

# ACP-EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

*Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment*

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## **AMENDMENTS 1 - 16**

**Draft report**

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**(AP101.546/A)**

Mining for oil and minerals on the seabed in the context of sustainable  
development

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**Amendment 1**  
**Jo Leinen**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas the short-term and long-term consequences of mining operations, especially in the deep sea, remain unclear and there are persisting concerns about the increased toxicity of water and a change in the habitat, as well as leakages, spills and corrosion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Jutta Haug**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ba. whereas any exploitation and mining activity has an impact on ecosystems and the environment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Fiona Hall**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

D. whereas ***in order to retain*** manufacturing industries, the supply of raw materials and oil ***is crucial to maintaining***

D. whereas manufacturing industries ***currently often rely on*** the supply of raw materials and oil ***for their*** industrial

industrial activity, and whereas their supply is often controlled by a few suppliers;

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Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Jutta Haug**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

E. whereas most minerals mined on the seabed are exported without much value addition in the ACP producing countries;

*Amendment*

E. whereas ***most extracted oil and*** most minerals mined on the seabed are exported without much value addition in the ACP producing countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Jutta Haug**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H**

*Motion for a resolution*

H. whereas in the absence of strong governments to regulate and control the seabed mining sector, the activities of seabed mining companies may lead to significant local environmental ***and*** social damage;

*Amendment*

H. whereas in the absence of strong governments to regulate and control the seabed mining sector, the activities of seabed mining companies may lead to significant ***long-term*** local environmental, social ***and health*** damage;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Fiona Hall**

**Motion for a resolution**

## Paragraph 1

### *Motion for a resolution*

1. Expresses its concern that, despite the fact that developing countries are endowed with rich mineral resources, the current trade pattern whereby they export raw materials and buy manufactured products from industrialised countries has ***locked them into permanent*** poverty;

### *Amendment*

1. Expresses its concern that, despite the fact that developing countries are endowed with rich mineral resources, the current trade pattern whereby they export raw materials and buy manufactured products from industrialised countries has ***failed to address continuing problems of*** poverty;

Or. en

## Amendment 7 Jutta Haug

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1 a (new)

### *Motion for a resolution*

### *Amendment*

***1a. Stresses first and foremost that any exploitation and mining activity should seek to keep ecosystems intact and to limit interfering actions to a minimum;***

Or. en

## Amendment 8 Jutta Haug

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

### *Motion for a resolution*

### *Amendment*

3. Urges ACP countries to deploy skilled and experienced experts when negotiating mineral contracts with mining companies;

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*accumulation of knowledge; calls on the EU and its Member States to support knowledge transfer initiatives;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Jo Leinen**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*3a. Recalls that the transition to low-carbon societies and therefore the substitution of fossil fuels must be a long-term goal for ACP and EU countries; urges countries and investors to make better use of the huge potentials in renewable energies present in ACP countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Jutta Haug**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4a. Reiterates the possibility of fully or at least partially substituting the use of oil for maintaining industrial activities; calls on ACP countries to enhance actions to substitute their oil consumption; requests that EU Member States step up their involvement in transferring relevant know-how and technologies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Jutta Haug**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Stresses the need for transparent and efficiently enforceable legislative and regulatory frameworks governing the seabed mineral resources industry; calls on national governments and parliaments to enact policies and regulate foreign investment in the public interest, in consultation with civil society, in such a way that foreign investments benefit the local economy, create domestic added value and foster development;

*Amendment*

5. Stresses the need for transparent and efficiently enforceable legislative and regulatory frameworks governing the seabed mineral resources industry; ***recalls, in this connection, the need to legislate against the use of internationally banned toxic substances***; calls on national governments and parliaments to enact policies and regulate foreign investment in the public interest, in consultation with civil society, in such a way that foreign investments benefit the local economy, create domestic added value and foster development;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Fiona Hall**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Stresses that countries should ensure that seabed mining licences ***are*** issued via a transparent, competitive and non-discretionary procedure and that licences should include legally binding provisions on social and environmental standards;

*Amendment*

6. Stresses that countries should ensure that seabed mining licences, ***if*** issued, ***are only issued*** via a transparent, competitive and non-discretionary procedure and that licences should include legally binding provisions on social and environmental standards;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Jo Leinen**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

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***urges that countries monitor mining activities and check that these social and environmental standards are applied;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Jo Leinen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***8a. Urges companies to use the best available technologies in order to minimise the short- and long-term environmental impact of mining;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Fiona Hall**

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

*Motion for a resolution*

10. Encourages ACP and EU countries to

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establish or strengthen national agencies for science, technology and innovation, together with monitoring capacity *to promote technologies and know-how in seabed exploration and mining*;

establish or strengthen national agencies for science, technology and innovation, together with monitoring capacity, *in order to improve sustainability and safety where seabed exploration and mining are taking place*;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Jo Leinen**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*11a. Recalls that the exploration of oil and gas can already have unforeseen social and environmental impacts; stresses that companies should assess social and environmental impacts ahead of exploration and exploitation;*

Or. en