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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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Implementation report on the Trade pillar of the Association Agreement (AA)
with Central America
(2018/2106(INI))

Amendment 1

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

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the European Parliament Resolution of 31 May 2018 on the situation in Nicaragua (2018/2711(RSP)),***

Or. en

Amendment 2

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

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the situation in Nicaragua of 2 October 2018,***

Or. en

Amendment 3

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

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly Resolution on the Governance of***

Or. en

Amendment 4

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

Motion for a resolution

Citation 3 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Euro-Latin
American Parliamentary Assembly
Resolution on Corporate Social
Responsibility in the EU and in Latin
American and Caribbean countries,
adopted on 20 September 2018, in Vienna,*

Or. en

Amendment 5

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

Motion for a resolution

Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Opinion of
the European Economic and Social
Committee on Trade and Sustainable
Development Chapters in Free Trade
Agreements ^{1a},*

^{1a} <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52017IE5323&from=EN>

Or. en

Amendment 6
Dita Charanzová

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Parliament Resolution of the “Annual report on the implementation of the Common Commercial Policy” (2017/2070(INI)),*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Motion for a resolution
Citation 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Report on the fourth meeting of the Association Committee of 14 June 2018;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Economic and Social Committee’s Opinion of 15 February 2018 on Trade*

*and Sustainable Development chapters
(TSD) in EU Free Trade Agreements
(FTA),*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Citation 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to its
recommendations of 13 December 2017 to
the Council and the Commission
following the inquiry into money
laundering, tax avoidance and tax
evasion,*

Or. en

Amendment 10

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

Motion for a resolution

Citation 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the "Joint
Declaration on Trade and Women's
Economic Empowerment on the Occasion
of the WTO Ministerial Conference in
Buenos Aires in December 2017",*

Or. en

Amendment 11

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 12
Dita Charanzová

Motion for a resolution
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Or. en

Amendment 13

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

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas the political dialogue and cooperation pillar are still not applied as not all Member States have ratified the AA; whereas the non-application of this two pillars involve an imbalance between trade-related issues and political-issues namely EU's core values such as promotion of democracy and human rights;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas Central America is a relatively small market with almost 43 million inhabitants and accounts for 0.25% of global GDP;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution

Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Bb. stresses that in the past 15 years Central American countries have been

*more open to trade than other countries
with the same level of income; underlines
however that imports continue to be the
main source of trade with other countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution

Recital B c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*Bc. whereas the most important
markets for Central America is the region
itself, the Central American Common
Market represents the second largest trade
partner for most countries in the region,
accounting for 26% of all exports;*

Or. en

Amendment 17

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the implementation of the EU's trade agreements is a key priority for the Parliament, Council and the Commission in order to monitor, assess and calibrate the EU's Common Commercial Policy (CCP); whereas reporting on the implementation of the AA with CA is a timely and useful contribution to the reflection on *the future of Europe*;

C. whereas the implementation of the EU's trade agreements is a key priority for the Parliament, Council and the Commission in order to monitor, assess and calibrate the EU's Common Commercial Policy (CCP); whereas reporting on the implementation of the AA with CA is a timely and useful contribution to the reflection on *its possible modernisation*;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas there is now a sufficient amount of experience, data and statistical information to assess the implementation of the trade part of the AA; whereas Parliament's resolutions adopted in parallel with its consent to the AA outlined the aims for the trade part of the agreement and included suggestions on follow-up during its implementation which are relevant for the ongoing analysis;

Amendment

D. whereas there is now a sufficient amount of experience, data and statistical information to assess the implementation of the trade ***in goods*** part of the AA; ***whereas the trade in services part, as well as data related to money laundering, mispricing and tax evasion, as well as on trade and climate change are still absent from the implementing report***; whereas Parliament's resolutions adopted in parallel with its consent to the AA outlined the aims for the trade part of the agreement and included suggestions on follow-up during its implementation which are relevant for the ongoing analysis;

Or. en

Amendment 19

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas it is desirable to maintain the previous format of implementing reports for each FTA (Free Trade Agreement) or AA (Association Agreement) in order to ease access, also for the broader public, outline specific shortcomings and facilitate an understanding on how to review and reform, as the current format cutting

issues into bits and pieces does not allow for an appreciation of a particular FTA or AA as a whole, be it intended or not;

Or. en

Amendment 20

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

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas Opinion 2/15 of the European Court of Justice affirmed that the CCP is a values-based policy and promoting sustainable development constitutes an integral part of the CCP;

Or. en

Amendment 21

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

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the human rights situation in several CA countries is worrying;

Or. en

Amendment 22

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

Motion for a resolution

Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas the European Parliament has repeatedly urged the Commission to strengthen the monitoring, implementation and enforcement mechanisms of TSD Chapters, including by considering, among others, a sanctions-based dispute settlement mechanism;

Or. en

Amendment 23

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

Motion for a resolution

Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas since April 2018 violence has escalated in Nicaragua, leading to hundreds of civilians, particularly students, being killed, injured or arrested, which constitutes a severe violation of human rights and, particularly, of fundamental civil and political rights and freedoms, as well as the rule of law;

Or. en

Amendment 24

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

Motion for a resolution

Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dd. whereas respect for democratic principles, human rights, and the rule of

law forms an essential part of the Association Agreement, whose violation by one Party allows the other Party to take appropriate measures, including, as a last resort, suspending the Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 25

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Is of the opinion that the AA tries to meet one of its key initial aims as it intends to strengthen the process of regional integration among the CA countries by supporting intra-regional institutions, cooperation and dialogues, contributing to the complementarity of their productive sectors, facilitating cross-border exchanges and fostering regional economic growth; reiterates that the AA contributes to consolidating the broader strategic dimension of the partnership between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC); considers it essential to ensure the full entry into force of the AA, which is pending internal ratification by some EU Member States, and the effective and adequate implementation of all the provisions of the trade pillar by both parties;

Amendment

1. Is of the opinion that the AA tries to meet one of its key initial aims as it intends to strengthen the process of regional integration among the CA countries by supporting intra-regional institutions, cooperation and dialogues, contributing to the ***achievement of TEU art 21, the universal UN's Agenda 2030 for sustainable development and contributing, under the framework of the principle of Policy Coherence for development as stated in TFUE Article 208, to the*** complementarity of their productive sectors, facilitating ***fair*** cross-border exchanges and fostering regional ***sustainable*** economic growth; reiterates that the AA contributes to consolidating the broader strategic dimension of the partnership between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC); considers it essential to ensure the full entry into force of the AA, which is pending internal ratification by some EU Member States, and the effective and adequate implementation of all the provisions of the trade pillar by both parties;

Or. en

Amendment 26

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Recalls the importance of strengthening bi-regional cooperation to preserve and to reinforce the multilateral trade system, as an essential pillar to achieve the SDGs and to guarantee an economic governance based on rules, ensuring a more fair, inclusive and sustainable trade; in particular, recalls its support for the WTO, stressing its role in creating economic stability and supporting growth and development, and calls on the Parties to make use of the dialogue fostered by the Agreement to identify and to develop joint strategies towards the necessary modernization of the WTO;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1a. Underlines that Central America is one of the regions most affected by climate change and natural disasters, and therefore urges a most careful investigation into the relationship between change of land use due to liberalisation of investment and access to ownership, and the expansion of monocultures; into protection and access to water resources and fresh water and the need to maintain

*and/or develop respective public utilities,
and into cooperation in the development
of non-polluting public transport and
energy systems;*

Or. en

Amendment 28

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1b. Equally underlines that violence related to the expansion of monocultures such as palm oil, bananas and sugar adds a further dimension to the worsening social situation in central America and is a key reason for a massive migration flows to the North; regrets that this dimension is not tackled in the report;

Or. en

Amendment 29

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Highlights that the AA relies on a rules-based fair and predictable relationship which promotes a more secure economic environment; considers that such predictability fosters the exchange of goods, the provision of services, participation in public procurement and the attractiveness of investment, even if the flows do not always evolve in a linear fashion;

2. Highlights that the AA relies on a rules-based fair and predictable relationship which promotes a more secure economic environment ***built upon the principles of sustainable development***; considers that such predictability fosters the exchange of goods, the provision of services, participation in public procurement and the attractiveness of investment ***which***, even if the flows do not

always evolve in a linear fashion, ***are aimed at creating opportunities for quality employment, improved working conditions and living standards on both sides; recalls that liberalisation of trade and investment must go hand in hand with respect of human rights, labour and environmental standards and that this shall apply to all actors concerned, including companies and investors;***

Or. en

Amendment 30
Dita Charanzová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

2. Highlights that the AA relies on a rules-based fair and predictable relationship which promotes a more secure economic environment ***between the trading partners***; considers that such predictability fosters ***economic growth***, the exchange of goods, the provision of services, participation in public procurement and the attractiveness of investment, even if the flows do not always evolve in a linear fashion;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Is concerned of the deterioration of Human Rights situation in CA

Countries; Recalls the paramount role that the AA, including its trade pillar, must play in promoting democracy, human rights and good governance; Stresses, in addition, the potentialities of including effective and mandatory human rights sanction based provisions in the AA to combat the deterioration of human rights in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 32

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

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Calls on the Commission to deliver updated and comprehensive annual reports on the implementation of the AA as requested in the relevant implementing regulations; is of the opinion that the information included in the Report on Implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) is not sufficient and, in order to adequately assess the implementation of the AA, suggests that the parties improve the provision of updated, comparable and reliable statistical data;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to deliver updated and comprehensive annual reports on the implementation of the AA as requested in the relevant implementing regulations; is of the opinion that the information included in the Report on Implementation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) is not sufficient and, in order to adequately assess the implementation of the AA, suggests that the parties improve the provision of updated, comparable and reliable statistical data; ***Urges the Commission to establish a mandatory review covering the Trade and Sustainable Development Chapter of the Trade Pillar, which shall be conducted by independent experts; Recalls the commitment by the EU and other signatories of the "Buenos Aires Declaration on Gender and Trade" to mainstream gender equality into trade policy and, particularly, to carry out evaluations on the basis of gender-disaggregated data; Calls on the Parties, equally, to provide with regular and accurate data on the sectors and the***

degree of consolidation of SMEs' activities, in view of the opportunities created by the Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Dita Charanzová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Welcomes the fact that trade flows between the parties have generally proven to be resilient despite an unfavourable international economic context ; takes note

Amendment

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that: a) EU exports have grown by 22 %, while imports from five Central American countries have increased by 18.3 %, b) the main destination of EU exports to CA is Costa Rica, followed by Panama and Guatemala, and c) the main exporter of goods to the EU is Costa Rica, followed by Honduras and Guatemala;

that: a) EU exports have grown by 22 %, while imports from five Central American countries have increased by 18.3 %, b) the main destination of EU exports to CA is Costa Rica, followed by Panama and Guatemala, and c) the main exporter of goods to the EU is Costa Rica, followed by Honduras and Guatemala; ***notes with concern the significant drop in 2015 of 40.4% in exports of Costa Rica to the EU due to the relocation of a major IT equipment producer to South-East Asia, leading to an overall fall in imports from Central America of 16.8%;***

Or. en

Amendment 35

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Takes note that neither CA nor the EU make full use of their granted tariff rate quotas (TRQs) and therefore identifies potential sectors where further exchanges should be encouraged; regrets that figures on preference utilisation rates are only available in Costa Rica; is concerned that only 16.6 % of the eligible EU exports to Costa Rica benefited from the FTA while the rate was 92 % for Costa Rican exports to the EU;

Amendment

5. Takes note that neither CA nor the EU make full use of their granted tariff rate quotas (TRQs) and therefore identifies potential sectors where further exchanges should be encouraged; regrets that figures on preference utilisation rates are only available in Costa Rica ***and strongly encourages other Central American partners to take the appropriate measures to start collecting such data;*** is concerned that only 16.6 % of the eligible EU exports to Costa Rica benefited from the FTA while the rate was 92 % for Costa Rican exports to the EU; ***recalls the key importance of making trade more inclusive and facilitating an appropriate integration of SMEs and particularly of small-scale farmers into value chains; in this regard, requests the Commission to take active measures to increase knowledge and to facilitate the use the opportunities created by the AA among***

European producers, particularly SMEs, with a view to increase preference utilisation rates and the use of existing TRQs;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Dita Charanzová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. ***Takes note*** that neither CA nor the EU make full use of their granted tariff rate quotas (TRQs) and therefore ***identifies*** potential sectors where further exchanges should be encouraged; regrets that figures on preference utilisation rates are only available in Costa Rica; is concerned that only 16.6 % of the eligible EU exports to Costa Rica benefited from the FTA while the rate was 92 % for Costa Rican exports to the EU;

Amendment

5. ***Regrets*** that neither CA nor the EU make full use of their granted tariff rate quotas (TRQs) and therefore ***calls for*** potential sectors ***to be identified*** where further exchanges should be encouraged; regrets that figures on preference utilisation rates are only available in Costa Rica; is concerned that only 16.6 % of the eligible EU exports to Costa Rica benefited from the FTA while the rate was 92 % for Costa Rican exports to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Notes that the main products exported by CA to the EU are still heavily concentrated in the primary sector, while the main products exported by the EU to CA are machinery and appliances, products of the chemical or allied industries and transportation equipment; notes, however, that the AA is starting to contribute to the

Amendment

6. Notes that the main products exported by CA to the EU are still heavily concentrated in the primary sector ***and in relatively low value added products such as textiles, coffee, sugar, car parts or shrimps***, while the main products exported by the EU to CA are machinery and appliances, products of the chemical or

modernisation and diversification of exports from CA with more value-added, such as needles, prosthetic devices and medical devices, and to an increase in exports of Fair Trade and organic certified products;

allied industries and transportation equipment; notes, however, that the AA is starting to contribute to the modernisation and diversification of exports from CA with more value-added, such as needles, prosthetic devices and medical devices, and to an increase in exports of Fair Trade and organic certified products;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Notes that data on imports from Central America are extremely fluctuating as long as Central American exports concentrate on commodities and their prices on the world market or product parts in the global value chains; puts as an example the relocation of a multinational company producing chips in Costa Rica to South East Asia, which exported 86 percent of total machinery and equipment imported from Central America before and fell to close to 0 afterwards;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. *Concludes therefrom that all parties have to better define investment, also in the agreement, and distinguish between productive and speculative investment, while the latter should not be covered by agreement provisions; notes that foreign direct investment usually mostly consists of mergers and takeovers which tend to not create more and better jobs, but mean restructuring, closing down of factories and job losses; asks the Commission to dedicate a chapter on investment trends in this respect in the next implementation report;*

Or. en

Amendment 40

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Regrets that neither the Third Annual Report nor the latest Report on Implementation of FTAs covering 2016 include relevant data for evaluating investment flows;

Amendment

7. Regrets that neither the Third Annual Report nor the latest Report on Implementation of FTAs covering 2016 include relevant data for evaluating investment flows; ***calls on the Commission to include such data in future reports;***

Or. en

Amendment 41

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. *Underlines that the Panama Papers and the Paradise Papers reveal how much Central American countries are involved in unlawful tax avoidance and investment flow practices; urges the Commission to apply the recommendations set out in the final report of the PANA committee, revise the pertinent chapters on financial services and establishment accordingly and come forward with concrete proposals for a revised version of these chapters, which effectively protects against tax evasion;*

Or. en

Amendment 42

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Stresses that further progress needs to be made, ***for example on the problem of Costa Rica's discriminatory taxes on imports of alcoholic beverages***; is also concerned about pending issues related to effective protection of geographical indications (GIs), for example in Costa Rica (Manchego), Guatemala (Parmigiano) or Honduras (list of generics), ***and*** recommends that further efforts be made as regards compliance;

Amendment

10. Stresses that further progress needs to be made; is also concerned about pending issues related to effective protection of geographical indications (GIs), for example in Costa Rica (Manchego), Guatemala (Parmigiano) or Honduras (list of generics), recommends that further efforts be made as regards compliance ***and insists that local production for local consumption is key to the fight against hunger and rural exodus and the maintenance of diverse cultures;***

Or. en

Amendment 43

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, Karoline

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Regrets the lack of a specific chapter on SMEs in the existing AA, and encourages the Commission, the EEAS, Member States and CA to place at the disposal of SMEs all the tools required to foster greater exchanges and enhance participation in order to reap the benefits of the AA; reiterates its call for action to raise awareness of the AA among stakeholders in both regions; reiterates its call for the promotion of cooperation with appropriate technical and financial resources in strategic sectors for both regions;

Amendment

11. Regrets the lack of a specific chapter on SMEs in the existing AA, and encourages the Commission, the EEAS, Member States and CA ***to include such a chapter in a future review of the Agreement; Calls on the Parties*** to place at the disposal of SMEs all the tools required to foster greater exchanges and enhance participation in order to reap the benefits of the AA, ***including through active measures to foster the internationalisation of SMEs and the setting up of contact points and a specialised website for SMEs***; reiterates its call for action to raise awareness of the AA among stakeholders in both regions; reiterates its call for the promotion of cooperation with appropriate technical and financial resources in strategic sectors for both regions;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Dita Charanzová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

11. Regrets the lack of a specific chapter on SMEs in the existing AA, and encourages the Commission, the EEAS, Member States and CA to place at the disposal of SMEs all the ***legal and administrative support and*** tools required ***for SMEs to engage in trade and investment under this agreement***, foster greater exchanges and enhance

in both regions; reiterates its call for the promotion of cooperation with appropriate technical and financial resources in strategic sectors for both regions;

participation in order to reap the benefits of the AA; reiterates its call for action to raise awareness of the AA ***and the support available to*** among stakeholders, ***in particular SMEs***, in both regions; reiterates its call for the promotion of cooperation with appropriate technical and financial resources in strategic sectors for both regions;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Underlines that the existence of SMEs should not just be the result of strategies often used by multinational companies to split up into branches or outsource services, which makes the created SMEs totally dependent on strategic decisions of the contracting companies; asks the Commission to provide data on purpose, independence from multinationals and ownership of SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 46

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Highlights that the development of specific anticorruption and public

finance-related provisions are need to surpass the fact that liberalisation of trade in goods and services with developing countries increases the threat of money laundering, and that it is therefore likely to contribute to an increase in illicit financial flows from developing countries to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Highlights that corruption is a non-tariff barrier that increases businesses operational difficulties and hampers the wider business environment; calls on the Commission to use this agreement to monitor domestic reform in our partner countries in relation to the rule of law and good governance and to come up with effective anti-corruption measures;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. Emphasises that fair and transparent opening of public procurement markets in CA are essential to ensure a level playing field for businesses; is concerned that

procurement markets in CA could be opened further at the central government and regional government level;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11c. Views a significant hindrance to investment in CA to be intra-regional non-tariff measures; urges the Commission to ensure CA countries facilitate improved investment conditions and the local business environment for European investors that can improve employment and infrastructure and address the significant development needs of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 50

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12. Insists on the effective implementation of the specific commitments related to Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) provisions, which are an integral part of the AA and are essential to the accomplishment of the objectives set; welcomes, ***in particular***, the fact that civil society advisory mechanisms are now established in all CA countries; regrets, ***in***

12. Insists on the effective implementation of the specific commitments related to Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) provisions, which are an integral part of the AA and are essential to the accomplishment of the objectives set; ***recalls that the TSD chapter of the Trade Agreement envisages that each Party shall establish Domestic Advisory Groups or***

this context, that the meetings of the Association Committee and Subcommittees and the Civil Society Dialogue Forum have not always taken place as foreseen, and insists that meetings take place on an annual basis;

committees relevant for matters related to labour, the environment and sustainable development, comprising independent representative civil society organisations, with balanced representation of economic, social and environmental stakeholders, and that this commitment is an indispensable and essential element for the full implementation of the Agreement; welcomes the fact that civil society advisory mechanisms are now established in all CA countries, *but notes that serious concerns have been raised with regards to their independence and capacity to participate in some CA countries*; regrets, *equally*, that the meetings of the Association Committee and Subcommittees and the Civil Society Dialogue Forum have not always taken place as foreseen, and insists that meetings take place on an annual basis;

Or. en

Amendment 51 **Maria Arena**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 12**

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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take place on an annual basis;

take place on an annual basis; ***calls on the parties to the Agreement to rapidly establish mechanisms to strengthen the advisory groups envisaged in the agreement by ensuring that their composition is balanced by representative organisations that are independent of all official bodies; calls, further, on the parties to the Agreement to put in place effective mechanisms for dialogue with the advisory groups and to include them in the agreement evaluation processes planned for next year; takes the view that a binding sustainable development chapter with sanctions would be more effective in tackling social and environmental rights abuses;***

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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necessary financial means to strengthen Domestic Advisory Groups foreseen in the Agreement, and make sure that their members are independent from official structures or the states, and respect a gender balance; is of the opinion that these DAGs of all countries should hold a permanent dialogue with the members of the different subcommittees and take part in regular monitoring reports;

Or. en

Amendment 53

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Welcomes the recommendations made during the 3rd Joint Meeting of the EU and CA's DAGs on 16 June 2016 and calls on the Parties to implement them, particularly, with a view to ensuring the independence and balanced representation of DAGs, bi-annual meetings of the Parties with their DAGs and a full DAGs' participation in the evaluation of the AA; Regrets that no joint meeting of the EU and CA DAGs have taken place since 2016 and calls on the Parties to include this practice into the institutional setting of this and all other EU Trade Agreements, as an important tool for improved exchange of information, best practices and the elaboration of joint recommendations to be presented to the Parties;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Recalls that the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter of the trade agreement includes provisions to implement human rights, labour and environmental protection standards; Notes the fact that the Agreement has set the path for a regular dialogue on the implementation of the shared commitments; Regrets, however, the lack of enforceability of this chapter; Calls on the Parties to review the Agreement to introduce an effective dispute settlement mechanism, including sanctions in the case of serious breaches or to make the TSD-chapter subject under the general dispute settlement mechanism; Calls on the Parties to enable social partners and civil society to participate appropriately;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca, Nicola Danti, Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Takes note of the Commission 15-point plan to make TSD chapters more effective and recalls the need to continue its dialogue with the different actors involved, including the European Parliament, in order to design and ensure an effective enforcement mechanism for the human rights, labour and environmental protection commitments

included in Trade Agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Alessia Maria Mosca

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Recalls that the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter of the trade agreement includes legally binding provisions to effectively implement human rights, labour and environmental protection standards; Welcomes the fact that the Agreement has set the path for a regular dialogue on the implementation of the shared commitments; Regrets, however, the lack of enforceability of this chapter; Calls on the Parties to review the Agreement to introduce a suitable and effective dispute settlement mechanism, including sanctions as a deterrent measure to be used, as last resort, in the case of serious breaches, and enabling social partners and civil society to participate appropriately;

Or. en

Amendment 57

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12d. Urges the EU and all CA countries to ratify and fully implement the Multilateral Environmental Agreements

on fighting climate change, especially on the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement; Highlights the need to for the EU and CA step up cooperation in this regards;

Or. en

Amendment 58

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Takes note of the different country reports carried out by the ILO and of the challenges that still remain; calls on the CA countries concerned to eradicate violence against trade unionists and indigenous peoples, and to take legislative measures to effectively implement ILO fundamental conventions on freedom of association, collective bargaining and non-discrimination, *and* child labour; stresses the importance of strengthening labour inspections and enhancing social dialogue;

Amendment

13. Takes note of the different country reports carried out by the ILO and of the challenges that still remain; *notes with concern the non-compliance by Guatemala and Honduras with the fundamental Freedom of Association Convention (No. 87) and by El Salvador with priority Tripartite Consultation Convention (No.144); highlights its particular concern about the anti-union violence in Honduras, including extra-judicial killings and impunity for the perpetrators;* calls on the CA countries concerned to eradicate violence against trade unionists and indigenous peoples, and to take legislative measures to effectively implement *and enforce* ILO fundamental conventions on freedom of association, collective bargaining and non-discrimination, *as well as* child labour; stresses the importance of strengthening labour inspections and enhancing social dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 59

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

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

13. Takes note of the different country reports carried out by the ILO and of the challenges that still remain; calls on the CA countries concerned to eradicate violence against trade unionists, ***human rights defenders*** and indigenous peoples, and to take legislative measures to effectively implement ILO fundamental conventions on freedom of association, collective bargaining and non-discrimination, and child labour; stresses the importance of strengthening labour inspections and enhancing social dialogue; ***is deeply concerned on the deficits on social standards of garment sector industry of some CA countries;***

Or. en

Amendment 60
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

13a. Asks the Commission for assurances that goods or parts of goods produced in Export Processing Zones do not fall under the preferential tariffs of the Agreement, as EPZs are freed from the respect of international labour law standards and national environmental laws; asks the Commission for concrete information on customs or other provisions applied to distinguish products coming from EPZs and hence not falling under tariff elimination;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Tokia Saïfi, Maurice Ponga

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. ***Recalls that*** the thresholds established under the Stabilisation Mechanism for Bananas, annexed to the Agreement and applicable until 2020, ***should not be exceeded, and that once it expires*** parties ***should*** continue to provide statistics, including on Fair Trade and organic produce;

Amendment

14. ***Notes that in September 2018, Nicaragua and Guatemala achieved 349% and 102% respectively of*** the thresholds established under the Stabilisation Mechanism for Bananas, annexed to the Agreement and applicable until 2020; ***recalls that the thresholds established under this mechanism should not be exceeded, and is therefore seriously concerned that the thresholds have been repeatedly exceeded and that this has consequences for European banana producers; recalls the Commission's commitment to assess the situation of EU bananas producers by 1 January 2019 at the latest and that, in the event of a serious deterioration of the market or the situation of EU banana producers, an extension of the validity of the mechanism may be envisaged; calls on the parties to*** continue to provide statistics, including on Fair Trade and organic produce;

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Anne-Marie Mineur, Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Recalls that the thresholds established under the Stabilisation Mechanism for Bananas, annexed to the Agreement and applicable until 2020, should ***not be exceeded***, and that once it

Amendment

14. Recalls that the thresholds established under the Stabilisation Mechanism for Bananas, annexed to the Agreement and applicable until 2020, should ***be carefully examined***, and that

expires parties should continue to provide statistics, including on Fair Trade and organic produce;

once it expires parties should continue to provide statistics, including on Fair Trade and organic produce;

Or. en

Amendment 63

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Recalls that, in the light of the Stabilisation Mechanism and safeguard clause introduced in the Agreement, more thorough and regular information on market developments should be made available by the Commission, both to the European Parliament and the industrial sectors concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 64

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Stresses that recent political and economic developments in some Central American countries can have a negative impact on the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region;

15. Stresses that recent political and economic developments in some Central American countries can have a negative impact on the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region; ***Strongly condemns the political violence in Nicaragua which erupted in April 2018, leading to hundreds of civilians, particularly students, being killed, injured or arrested, which constitutes a severe violation of human rights and,***

particularly, of fundamental civil and political rights and freedoms, as well as the rule of law; recalls, in this regard, that respect for democratic principles, human rights, and the rule of law forms an essential part of the Association Agreement, whose violation by one Party allows the other Party to take appropriate measures, including, as a last resort, suspending the Agreement; Calls on the government of Nicaragua to ensure restoration of democratic principles and respect for human rights in full, ceasing violence, intimidation and repression against the opposition and protesters, as well as to immediately engage in dialogue with civil society, with a view to resolving the conflict; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to continue monitoring carefully the situation in Nicaragua and consider its trade relationship with the EU accordingly;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Dita Charanzová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that recent political and economic developments in some Central American countries can have a negative impact on the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region;

Amendment

15. Stresses that recent political and economic developments in some Central American countries can have a negative impact on the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region; *Is particularly alarmed at the situation in Nicaragua, and calls on the Nicaraguan authorities to cease all acts of violence and repression against its citizens, to release all political prisoners and to restart a meaningful dialogue with the opposition and relevant actors in all sectors order to seek a peaceful solution to the current socio-political crisis; Recalls*

that the democracy clause is an essential element of all of the Union's agreements with third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that *recent political and economic developments in some* Central American countries *can* have a negative impact on the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region;

Amendment

15. Stresses that *the generalized scenario of violence, fragile justice systems and deficient rule of law in most of the* Central American countries have a negative impact on the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses that recent political and economic developments in some Central American countries can have *a negative impact on* the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region;

Amendment

15. Stresses that recent political and economic developments in some Central American countries can have *economic implications that negatively affect* the region as a whole and might lead to the destabilisation of the region;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Recalls that violence and impunity affecting citizen's rights also means impunity with regards to crimes affecting international investors, which makes it imperative to first and foremost support forces which are dedicated to the investigation into corruption, including international bodies, and strongly recommends to discourage any investment and trade relationship with countries suffering from endemic corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 69

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15a. Recalls the obligation of the EU, as enshrined in Art. 8 of the TFUE, to mainstream a gender perspective in all its policies, including Trade; Calls on the Parties to visibly reinforce the gender focus of the Agreement and to include, in a future review, a specific chapter on gender and trade;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Emma McClarkin, Jan Zahradil

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Urges Austria, Belgium, Greece **and the United Kingdom** to ratify the AA, and reiterates the importance of full application of the other parts of the AA, including cooperation as regards economic and trade development (Article 52 and others);

Amendment

16. Urges Austria, Belgium **and** Greece to ratify the AA, and reiterates the importance of full application of the other parts of the AA, including cooperation as regards economic and trade development (Article 52 and others); ***notes that the AA proceeded through the United Kingdom Parliament in July and that the remaining formalities will be completed by the end of November;***

Or. en