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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Kostas Chrysogonos
(PE584.147v01-00)

on the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking
(2016/2076(INI))

Amendment 1
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the protection of endangered animal and plant species is an issue of global interest, which requires cooperation between all nations, including those of the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the protection of endangered animal and plant species is an issue of global interest, which requires cooperation between all nations, including those of the EU, ***particularly against the background of increasing international (and non-international) illegal trade in wild animals and plants and derived products in recent years;***

Or. ro

Amendment 2
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the protection of endangered animal and plant species is an issue of global interest, which requires cooperation between all nations, including those of the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas ***biodiversity conservation has been playing a key role in European environmental policy-making and*** *whereas* the protection of endangered animal and plant species is an issue of global interest, which requires cooperation between all nations, including those of the EU;

Or. pt

Amendment 3
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the protection of endangered animal and plant species *is an issue* of global *interest, which requires* cooperation between all nations, including those of the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the protection of endangered animal and plant species *and combating the illegal trade in these species are issues* of global *importance and require* cooperation between all nations, including those of the EU;

Or. el

Amendment 4
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the protection of endangered animal and plant species is an issue of global interest, which requires cooperation between all nations, *including* those of the EU;

Amendment

A. whereas the protection of endangered animal and plant species is an issue of global interest, which requires cooperation between all nations, *especially* those of the EU;

Or. hr

Amendment 5
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the April 2013 UN Commission on Crime, Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution, endorsed by the UN Economic and Social Council in July 2013, encourages its "Member States to make illicit trafficking in wild fauna and flora a serious crime when organized criminal groups are involved", thereby placing it on the same level as human

trafficking and drug trafficking;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas illicit wildlife trafficking is currently in third place on the list of illegal trade activities, and is exceeded only by the illegal trade in arms and drugs;

Or. ro

Amendment 7

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas the trade in wild animals and plants generates significant profits for criminal groups, with the figures being put at between EUR 8 and 20 billion;

Or. ro

Amendment 8

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas all Member States have signed the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and the EU ***acceded*** to the convention in 2015;

Amendment

B. whereas all Member States have signed the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and the EU ***became a party*** to the convention in 2015;

Or. ro

Amendment 9
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law harmonises the definitions for wildlife crime related offences and obliges Member States to provide, in their national legislation, for effective, proportionate and dissuasive criminal sanctions for serious breaches of Community legislation relating to conservation of the environment, including protected species of wild flora and fauna;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the EU's participation as

a legal entity in this species protection system cannot but confirm the prominent and responsible stance taken by the EU in promoting sustainability;

Or. it

Amendment 11
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas an action plan at European level *to address* the issue of wildlife trafficking *is an essential step forward*;

Amendment

C. whereas *the EU continues to be one of the largest markets for illicit wildlife products – the demand for which is substantial – and whereas* an action plan at European level *has an essential role to play in addressing* the issue of wildlife trafficking *and the proceeds generated by criminal offences of that kind, especially transnationally, and in providing more effective means to combat this scourge, which constitutes nothing less than an assault on the rule of law and on the sustainable development of states and local communities in the places from where the products in question originate*;

Or. pt

Amendment 12
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of *wildlife trafficking* is an essential step forward;

Amendment

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of *the trade in wild animals and plants* is an essential step forward, *and is a necessity given that*

Europe is currently a destination market and a hub for trafficking in transit to other regions, and moreover Europe is also a region from which certain species are sourced for illegal trade;

Or. ro

Amendment 13
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is an essential step forward;

Amendment

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is an essential step forward, *which must now be accompanied by effective complementary measures such as the training of forestry and customs corps and the introduction of effective penalties;*

Or. it

Amendment 14
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is an essential step forward;

Amendment

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is an essential step forward *to formulating a complementary approach to dealing with illegal trafficking of endangered species throughout the EU Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is an essential step forward;

Amendment

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is an essential step forward, ***given that revenue from the illegal trade in wild animals amounts to approximately US \$22 billion worldwide;***

Or. el

Amendment 16
Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is ***an essential step forward;***

Amendment

C. whereas an action plan at European level to address the issue of wildlife trafficking is ***a valuable contribution to the collective effort;***

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the EU Action Plan demonstrates that the EU is ready to live up to international expectations and

commitments, and that it is raising the level of its ambition as regards action against the illegal trade in wild animals and plants;

Or. ro

Amendment 18
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered species are to be protected successfully;

Amendment

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered species are to be protected successfully, *and this can be achieved through a joint commitment by the EU and its Member States, in the form of an action plan, to taking a series of measures, implementing shared international commitments and acknowledging at a political level the importance of tackling the problem;*

Or. ro

Amendment 19
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered species are to be protected successfully;

Amendment

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered species are to be protected successfully, *implying a need to make efficient use of existing resources and agencies while bringing exhaustive expert assessment and monitoring to bear on*

potential illicit activities;

Or. pt

Amendment 20
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered species are to be protected successfully;

Amendment

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered species are to be protected successfully *from illegal trafficking*;

Or. el

Amendment 21
Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered species are to be protected successfully;

Amendment

D. whereas the principle of effectiveness of public action requires the Member States to coordinate their actions if endangered *animal and plant* species are to be protected successfully;

Or. hr

Amendment 22
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. *whereas the principle of subsidiarity requires Member States to be free to choose the means of attaining the goal of protecting endangered animal and plant species;*

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Or. en

Amendment 23
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Recital E

Draft opinion

Amendment

E. *whereas the principle of subsidiarity requires Member States to be free to choose the means of attaining the goal of protecting endangered animal and plant species;*

E. *whereas the principle of subsidiarity requires Member States to be free to choose the means of attaining the goal of protecting endangered animal and plant species; **whereas the role of local authorities is particularly effective and necessary in this regard;***

Or. it

Amendment 24
Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

Amendment

F. *whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards establishing minimum rules concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU);*

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Amendment 25
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards establishing minimum rules concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU);

Amendment

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards establishing minimum rules concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) ***and facilitating structured dialogue for enhanced regional cooperation in consultation with all relevant stakeholders and expert groups, such as customs, police and wildlife specialists;***

Or. en

Amendment 26
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards establishing minimum rules concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU);

Amendment

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards establishing minimum rules concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), ***while respecting the principle of subsidiarity;***

Or. en

Amendment 27
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards ***establishing minimum rules concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU);***

Amendment

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, ***Member States and the EU as a whole*** should work towards ***the implementation of already taken international commitments on combating wildlife trafficking and improvement of the cooperation with third countries and countries of origin;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Recital F

Draft opinion

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards establishing ***minimum rules*** concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU);

Amendment

F. whereas, in view of the uniquely cross-border nature of wildlife trafficking offences, the EU should work towards establishing ***rules which are as harmonised as possible*** concerning the definition and sanctioning of such offences, pursuant to Article 83(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU);

Or. it

Amendment 29
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking ***and the fact that over the last decade the EU has been actively involved in combating the illegal trade in wildlife by adopting strict trade rules to end this type of trafficking;***

Or. ro

Amendment 30
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking;

Amendment

1. ***Points to*** the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking ***and stresses the need for further measures to be taken to fully tackle it;***

Or. el

Amendment 31
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes also the fact that the Action Plan makes a major contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals set under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development agreed by heads of state at a UN summit in September 2015;

Amendment 32
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Welcomes the Conclusions of the Environmental Council of 20 June 2016 in relation to the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that it is a party to the CITES convention;

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that it is a party to the CITES convention, ***and would thus encourage it to establish solid partnerships with the countries on trafficking borders – source, destination and transit countries;***

Or. ro

Amendment 34
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that the EU *needs* to step up *its* common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that *it* is a party to the CITES convention;

Amendment

2. Considers that the EU ***and Member States need*** to step up ***their*** common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that ***the EU*** is a party to the CITES convention, ***as well as to seek closer cooperation with third countries and countries of origin***;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that it is a party to the CITES convention;

Amendment

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that it is a party to the CITES convention, ***that entered into force on the 1st of July and is now protecting over 35000 species of animals and plants***;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that it is a party to the CITES convention;

Amendment

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that it is a party to the CITES convention, ***in particular by including this priority in the various commercial treaties it negotiates with third countries***;

Amendment 37
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle wildlife trafficking, now that it is a party to the CITES convention;

Amendment

2. Considers that the EU needs to step up its common efforts to tackle ***environmental crime and*** wildlife trafficking ***in particular***, now that it is a party to the CITES convention;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Urges the EU to take part in awareness-raising campaigns with stakeholders and civil society, not only in rural areas, but also on a global level to reduce the market for illegal wildlife products;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities; ***considers it essential in this respect to take measures at national level to improve cooperation, coordination, communication and information flows between agencies by promoting the exchange of best practices at EU level;***

Or. ro

Amendment 40
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly ***by establishing coordinated cooperation*** between ***European and international agencies, as well as with*** enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities, ***each exercising their specific responsibilities with a view to implementing measures on the ground;***

Or. pt

Amendment 41
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities; ***in particular, calls for the setting up of joint enforcement priorities with Europol and Eurojust providing dedicated support for cross-border cases;***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, ***particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;***

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking;

Or. fr

Amendment 43
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, ***animal protection associations*** and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member State authorities to step up their cooperation in the fight against ***cross-border*** wildlife trafficking, particularly between enforcement agencies, including police, customs, judicial, and sanitary and trade inspection authorities;

Or. hr

Amendment 45

Daniel Buda

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Considers that all Member States should implement the international commitments they have made, to ensure that their laws on organised crime cover wildlife trafficking and that appropriate penalties can be imposed for this type of

trafficking; at the same time, international cooperation on enforcement needs to be improved, through participation in international law enforcement operations, technical assistance and targeted financial support;

Or. ro

Amendment 46
Evelyn Regner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the Member States to provide legal assistance and guidance to national judiciaries, so they will have sufficient funds to combat wildlife crime;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking;

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Or. fr

Amendment 48
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking;

Amendment

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking, ***and also considers it essential to promote awareness raising and education focusing on environmental protection and the impacts brought about by trafficking in products obtained from wild fauna and flora;***

Or. pt

Amendment 49
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking;

Amendment

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities, ***notably targeting the judicial staff,*** are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking; ***believes that this should be considered as allowing concrete enforcement of the United Nations Convention on transnational organised crime;***

Or. en

Amendment 50
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking;

Amendment

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking; ***recognizes that more efforts should be done on a European level to facilitate the necessary resources in order to support struggling Member States in their efforts;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking;

Amendment

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking; ***Recommends the creation of a monitoring system in order to determine the improvements and best practices aimed at stopping wildlife trafficking;***

Or. en

Amendment 52
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking;

Amendment

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking; ***calls on the***

Commission, therefore, to consider introducing pilot projects targeted in particular at customs authorities and forestry corps;

Or. it

Amendment 53
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking;

Amendment

4. Agrees with the Commission that training activities are an essential part of the fight against organised crime, including wildlife trafficking *which now constitute one of the most widespread organised criminal activities;*

Or. el

Amendment 54
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

4a. Points to the urgent need to strengthen, and provide for better coordination of, measures to combat wildlife trafficking and the root causes thereof, involving not just countries of origin, but also transit and marketing countries, and intensifying dialogue and technical cooperation with the authorities and, above all, local communities in those countries;

Or. pt

Amendment 55
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to put all the necessary means in place to deter wildlife trafficking in countries of origin and of destination, notably through awareness campaigns targeting the consumers of the EU countries of destination of wildlife trafficking products;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for a campaign at Member States level that should raise awareness amongst citizens to stop purchasing products that are the result of wildlife trafficking;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by

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instruments of soft law; notes, however, that legislative action may be necessary in some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules;

Or. fr

Amendment 58
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by instruments of soft law; notes, however, that legislative action may be necessary in some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules;

Amendment

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by instruments of soft law; notes, however, that legislative action may be necessary in some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules; ***considers in this respect that the diplomatic tools of the EU and its Member States and other tools, notably EU trade policy, must be used more effectively in relations with key source, transit and destination countries and relevant regional organisations, with a view to strengthening the global partnership against wildlife trafficking;***

Or. ro

Amendment 59
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by ***instruments of soft law; notes, however, that legislative action may be necessary in***

Amendment

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by ***legislative action in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules;***

some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules;

notes that EU legislation laying down obligations for operators who place illegal products on the market and enabling to counter efficiently wildlife trafficking, already exists in the specific sector of timber ^{1b};

^{1b} Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market – also known as the (Illegal) Timber Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 60
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by instruments of soft law; *notes, however, that legislative action may be necessary in some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules;*

Amendment

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced *also* by instruments of soft law, *as well as by involving civil society;*

Or. en

Amendment 61
Angel Dzhambazki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by instruments of soft law; notes, however,

Amendment

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking can be advanced by instruments of soft law; notes however,

that *legislative action may be necessary in some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules*;

that *the primary focus should be on better and more efficient implementation of existing rules, regulations and agreements*;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that the fight against wildlife trafficking *can be advanced by* instruments of soft law; notes, *however*, that legislative action may be necessary in some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules;

Amendment

5. Considers that *in* the fight against wildlife trafficking *the* instruments of soft law *have proven themselves to be insufficient*; notes that legislative action may be necessary in some cases in order to ensure legal certainty and to create binding rules;

Or. it

Amendment 63
Gilles Lebreton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing common minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU.*

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 64
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing common minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU.*

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Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 65
Max Andersson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing common minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing common minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU; *to this effect, stresses that scaling up sanctions under the Directive on environment protection through criminal law^{1a} can help further approximate criminal sanctions in the field of wildlife trafficking throughout the EU.*

^{1a} Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the protection of the environment through criminal law.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Daniel Buda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing **common** minimum rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing **and implementing** minimum rules **common to all EU Member States** concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU.

Or. ro

Amendment 67
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing common **minimum** rules concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU.

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to take steps towards establishing common rules, **which are as harmonised as possible**, concerning the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to wildlife trafficking, pursuant to Article 83(1) TFEU.

Or. it

Amendment 68
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers that the EU and Member States have not exhausted yet the full potential of the existing relevant

international, European and national rules to combat wildlife trafficking and thus urges Member States to fully implement the provisions of Directive 2008/99/EC and set appropriate levels of sanctions for wildlife crime offences;

Or. en

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Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. *Encourages Member States to ensure, in line with the resolution of April 2013 of the UN Commission on Crime, Prevention and Criminal Justice, that wildlife trafficking with the involvement of organised criminal groups is defined as a serious crime under the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime;*

Or. en

Amendment 70
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6c. *Welcomes, in this regard, the Commission's commitment, in line with the EU Agenda on Security, to start a review to assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of the EU policy and legislative framework for tackling environmental crime, particularly organised wildlife crime, and to address, in this context, the question of the*

criminal sanctions applicable to wildlife trafficking throughout the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6d. Calls on the Commission and Member States to proceed with the timely and accurate implementation of the measures set in the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking, as well as to continuously monitor over its implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Emil Radev, Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6e. Stresses the need to properly monitor the implementation of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking and keep the European Parliament and the Council regularly informed on the progress made and welcomes the commitment of the Commission to report to the European Parliament and the Council on the interim progress made in implementing the Action Plan, by 31 July 2018, as well as to conduct its overall evaluation by 2020.

Or. en

