocate alternative sources of income in order to compensate for a possible decrease in those resources;

Amendment

3. Underlines the need to analyse the impact on the traditional own resources of the conclusion of (free) trade agreements and to allocate alternative sources of income in order to compensate for a possible decrease in those resources **and their probable instability**;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Joachim Starbatty

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Paragraph 3**

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes note of the announcement of Commissioner Malmstrom that the Commission aims to conclude before the end of 2017 negotiations for free trade agreements of the European Union and its Member States with Japan, with MERCOSUR, with Mexico, and with Chile, and that the Commission wants to propose in 2018 ratification of the FTAs with Singapore, and with Vietnam; Points out that this would mean a dramatic reduction of own resources income for the Union's budget in 2018 and the coming years;

Or. en

Amendment 19
France Jamet, Edouard Ferrand, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini, Georg Mayer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. Calls for an exploration of the possibilities of creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and agreements as constituting a source for

deleted

own resources;

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Klaus Buchner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for an exploration of the possibilities of creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and agreements *as* constituting a source for own resources;

Amendment

4. Calls for an exploration of the possibilities of creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and agreements, ***with the view to incentivize trade partners to produce climate friendly but also*** constituting a source for own resources ***as long as trade partners do not follow the call for more climate efficiency; believes that such additional duties and levies should start immediately for imports from countries not taking part of the Paris Agreement on Climate;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for an exploration of the possibilities of creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and

Amendment

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agreements as constituting a source for own resources;

agreements as constituting a source for own resources; *stresses in this connection that such measures may only be introduced if they are indisputably compatible with WTO law;*

Or. de

Amendment 22
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 23
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for an exploration of the possibilities of creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, *and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and*

Amendment

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agreements as constituting a source for own resources;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Joachim Starbatty

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for *an exploration of the possibilities of creating* sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, *and for the incorporation of such measures into* the EU's international trade policies and agreements *as constituting a source for own resources;*

Amendment

4. Calls for *a thorough assessment on the impacts of possible* sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services; *notes, in this respect, that the competitiveness of the EU's industry and businesses, particularly SMEs, must constitute a priority in* the EU's international trade policies and agreements, *and be given adequate consideration in its own resources;*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for *an exploration* of the possibilities of creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and agreements as constituting a source for own resources;

Amendment

4. Calls for *a legal assessment* of the possibilities of creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and agreements as constituting a source for own resources;

Amendment 26

Joachim Schuster, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Nicola Danti

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4**

Draft opinion

4. Calls for ***an exploration of the possibilities of*** creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and agreements as constituting a source for own resources;

Amendment

4. Calls for ***a feasibility check on*** creating sustainability- and emission- based customs duties and levies on trade in goods and services, and for the incorporation of such measures into the EU's international trade policies and agreements as constituting a source for own resources;

**Amendment 27
Helmut Scholz**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to closely monitor the development of international financial flows to and from the European Union following the implementation of the liberalization of financial services and capital flows in the Union's trade agreements, and to report the result to the European Parliament and Council in 2018; encourages the Commission to take another effort to tax global capital streams in order to develop new own resources for the Union's budget, and to present the respective proposal in 2018;

Amendment 28
Wim van de Camp

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls its previous calls for a more effective EU customs **system, with the optimisation of** the current EU **arrangements so that** tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition can be addressed and duties and levies can be effectively collected **for** the EU's own resources;

Amendment

5. Recalls its previous calls for a more effective, **unambiguous and less divergent approach towards the** EU customs **rules and procedures, to optimize and enforce** the current EU **system and stimulate cooperation, so inter alia** tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition can be addressed and duties and levies can be effectively collected **and attributed to** the EU's own resources;

Amendment 29
Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls its previous calls for a more effective EU customs system, **with the optimisation of** the current EU arrangements **so that** tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition **can be addressed and** duties and levies can be effectively collected for the EU's own resources;

Amendment

5. Recalls its previous calls for a more effective EU customs system, **striving for optimization of** the current EU arrangements **with the clear goal to tackle and abolish** tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition, **ensuring that all** duties and levies can be effectively collected for the EU's own resources;

Amendment 30

Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls its previous calls for a more effective EU customs system, with the optimisation of the current EU arrangements so that tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition can be addressed and duties and levies can be effectively collected for the EU's own resources;

Amendment

5. Recalls its previous calls for a more **modern**, effective **and efficient** EU customs system, with the optimisation of the current EU arrangements so that tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition can be addressed and duties and levies can be effectively collected for the EU's own resources;

Or. pt

Amendment 31

France Jamet, Edouard Ferrand, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini, Georg Mayer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. **Recalls** its previous calls for a more effective EU customs system, with the optimisation of the current EU arrangements so that tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition can be addressed and duties and levies can be effectively collected for the EU's own resources;

Amendment

5. **Reiterates more strongly** its previous calls for a more effective EU customs system, with the optimisation of the current EU arrangements so that tax evasion and all forms of unfair competition can be addressed and duties and levies can be effectively collected for the EU's own resources;

Or. fr

Amendment 32

Joachim Schuster, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Calls for own resources that can only be generated by collective European action and have a clear added value for the Union by improving the functioning of the internal market and therefore expects the introduction of a financial transaction tax and the European harmonisation of corporate income taxes and the partial use thereof as new own resources;*

Or. en

Amendment 33

Klaus Buchner

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Calls for the introduction of a Union-wide financial transaction tax as a measure to generate own financial resources while curbing undesirable speculation and achieve more fair and equitable tax collection;*

Or. en

Amendment 34

Hugues Bayet, Maria Arena

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Considers that the focus should be on the genuine EU own resources, such as a tax based on the common consolidated corporate tax base*

(CCCTB);

Or. fr

Amendment 35

France Jamet, Edouard Ferrand, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini, Georg Mayer

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Notes that trade defence instruments (TDIs) are a source for EU own resources, ***but that owing to their nature they cannot be a stable basis for a consistent contribution***; stresses that TDIs should not primarily be used as a EU own resources source, as they should only be established appropriately and proportionally, in line with applicable rules.

Amendment

6. Notes that trade defence instruments (TDIs) are a source for EU own resources; stresses that TDIs should not primarily be used as a EU own resources source, as they should only be established appropriately and proportionally, in line with applicable rules.

Or. fr

Amendment 36

Wim van de Camp

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

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Amendment

6. Notes that trade defence instruments (TDIs) are a source for EU own resources, but that owing to their nature they cannot be a ***predictable and stable basis for a consistent contribution to the EU's own resources***; stresses that TDIs should not primarily be used as a EU own resources source, as they should only be established appropriately and proportionally, in line with applicable rules.

Amendment 37
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Amendment

6. Notes that trade defence instruments (TDIs) are a source for EU own resources, but that owing to their nature they cannot ***and must not*** be a stable basis for a consistent contribution; stresses that TDIs should not primarily be used as a EU own resources source, as they should only be established appropriately and proportionally, in line with applicable rules.