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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Christofer Fjellner**  
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on the implementation of the GSP Regulation (EU) No 978/2012  
(2018/2107(INI))



## **Amendment 1**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Citation 3**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

– having regard to the midterm evaluation of the current GSP regulation of **April 2017**<sup>4</sup> and the Commission's Report on the application of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012<sup>5</sup> accompanied by the Commission staff working document of 4 October 2018<sup>6</sup>,

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[http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2017/july/tradoc\\_155771.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2017/july/tradoc_155771.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> COM(2018)0665.

<sup>6</sup> SWD(2018)0430.

##### *Amendment*

– having regard to the midterm evaluation of the current GSP regulation of **July 2018**<sup>4</sup> and the Commission's Report on the application of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012<sup>5</sup> accompanied by the Commission staff working document of 4 October 2018<sup>6</sup>,

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[http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2018/october/tradoc\\_157434.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2018/october/tradoc_157434.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> COM(2018)0665.

<sup>6</sup> SWD(2018)0430.

Or. en

## **Amendment 2**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Citation 4 a (new)**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

– **having regard to the EU Ombudsman Decision in case 1409/2014/MHZ on the European Commission's failure to carry out a prior human rights impact assessment of the EU-Vietnam free trade agreement<sup>1c</sup>,**

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<sup>1c</sup>

<https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/de>

**Amendment 3**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to its report of 27 June 2016 on the implementation of the 2010 recommendations of Parliament on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility (2015/2038(INI));*

**Amendment 4**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world 2017 and the European Union's policy on the matter adopted on 12th of December 2018;*

**Amendment 5**  
**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 7 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to Article 5 of the Treaty of the European Union (TEU),*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**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 Article 21 of the Treaty of the European Union (TEU),*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**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 Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Commission communication entitled ‘Trade for all: Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy’ (COM(2015)0497),*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Commission Communication ‘Trade for all: Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy’ (COM(2015)0497),*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to its resolution of 27 April 2017 on the EU flagship initiative on the garment sector.<sup>1a</sup>*

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<sup>1a</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2017)0196.*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to its resolution of 27 April 2017 on the EU flagship initiative on the garment sector<sup>1a</sup>,*

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<sup>1a</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2017)0196.*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– *having regard to its resolution of 27 April 2017 on the EU flagship initiative on the garment sector<sup>1a</sup>,*

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<sup>1a</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2017)0196.*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– *having regard to its Resolution of 14 June 2017 on the state of play of the implementation of the Sustainability Compact in Bangladesh<sup>1b</sup>,*

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<sup>1b</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2017)0265.*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 e (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to its Resolution of 14 June 2017 on the state of play of the implementation of the Sustainability Compact in Bangladesh<sup>2a</sup>,*

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<sup>2a</sup> *Texts adopted, P8\_TA(2017)0265.*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to voluntary country-specific partnerships, such as the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact and the Myanmar Labour Rights Initiative,*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to voluntary country-specific partnerships, such as the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact and the Myanmar Labour Rights Initiative,*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 h (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the 2007 joint strategy of the EU and its Member States entitled ‘Aid for trade: Enhancing EU support for trade-related needs in developing countries’,*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 i (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals,*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 j (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals,*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 k (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 l (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the fundamental ILO Conventions on child labour, forced labour, discrimination, and freedom of association and collective bargaining,*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 m (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Council Conclusions of 12 May 2016 on the EU and responsible global value chains,*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 n (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Council conclusions of 12 May 2016 on the EU and responsible global value chains,*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 o (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the report of the Committee on International Trade the opinions of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Development and the position in the form of amendments of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (A8-0269/2017),*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Citation 7 p (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the International Criminal Court Decision on the “Prosecution’s Request for a Ruling on Jurisdiction under Article 19(3) of the*

**Amendment 28**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) provides that the trade policy of the EU must be built on the principles and objectives of its external policy, including Article 21 TEU; whereas Article 208 TFEU establishes the principle of policy coherence for development and sets the eradication of poverty as the main objective; whereas the Commission’s Trade for All Communication bases EU trade policy on three key principles: effectiveness, transparency and values;***

**Amendment 29**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) stipulates that the EU’s trade policy must be built on the principles and objectives of EU external policy; whereas Article 208 of the TFEU establishes the principle of policy***

*coherence for development and sets the eradication of poverty as the main objective; whereas the Commission's Trade for All communication bases EU trade policy on three key principles – effectiveness, transparency and values;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 30**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) stipulates that the EU's trade policy must be built on the principles and objectives of EU external policy; whereas Article 208 of the TFEU establishes the principle of policy coherence for development and sets the eradication of poverty as the main objective; whereas the Commission's Trade for All communication bases EU trade policy on three key principles – effectiveness, transparency and values;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 31**

**Tokia Saïfi**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas EU trade policy must help to promote the values for which the Union stands, set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, and contribute to the*

*pursuit of the aims listed in Article 21, including the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law, respect for human rights, fundamental rights and freedoms, equality, respect for human dignity and the protection of the environment and of social rights;*

Or. fr

### **Amendment 32**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital A b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ab. whereas Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union states that the Union must contribute, among other things, to sustainable development, the eradication of poverty and the protection of human rights; whereas Article 21 TEU provides that (i) the EU's action on the international scene must be guided, inter alia, by the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the respect for human dignity; and (ii) that the EU must define and pursue common policies and actions so as to, inter alia, support human rights;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 33**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital A b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ab. whereas Article 21 TEU provides that (i) the EU's action on the*

*international scene must be guided, inter alia, by the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the respect for human dignity; and (ii) that the EU must define and pursue common policies and actions so as to, inter alia, support human rights;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ab. whereas Article 21 TEU provides that the EU's action on the international scene must be guided, inter alia, by the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the respect for human dignity; and that the EU must define and pursue common policies and actions so as to, inter alia, support human rights;*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ac. whereas the EU Ombudsman concluded that (i) good administration necessarily requires observance and respect of fundamental rights; (ii) there cannot be good administration where*



*fundamental rights are not respected; and (iii) the European Commission must accordingly always consider whether its actions both comply with fundamental rights and result in furthering the cause of human rights in third countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ac. whereas the Ombudsman made clear that (i) good administration necessarily requires observance and respect of fundamental rights; (ii) there cannot be good administration where fundamental rights are not respected; and (iii) the European Commission must accordingly always consider whether its actions both comply with fundamental rights and result in furthering the cause of human rights in third countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ad. whereas the GSP Regulation requires that the European Commission take account of "all available information" in determining whether GSP beneficiary countries duly comply with their human rights obligations,*

*including information provided by civil society; whereas in lack of an independent and formal complaints mechanism it cannot be guaranteed that the European Commission duly complies with its obligation to take account of "all available information";*

Or. en

### **Amendment 38**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital C**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas pursuant to Article 40 of the GSP regulation, the Commission is to submit a report on the application of the GSP Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council five years after *the* adoption *of the* regulation; whereas this regulation has been effectively in force since 1 January 2014;

###### *Amendment*

C. whereas pursuant to Article 40 of the GSP regulation, the Commission is to submit a report on the application of the GSP Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council five years after adoption *which should inform the next GSP Regulation to be adopted by 2022*; whereas this regulation has been effectively in force since 1 January 2014; *whereas a thorough independent evaluation of the functioning of the present Regulation has been carried out with a view to informing the review exercise of the Commission, and which has drawn up a list of concrete recommendations*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 39**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas the scheme contains three arrangements: the general GSP scheme, the GSP+ incentive scheme, and the Everything But Arms scheme (EBA); whereas the standard GSP beneficiaries – currently 18 countries – benefit from reduced customs duties on 66 % of all EU product categories; whereas the eight GSP+ beneficiaries export around 66 % of all product categories duty-free in return for their commitment to effectively implement 27 international core conventions covering labour rights, human rights, good governance and environmental concerns; whereas the 49 least developed countries under the EBA arrangement of GSP are granted duty-free access to the EU for all products, except arms and ammunition;

*Amendment*

D. whereas the scheme contains three arrangements: the general GSP scheme, the GSP+ incentive scheme, and the Everything But Arms scheme (EBA); whereas the standard GSP beneficiaries – currently 18 countries – benefit from reduced customs duties on 66 % of all EU product categories; whereas the eight GSP+ beneficiaries export around 66 % of all product categories duty-free in return for their commitment to effectively implement 27 international core conventions covering labour rights, human rights, good governance and environmental concerns; whereas the 49 least developed countries under the EBA arrangement of GSP are granted duty-free access to the EU for all products, except arms and ammunition; ***whereas all beneficiary countries are bound by international conventions in the areas of human rights and labour rights under the GSP Regulation, while GSP+ countries are also bound by international environmental and good governance conventions; whereas only the GSP+ scheme provides for a structured dialogue, which assesses the effective implementation of those conventions by the beneficiary countries; whereas GSP beneficiary countries must also be able to implement international standards and norms, including drawing up, implementing and enforcing appropriate legislation, particularly in the area of establishing the rule of law and combating corruption;***

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Da.** *whereas promoting international human rights standards must be at the core of the GSP+ system; whereas, accordingly, independent civil society and human rights defenders must play a central role in the monitoring and assessment of GSP+ schemes, including raising complaints of violations and seeking redress;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Da.** *whereas international environmental conventions are a key instrument for building the ground for achieving sustainable development in beneficiary countries; whereas GSP and EBA countries are exempt from ratifying and implementing those conventions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Db.** *whereas Parliament recalls it has*

*previously requested a series of reforms from the Commission, including but not limited to (1) standardised definitions for ‘serious failure to effectively implement’ an international convention and ‘serious and systematic violation of principles’ contained in an international convention, (2) to enhance the monitoring of commitments undertaken by beneficiary countries, better assessing their compliance with the international conventions, and (3) to include Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the GSP Regulation in order to ensure compliance by transnational corporations with national and international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, labour standards and environmental rules;*

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Sajjad Karim, Jan Zahradil**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas the key objectives of the 2012 GSP reform were to better focus on countries in need, further promote the core principles of sustainable development and good governance, and enhance stability and predictability;

*Amendment*

E. whereas the key objectives of the 2012 GSP reform were to better focus on countries in need - ***the least developed countries (LDCs) and other low and lower-income countries***, further promote the core principles of sustainable development and good governance, and enhance stability and predictability ***and improve certainty for business operators***;

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ea. whereas several international conventions, guidelines and rules aim to prevent human rights abuses; whereas GSP beneficiary countries in particular have the obligation to implement them and to create the appropriate legal and economic conditions under which businesses can operate and find a place in global supply chains; whereas GSP beneficiary countries must also be able to implement international standards and norms, including drawing up, implementing and enforcing appropriate legislation, particularly in the area of establishing the rule of law and combating corruption;*

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ea. whereas the mid-term evaluation final report found out that, out of all EBA eligible countries, 18 of them experienced an improvement in export diversification during the period of review while 29 countries did not realise any change or even faced a deterioration in their export diversification profiles at product-level; whereas it was also found that, in several cases, economic growth and enhanced export opportunities have not gone hand-in-hand with greater adherence to fundamental labour and human rights;*

**Amendment 46**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ea. whereas EU trade policy must not undermine, either directly or indirectly, the promotion and protection of human rights and civil space in developing countries; whereas the European Union must internationally promote a trade policy in where people and planet are in the centre;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eb. whereas there are no concrete and substantial improvements in terms of human rights and social rights and that there are even allegations that the production benefited by the GSP is encouraging land grabbing and the violation of labour and human rights in several of the countries covered by the GSP;***

Or. en

**Amendment 48**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eb.*** *whereas, based on the mid-term evaluation, it appears that countries with vulnerable economies, such as GSP+ and EBA beneficiaries, face additional competitive pressure from countries that have established a trade agreement with the EU, due to erosion of preferences;*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eb.*** *whereas the EU should respond even more effectively to social and environmental dumping and unfair competition and trade practices, and ensure a level playing field;*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ec.*** *whereas, in several countries, Export Processing Zones (EPZs) are generally exempt from national labour or*



*environmental legislation, forbid or limit union activity, and workers have no recourse to legal redress there, which constitutes a clear violation of ILO standards; whereas corruption and exemptions from labour laws and taxation in EPZs could have a negative impact on human rights, in particular by undermining decent work and trade unions' activities and rights;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 51**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ec. whereas the particular situation of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) is such that in some countries they are exempt from local labour laws and forbid or limit union activity, and that workers have no recourse to legal redress there, which constitutes a clear violation of ILO standards; whereas corruption and exemptions from labour laws and taxation in EPZs could have a negative impact on human rights, in particular by undermining decent work and trade unions;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 52**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ec. whereas the particular situation of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) is such that in some countries they are exempt from local labour laws and forbid or limit union activity, and that workers have no recourse to legal redress there, which constitutes a clear violation of ILO standards; whereas corruption and exemptions from labour laws and taxation in EPZs could have a negative impact on human rights, in particular by undermining decent work and trade unions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ec. whereas GSP might lead to an increased dependence on exportation of raw materials that intensifies the pressure on land and water resources, which could lead more quickly to deforestation and reduction of biodiversity; Whereas GSP could be used as an instrument of political pressure from the developed economies to promote the support of the developing countries in various aspects of their international agendas;*

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ed. whereas gender equality in all EU policies is firmly established in Article 8 of the TFEU; whereas trade and investment agreements tend to affect women and men differently on account of structural gender inequalities; whereas according to the ILO, in 2012 21 million people worldwide, of whom 55 % were women and girls, were the victims of forced labour, with 90 % of these were exploited in the private economy by individuals or enterprises;***

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ee. whereas gender equality in all EU policies is firmly established in Article 8 of the TFEU; whereas trade and investment agreements tend to affect women and men differently on account of structural gender inequalities; whereas according to the ILO, in 2012 21 million people worldwide, of whom 55 % were women and girls, were the victims of forced labour, with 90 % of these were exploited in the private economy by individuals or enterprises;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ee. whereas gender equality in all EU policies is firmly established in Article 8 of the TFEU; whereas trade and investment agreements tend to affect women and men differently on account of structural gender inequalities; whereas according to the ILO, in 2012, 21 million people worldwide, of whom 55 % were women and girls, were the victims of forced labour, with 90 % of these being exploited in the private economy by individuals or enterprises;***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ee. whereas Article 19.6 of the GSP Regulation requires that the European Commission take account of "all relevant information" in determining whether GSP beneficiary countries duly comply with their human rights obligations including information provided by civil society; whereas the involvement of civil society and social partners in the implementation of GSP scheme can enhance the legitimacy and effectiveness of the Common Commercial Policy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ee. whereas the involvement of civil society and social partners in the implementation of the GSP scheme can enhance the legitimacy and effectiveness of the Common Commercial Policy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 59**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ef. whereas since 1 July 2016, around 12 000 people, including women and children, have, reportedly, been killed in the Philippines during an ongoing campaign against drugs, internationally proclaimed as President Duterte's 'war on drugs'; whereas President Duterte has vowed to continue his anti-drug campaign until the end of his presidential term in 2022; whereas the EU remains deeply concerned about the high number of killings associated with the campaign against illegal drugs in the Philippines and about the clear violation of commitments undertaken in the framework of the GSP programme;*

Or. en

**Amendment 60**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ef. whereas the GSP trade preferences are enshrined in the EU's principle of promoting fair trade, and, therefore, allow the EU to suspend GSP benefits in the most serious cases of human rights violations on the basis of Chapter V, Article 19(1)(a) of the GSP regulation, which provides that preferential treatment may be withdrawn temporarily on a number of grounds, including serious and systematic violations of the principles laid down in the conventions listed in Part A of Annex VIII;*

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E g (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Eg. whereas, according to various reports, hundreds of garment workers have died in various factory fires in Bangladesh since 2006, for which regrettably the numerous culpable factory owners and managers have never been brought to justice; whereas it is estimated that every year some 11700 workers are killed in fatal accidents and another 24 500 die from work-related diseases, across all sectors in the country; whereas in different occasions the Government has announced its endeavours to apply for the GSP+ programme;*

Or. en

**Amendment 62**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E h (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Eh. whereas Pakistan had a moratorium on the death penalty in place until 2015, but reinstated it in the wake of the massacre at the Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014; whereas the moratorium was lifted initially only for terrorist activities, but was subsequently extended to all capital offences; whereas in its recent review of Pakistan's implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the UN Human Rights Committee raised concerns about restrictions on INGOs in the country and called for a review of the policy for regulation of INGOs in Pakistan, in particular its vague language regarding cancellation of INGO registration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E i (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ei. whereas Sri Lanka has committed to reform the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA), and the Code of Criminal Procedures Act, and to implement the Convention against Torture in the framework of the GSP+ regime; whereas the country has fallen short of its commitments;***

**Amendment 64**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E j (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ej. whereas trade unionists, human rights activists and civil society organizations are operating in an increasingly restricted space in Cambodia and face harassment, acts of intimidation and arbitrary arrest; whereas the 2015 amended Law on Association and Non-Governmental Organizations (LANGO) severely restricts freedom of association and expression, including by establishing government control and censorship over the work of NGOs; whereas the Trade Union Law restricts freedom of association and creates unnecessary obstacles and burdens in relation to registration procedures and the operations of trade unions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 65**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E k (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ek. whereas the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights described the circumstances surrounding the mass exodus of more than 700,000 Rohingya people from Myanmar as a “text book example of ethnic cleansing”;***



**Amendment 66**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E l (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***El. whereas the European Commission is in the process of launching investigations on human rights abuses within the framework of potential withdrawals of Myanmar and Cambodia from the Everything But Arms arrangements;***

Or. en

**Amendment 67**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E m (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Em. whereas the GSP trade preferences are enshrined in the EU's principle of promoting fair and free trade, and, therefore, allow the EU to suspend GSP benefits in the most serious cases of human rights violations on the basis of Chapter V, Article 19(1)(a) of the GSP regulation, which stipulates that preferential treatment may be withdrawn temporarily on a number of grounds, including serious and systematic violation of the principles laid down in the conventions listed in Part A of Annex VIII, among them the ILO's eight fundamental conventions;***

Or. en

## Amendment 68

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Motion for a resolution*

2. ***Stresses*** that the current GSP Regulation has been in force ***only*** for three years, since the start of the mid-term evaluation process, which ***therefore limits the up-to-date impact of indicators on economic, social, human rights and environmental issues;***

##### *Amendment*

2. ***Notes*** that the current GSP Regulation has been in force for three years, since the start of the mid-term evaluation process, which ***has already identified elements to be considered for reform in the next GSP Regulation; welcomes the recommendations provided by the mid-term revaluation final report;***

Or. en

## Amendment 69

Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 2 a (new)

##### *Motion for a resolution*

##### *Amendment*

2a. ***Recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation with regards to workers' rights, promotion of gender equality, and abolition of child and forced labour can only be fulfilled if monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is improved, and the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other support measures;***

Or. en

## Amendment 70

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Acknowledges that the GSP scheme has brought economic gains to the beneficiary countries and the EU, with increased exports to the EU and improved preference utilisation rates by EBA and GSP+ beneficiaries; urges the EU to work on raising awareness of the GSP rules in the beneficiary countries to promote an even better uptake of the scheme;

*Amendment*

3. Acknowledges that the GSP scheme has brought economic gains to ***certain industries in*** the beneficiary countries and the EU, with increased exports to the EU and improved preference utilisation rates by EBA and GSP+ beneficiaries; ***asks the Commission to assess which are the companies in the beneficiary countries that most benefit from the scheme, their position in global value chains and their ownership structure;*** urges the EU to work on raising awareness of the GSP rules in the beneficiary countries to promote an even better uptake of the scheme;

Or. en

**Amendment 71**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Acknowledges that the GSP scheme has brought economic gains to the beneficiary countries and the EU, with increased exports to the EU and improved preference utilisation rates by EBA and GSP+ beneficiaries; urges the EU to work on raising awareness of the GSP rules in the beneficiary countries to promote an even better uptake of the scheme;

*Amendment*

3. Acknowledges that the GSP scheme has brought economic gains to the beneficiary countries and the EU, with increased exports to the EU and improved preference utilisation rates by EBA and GSP+ beneficiaries, ***but that in some cases the inequality rate of the countries remains high;*** urges the EU to work on raising awareness of the GSP rules in the beneficiary countries to promote an even better uptake of the scheme, ***and to monitor the distribution the wealth eventually produced by the use of the schemes;***

**Amendment 72**  
**Sajjad Karim, Jan Zahradil**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3a. Stresses in this context the importance of a business to business approach; calls for the setting up of sectorial, multi-stakeholder platforms and online facilities, bringing together export companies from GSP beneficiary countries, import companies in the EU and potential new comers on both sides- those who are currently not exporting or not importing, in order to exchange best practices and to raise awareness of the GSP rules, conditions and economic perspectives it offers;**

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes the simplified GSP+ entry mechanism to make it more attractive for Standard GSP beneficiary countries; highlights the fact that many of the candidate countries for GSP+ ratified several of the international conventions needed for GSP+ admission;

4. Welcomes the simplified GSP+ entry mechanism to make it more attractive for Standard GSP beneficiary countries; highlights the fact that many of the candidate countries for GSP+ ratified several of the international conventions needed for GSP+ admission; ***stresses that the constant and systematic monitoring of the implementation process is of paramount importance; calls on the Commission to ensure the highest***

*standards of monitoring transparency, using all available resources that involve civil society and social partners in the process;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 74**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, overall, the GSP scheme *appears to have created* incentives for ratifying international conventions and *has* therefore *created* a better framework for progress; stresses the importance of measures to ensure that GSP enhances positive environmental development;

###### *Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, overall, the GSP scheme *should create* incentives for ratifying international conventions and therefore *create in principle* a better framework for progress; stresses the importance of measures to ensure that GSP enhances positive environmental development; *calls therefore on the Commission to consider, in view of the next Regulation, putting the general GSP scheme under the GSP+, by phasing the former out, and to also setup a structured dialogue for the EBA scheme with a view to further strengthening the incentives to ratify and implement the international conventions, including the ones on the protection of the environment;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 75**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 76**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, overall, the GSP scheme appears to have created incentives for ratifying international conventions and has therefore created a better framework for progress; stresses the importance of measures to ensure that GSP enhances positive environmental development;

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 77**

**Patricia Lalonde**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, overall, the GSP scheme appears to have created incentives for ratifying international conventions and has therefore created a better framework for progress; stresses the importance of measures to ensure that GSP enhances positive environmental development;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, overall, the GSP scheme appears to have created incentives for ratifying international conventions and has therefore created a better framework for progress; stresses the importance of measures to ensure that GSP enhances positive environmental development **and recommends that the Paris Agreement be added to the list of 27 core international conventions that GSP+ beneficiary countries must comply with;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 78**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Emphasises that, overall, the GSP scheme appears to have created incentives for ratifying international conventions and has therefore created a better framework for progress; stresses the importance of measures to ensure that GSP enhances positive environmental development;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, overall, the GSP scheme appears to have created incentives for ratifying international conventions and has therefore created a better framework for progress; stresses the importance of **putting in place thorough** measures to ensure that GSP enhances positive environmental development;

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5a. Emphasises that acts of secondary**

*EU law must be both designed and interpreted in line with primary EU law and general principles of EU law; thus, calls for a reform of the GSP Regulation that would lead to bind the European Commission to withdraw GSP treatment from third countries that fail to adequately address established violations of human rights within their jurisdiction;*

Or. en

**Amendment 80**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*5a. Emphasises that acts of secondary EU law must be both designed and interpreted in line with primary EU law and general principles of EU law; thus calls for a reform of the GSP Regulation that would lead to bind the European Commission to withdraw GSP treatment from third countries that fail to adequately address established violations of human rights within their jurisdiction;*

Or. en

**Amendment 81**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*5a. Calls on the Commission to exclude EPZs from the benefits of the GSP schemes insofar as they are exempt*



*from national legislation and in breach of the relevant international conventions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 82**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5b. Calls on the Commission to lay down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and systematically include these in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring consistency and mainstreaming human rights into trade policy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 83**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 5 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5c. Encourages the establishment of an independent and formal complaints mechanism related to the effective implementation of obligations under international conventions under GSP+, in order to take into account all available information, including from reliable local stakeholders;**

Or. en

## Amendment 84

Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 5 d (new)

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5d.** *Suggests that the future reform of GSP+ should take into consideration a progressive phase out of tariffs based on the achievements of the beneficiary country in terms of sustainable development; emphasises the conditionality of trade preferences to improvements on social and environmental protection;*

Or. en

## Amendment 85

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 6

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges the progress ***on effective implementation*** through increased monitoring and dialogue between the EU and the beneficiary countries; ***stresses the need for continued engagement and further improvement of transparency in GSP+ monitoring and better involvement of civil society; takes the view that further coordination and burden-sharing between the embassies of Member States in beneficiary countries is required to streamline the monitoring process;***

6. Acknowledges the progress ***in ratifying the international conventions*** through increased monitoring and dialogue between the EU and the beneficiary countries; ***recalls that the full potential of the GSP+ scheme to improve the situation on the ground can only be fulfilled if the monitoring of effective implementation of obligations under the 27 conventions is revised for the better and if the incentive of trade preferences is accompanied by other supporting measures; calls on the Commission to consider the establishment of an independent and formal complaints mechanism related to the effective implementation of obligations, in order to adequately take into account all available information, including from reliable local***

*stakeholders; suggests to formally install offices receiving complaints in each EU Delegation in beneficiary countries; equally asks the Commission to draft an annual report to the European Parliament on complaints received and the specific follow up given to each of them;*

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Patricia Lalonde**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Acknowledges the progress on effective implementation through increased monitoring and dialogue between the EU and the beneficiary countries; stresses the need for continued engagement and further improvement of transparency in GSP+ monitoring and better involvement of civil society; takes the view that further coordination and burden-sharing between the embassies of Member States in beneficiary countries is required to streamline the monitoring process;

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges the progress on effective implementation through increased monitoring and dialogue between the EU and the beneficiary countries; stresses the need for continued engagement and further improvement of transparency in GSP+ monitoring and better involvement of civil society, ***in particular in the process of monitoring implementation of the 27 core conventions***; takes the view that further coordination and burden-sharing between the embassies of Member States in beneficiary countries is required to streamline the monitoring process; ***recommends, as far as possible, greater transparency and communication between stakeholders in GSP withdrawal processes, in particular during the European Commission's investigation procedure***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 87**  
**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Acknowledges the progress on effective implementation through increased monitoring and dialogue between the EU and the beneficiary countries; stresses the need for continued engagement and further improvement of transparency in GSP+ monitoring and better involvement of civil society; takes the view that further coordination and burden-sharing between the embassies of Member States in beneficiary countries is required to streamline the monitoring process;

*Amendment*

6. Acknowledges the progress on effective implementation through increased monitoring and dialogue between the EU and the beneficiary countries; stresses the need for continued engagement and further improvement of transparency in GSP+ monitoring and better involvement of civil society ***and trade unions; in this regard calls for the establishment of joint oversight commissions with the participation of local civil society and trade union representatives, private sector and beneficiary government***; takes the view that further coordination and burden-sharing between the embassies of Member States in beneficiary countries is required to streamline the monitoring process;

Or. en

**Amendment 88**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls on the Commission to address shrinking space for civil society, threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in monitoring, scorecards, GSP+ dialogues and “Enhanced Engagement”, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the International Labour Organisation core conventions, in line with the COM Trade for All communication that bases the EU trade policy on three key principles –***

*effectiveness, transparency and values;*

Or. en

**Amendment 89**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Urges the Commission to address issues of civil society space and protection for human rights defenders at risk in its engagement with GSP+ beneficiary countries, including by raising individual cases of defenders at risk, visiting and meeting with human rights defenders when on GSP+ missions; Insists that there must be a binding mechanism through which independent civil society and human rights defenders can raise complaints of human rights violations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 90**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6a. Calls on the Commission to lay down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and to systematically include these in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring consistency and mainstreaming human rights into trade policy; is of the view that**

*those benchmarks should also be used to assess progress made by one country once withdrawal investigations have been launched;*

Or. en

**Amendment 91**  
**Tokia Saïfi**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*6a. Calls on the Commission to work harder with beneficiary countries, the EEAS, Union delegations, Member States' diplomatic missions, international organisations, businesses, social partners and civil society in order to improve its information gathering and provide more in-depth analysis of the monitoring exercise so that the implementation of all aspects of the system can be clearly evaluated;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 92**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*6b. Suggests that the future reform of GSP+ should take into consideration a progressive phase-in of tariff reduction based on the achievements of the beneficiary country in terms of measurable implementation of the conventions; emphasizes the*

*conditionality of trade preferences to improvements on social and environmental protection;*

Or. en

**Amendment 93**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6b. Suggests that the future reform of GSP+ should take into consideration a progressive phase-in approach, in which tariff reductions would be increased as benchmarks based on achievements in terms of sustainable development are met; emphasize the conditionality of trade preferences to improvements on social and environmental protection;**

Or. en

**Amendment 94**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6b. Calls on the Commission to lay down specific objectives and benchmarks with regard to the effective implementation of international conventions and systematically include these in the human rights country strategy papers with a view to ensuring consistency and mainstreaming human rights into trade policy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 95**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6c. Encourages the establishment of an independent and formal complaints mechanism related to the effective implementation of obligations under international conventions under GSP+, in order to take into account all available information, including from reliable local stakeholders;**

Or. en

**Amendment 96**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6c. Recommends greater transparency around the scorecard exercise, notably through their publication; considers it necessary to also publish the agenda as well as a summary report of the dialogues, which would contribute to an overall improved effectiveness of the EU's monitoring;**

Or. en

**Amendment 97**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6e. Calls on the Commission to include ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous Peoples, within the other fundamental binding conventions to be eligible for GSP, as an essential instrument to curb land grabbing and key human rights violations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 98**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

7. **Stresses the need for** a targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors;

7. **Emphasises that acts of secondary EU law must be both designed and interpreted in line with primary EU law and general principles of EU law; thus, calls for a reform of the GSP Regulation that would lead to bind the European Commission to consistently and systematically take immediate steps to initiate the relevant procedures and establish the relevant files leading to a withdrawal of preferences whenever severe and systematic violations are reported by relevant monitoring bodies; calls on the Commission to consider a targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors;**

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Stresses the need for a targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses the need for a targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences ***that will reduce the negative economic impact in Least Developed Countries (LDC)*** and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors; ***calls on the Commission to proactively investigate allegations of non-compliance by GSP+ beneficiaries; reiterates the need for suspension of preferences for non-compliant beneficiaries in order to preserve the credibility of the scheme;***

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Sajjad Karim, Jan Zahradil**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Stresses the need for ***a*** targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses the need for ***maintaining the current*** targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors; ***calls on the Commission to bring forward new proposals on possible graduated withdrawals of trade preferences or other time bound withdrawal measures;***

Or. en

**Amendment 101**  
**Patricia Lalonde**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Stresses the need for a targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses the need for a targeted approach for the withdrawal of preferences and that such withdrawal could be limited to specific sectors, ***individuals or operators***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 102**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Notes that the number of beneficiary countries has significantly decreased due to the reformed eligibility criteria, which, together with product graduation, has resulted in an overall decrease in the volume of EU imports from GSP countries; acknowledges that these reforms allow preferences to be focused on the countries that are most in need;

*Amendment*

8. Notes that the number of beneficiary countries has significantly decreased due to the reformed eligibility criteria, which, together with product graduation, has resulted in an overall decrease in the volume of EU imports from GSP countries; acknowledges that these reforms allow preferences to be focused on the countries that are most in need; ***notes that consequently some countries previously subject to GSP+ screening are now covered by trade and sustainable development chapters of bilateral trade deals, making the case for better enforcement of these chapters crucial***;

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls **for further** measures to **enhance** the diversification of exports from GSP countries; **regrets the fact that diversification among beneficiaries seems to have been hampered by removing the possibility of cumulation with countries that have graduated from GSP, as they can no longer benefit from the Rules of Origin for GSP beneficiaries; calls for this possibility to be reintroduced in a revision of the regulation; notes the significant decrease in export diversification at all sector levels for Standard GSP beneficiaries;**

*Amendment*

9. **Regrets the fact that the GPS scheme, notably in the case of EBA countries, has not sufficiently contributed to economic diversification; and that, in certain cases, increased export volumes and economic opportunities have also had indirect negative impacts on fundamental rights and social development; calls on the Commission to consider measures in order to support the diversification of exports, such as further reforming and expanding the list of products to be covered by the Regulation in particular with regard to semi-finished and finished products, and, where necessary, easing rules of origins for the most vulnerable countries; further calls on the Commission to carry out a regular impact assessment in order to swiftly put in place mitigating measures to address any negative indirect impacts;**

Or. en

**Amendment 104**  
**Patricia Lalonde**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls for further measures to enhance the diversification of exports from GSP countries; regrets the fact that diversification among beneficiaries seems to have been hampered by removing the possibility of cumulation with countries that have graduated from GSP, as they can no longer benefit from the Rules of Origin for GSP beneficiaries; calls for this possibility to be reintroduced in a revision

*Amendment*

9. Calls for further measures to enhance the diversification of exports from GSP countries; regrets the fact that diversification among beneficiaries seems to have been hampered by removing the possibility of cumulation with countries that have graduated from GSP, as they can no longer benefit from the Rules of Origin for GSP beneficiaries; calls for this possibility to be reintroduced in a revision

of the regulation; notes the significant decrease in export diversification at all sector levels for Standard GSP beneficiaries;

of the regulation; notes the significant decrease in export diversification at all sector levels for Standard GSP beneficiaries, *insofar as the countries that have the possibility of cumulation fall under the ‘low-income economies’ or ‘lower-middle-income economies’ in the World Bank’s most recent classification<sup>1a</sup>*;

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<sup>1a</sup> Updated (2018) World Bank classification by country and by revenue <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>

Or. fr

**Amendment 105**  
**Jude Kirton-Darling**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Calls for further measures to enhance the diversification of exports from GSP countries; regrets the fact that diversification among beneficiaries seems to have been hampered by removing the possibility of cumulation with countries that have graduated from GSP, as they can no longer benefit from the Rules of Origin for GSP beneficiaries; *calls* for this possibility to be reintroduced in a revision of the regulation; notes the significant decrease in export diversification at all sector levels for Standard GSP beneficiaries;

*Amendment*

9. Calls for further measures to enhance the diversification of exports from GSP countries; regrets the fact that diversification among beneficiaries seems to have been hampered by removing the possibility of cumulation with countries that have graduated from GSP, as they can no longer benefit from the Rules of Origin for GSP beneficiaries; *firmly demands* for this possibility to be reintroduced in a revision of the regulation; notes the significant decrease in export diversification at all sector levels for Standard GSP beneficiaries;

Or. en

**Amendment 106**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a. Calls for a modification of Annex VIII to the Regulation by adding the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, ILO Convention No.169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, as well as an overall enhanced consistency with the Sustainable Development Goals;**

Or. en

**Amendment 107**  
**Sajjad Karim, Jan Zahradil**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9a. Encourages GSP beneficiary countries to introduce effective measures aimed at product diversification; underlines in this sense the need to create access to knowledge and technology to diversify products so the exports can sustain themselves in global competition, particularly in Europe;**

Or. en

**Amendment 108**  
**Sajjad Karim, Jan Zahradil**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9b. Calls on GSP beneficiary countries to put in place and effectively implement legal measures to protect intellectual property;**

Or. en

**Amendment 109**  
**Patricia Lalonde**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Stresses the importance of capacity building in the beneficiary countries to alleviate supply-side constraints on diversification and preference usage; calls for measures under Aid-for-Trade to be more effectively used in this regard; ***takes the view that consideration should be given to including services in the next GSP regulation in order to further promote increased diversification;***

*Amendment*

10. Stresses the importance of capacity building in the beneficiary countries to alleviate supply-side constraints on diversification and preference usage; calls for measures under Aid-for-Trade to be more effectively used in this regard;

Or. fr

**Amendment 110**  
**Heidi Hautala**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Stresses the importance of capacity building in the beneficiary countries to ***alleviate supply-side constraints on diversification and preference usage;*** calls for measures under Aid-for-Trade to be

*Amendment*

10. Stresses the importance of capacity building in the beneficiary countries to ***support them in benefitting the most from the scheme;*** calls for measures under Aid-for-Trade to be more effectively used in

more effectively used in this regard; **takes the view that consideration should be given to including services in the next GSP regulation in order to further promote increased diversification;**

this regard; **requests the Commission to address the issue of coherence and consistency between GSP and FTA regimes in the impact assessment for the next Regulation aiming at fully preserving the central role of GSP for Developing Countries in the trade policy of the EU;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 111**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 11**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

11. **Takes note** of the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial **and** economic interests are protected while being able to offer preferences for sensitive products;

###### *Amendment*

11. **Supports the launch** of the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial, economic, **social, environmental and climate related** interests are protected while being able to offer preferences for sensitive products; **stresses that if trade preferences are not followed by reforms and by the implementation of international conventions, the GSP programs would fail to comply with the ultimate goal of favouring sustainable development in the beneficiary countries;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 112**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 11**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

11. **Takes note** of the first safeguard

###### *Amendment*

11. **Supports the launch** of the first



investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial and economic interests are protected *while being able to offer preferences for sensitive products;*

safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial and economic interests are protected; *stresses that if trade preferences are not followed by reforms and the implementation of international conventions, the GSP programmes could potentially lead to increased levels of environmental and social dumping; calls on the Commission to assess the programmes' effects on Union industry and workers;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 113**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 11**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

11. Takes note of the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial and economic interests are protected while being able to offer preferences for sensitive products;

###### *Amendment*

11. Takes note of the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's *social, environmental,* financial and economic interests are protected while being able to offer preferences for sensitive products; *stresses the need to ensure the effective implementation of international conventions by the beneficiary countries in order to prevent increased levels of environmental and social dumping;*

Or. en

### **Amendment 114**

**Tokia Saïfi**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. **Takes note of** the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial and economic interests are protected **while being able to offer preferences for** sensitive products;

*Amendment*

11. **Welcomes** the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial and economic interests are protected; **stresses the need for special treatment of** sensitive EU products **to avoid putting certain sectors at risk**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 115**  
**Patricia Lalonde**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Takes note of the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial and economic interests are protected while **being able to offer preferences for sensitive products**;

*Amendment*

11. Takes note of the first safeguard investigation under the regulation and considers that this clause should ensure that the EU's financial and economic interests are protected while **taking account of the different activity sectors**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 116**  
**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU; **notes however that despite some limited**

*improvements women continue to be discriminated and is concerned in particular for the condition of women in the Ready Made Garment (RMG) sector; in this regard deems regrettable that the Commission has not followed up the European Parliament resolution on the European Garment Initiative;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 117**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 12**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights that the GSP has *made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number* of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU;

##### *Amendment*

12. Highlights that the GSP has *favoured the participation* of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU; *notes however that despite some limited improvements women continue to be discriminated and is concerned in particular for the working, wage and health conditions of women in the Ready Made Garment (RMG) sector; in this regard deems regrettable that the Commission has not followed up the European Parliament resolution on the European Garment Initiative;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 118**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU; ***notes however that despite some limited improvements women continue to be discriminated and is concerned in particular for the condition of women in the Ready Made Garment (RMG) sector;***

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Sajjad Karim**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting ***in women empowerment in general and*** in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU ***in particular; stresses in this sense that is important to create suitable business environment for women to capitalize on these new skills and experiences in order to be able to move up in companies structures or be able to set up their own new enterprises;***

Or. en

**Amendment 120**  
**Patricia Lalonde**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU;

*Amendment*

12. Highlights that the GSP has made the corporate sector more dynamic, resulting in an increased number of women in the labour force in the industries of the export countries that trade with the EU, ***in particular in the textiles industry;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 121**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12a. Calls on the Commission to address shrinking space for civil society, threats to independent trade unions and obstacles to EU funding to NGOs in monitoring, scorecards, GSP+ dialogues and “Enhanced Engagement”, as these issues are directly related to legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and relevant provisions of the ILO’s core conventions, in line with the Commission’s “Trade for All” Communication; urges the Commission to continue funding civil society initiatives that monitor the implementation of this scheme, including through shadow reporting;***

Or. en

**Amendment 122**

**Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Eleonora Forenza, Patrick Le Hyaric, Anne-Marie Mineur**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. Welcomes the effect that the GSP has had on private corporations' initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies, and the direct positive impact thereof on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to further encourage this development should be planned;

*Amendment*

13. Welcomes the effect that the GSP has had on private corporations' initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies, and the direct positive impact thereof on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to further encourage this development should be planned; ***calls consequently on the establishment of due-diligence obligations on EU actors along the value chain in order to ensure a level-playing field among private corporations who have voluntarily engaged in these initiatives and those who have not done so; stresses in this regard that many of the calls that the European Parliament expressed in its resolution of 27 April 2017 on the EU flagship initiative on the garment sector have not been met yet; welcomes the effect that the GSP has had on private corporations' initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies, and the direct positive impact thereof on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to further encourage this development should be planned;***

Or. en

**Amendment 123**

**Heidi Hautala**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

13. ***Welcomes*** the effect that the GSP has had on private corporations' initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies, and ***the*** direct positive impact ***thereof*** on workers and the environment; takes the

*Amendment*

13. ***Asks for reliable data and a thorough assessment on*** the effect that the GSP has had on private corporations' initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies, and ***whether there is a*** direct

view that measures to *further* encourage this development should be planned;

positive impact on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to encourage this development should be planned; *believes that, in any case, voluntary schemes are ineffective and recalls its various initiatives aiming at the establishing due-diligence obligations on European companies;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 124**

**Alessia Maria Mosca, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 13**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Welcomes the effect that the GSP has had on private corporations' initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies, and the direct positive impact thereof on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to further encourage this development should be planned;

###### *Amendment*

13. Welcomes the effect that the GSP has had on private corporations' initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies, and the direct positive impact thereof on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to further encourage this development should be planned; *nevertheless considers voluntary schemes to be ineffective; re-calls its various initiatives aiming at the establishing due-diligence obligations on European importers;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 125**

**Sajjad Karim, Jan Zahradil**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 13**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

13. Welcomes the effect that the GSP has had on *private corporations'* initiatives to adopt cleaner and safer technologies,

###### *Amendment*

13. Welcomes the effect that the GSP has had on *voluntary corporate social responsibility* initiatives to adopt cleaner

and the direct positive impact thereof on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to further encourage this development should be planned;

and safer technologies, and the direct positive impact thereof on workers and the environment; takes the view that measures to further encourage this development should be planned;

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Bernd Lange**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Calls on the Commission in the forthcoming revision of the GSP Regulation to introduce tariff preferences for products which have demonstrably been produced sustainably; considers that the goods should be submitted on a voluntary basis for certification of their sustainable mode of production and that proof thereof should be produced upon import into the EU; believes that in this way, the EU could support the efforts of private industry to make value chain sustainable; considers that this recognition should be granted in accordance with established sustainability criteria and minimum requirements regarding evidence or certification systems; considers that the sustainability requirements should be based, inter alia, on international conventions, for example, the ILO's core labour standards or the Convention on Biodiversity; believes moreover, that in this way the production of fair and ethical trade products would be strengthened and promoted;***

Or. en



**Amendment 127**

**Tokia Saïfi**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***13a. Calls on the Commission to intensify and develop its cooperation with international organisations such as, among others, the United Nations, the ILO and the OECD in the context of the monitoring and implementation of the GSP system;***

Or. fr