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Amendment 1

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Joint motion for a resolution

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Cambodia

Joint motion for a resolution

Recital I a (new)

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Amendment

Ia. whereas, according to NGOs on the ground and the official documents available, 830 000 persons (or 6% of the population of the country) have been affected by land-grabbing in Cambodia since 2000; whereas, since the entry into force of the 2001 law on land ownership, which enables the Cambodian State to allocate land in the form of 'economic land concessions', 2 million hectares, or 56%, of the country's arable land, have passed into the hands of private companies; whereas the pace of land-grabbing has increased even further since 2014; whereas in recent years more than 75 000 hectares of land in the provinces of Koh Kong, Kampong Speu and Oddar Meanchey have been allocated to industrialists for sugar production; whereas thousands of people have lost their livelihood;

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Amendment 2

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Paragraph 14 a (new)

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Amendment

14a. Notes that the policies implemented by international institutions, in particular the IMF, in order to tackle the economic, social and financial crisis have worsened the living conditions of ordinary Cambodians; notes that the EU's 'Everything But Arms' trade agreement has done much to widen inequalities in the country by encouraging land-grabbing, a practice which has enabled multinationals, including European multinationals, in particular to establish a dominant position in the sugar sector; calls for this agreement to be the subject of a detailed study carried out under the auspices of the UN, focusing in particular on the economic concessions granted in the agri-food sector in Cambodia, so that the requisite measures can be taken, including the suspension of the agreement

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*for products in respect of which clear
breaches of the rules have been identified;*

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Paragraph 14 b (new)

Joint motion for a resolution

Amendment

14b. Takes the view that European firms bear a large measure of responsibility for the current situation in Cambodia, in particular in the sugar and textiles sectors; supports the work of the UN intergovernmental working group, whose mandate is to 'elaborate an international legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises'; urges the EU institutions and the Member States to comply with the resolution establishing the working group and to spare no effort to achieve the objective referred to above by taking all the measures required to prevent, punish, investigate and compensate the victims of abuses committed by European firms and their subsidiaries; calls, at the same time, for

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firms which are guilty of or complicit in human rights violations to forfeit the customs advantages and subsidies granted by the EU and its Member States;

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