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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 15**

**Draft opinion**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**  
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Human rights, social and environmental standards in International Trade  
agreements  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Gabriele Zimmer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Recalls that the 1986 UN Declaration of the Right to Development confirms that ‘the right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy economic, social and cultural development’; considers, therefore, that the EU has an obligation not to undermine this right and, indeed, to ***contribute to it through its*** international agreements;

*Amendment*

2. Recalls that the 1986 UN Declaration of the Right to Development confirms that ‘the right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy economic, social and cultural development’; considers, therefore, that the EU has an obligation not to undermine this right and, indeed, to ***incorporate it into international agreements and use it as a guideline for European policies;***

Or.de

**Amendment 2**  
**Judith Sargentini**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Regrets that a holistic approach regarding the way corporations abide by human rights globally is still lacking, which allow certain States and companies to circumvent them; calls on the Commission to take initiatives to rationalise and benchmark private initiatives in the field of Corporate Social Responsibility, notably by establishing a single document of reference on the appropriate rules and practices that a socially responsible corporation should follow;***

Or.en

**Amendment 3**  
**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Takes the view that voluntary initiatives by business in the field of human rights should be complemented by a binding approach that focuses on the accountability of business for human rights violations; calls on the EU to strive for a clear international legal framework over the responsibilities and obligations of business with regard to human rights;***

Or.en

**Amendment 4**  
**Gabriele Zimmer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Welcomes free-trade agreements and all efforts to encourage trade with and between developing countries as a reliable route towards solid, sustainable development; particularly encourages regional free-trade areas as a means to promote, through tariff reductions, trade between developing countries, whilst respecting WTO rules;***

***deleted***

Or.de

**Amendment 5**  
**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. ***Welcomes free-trade agreements and all efforts to encourage trade with and between*** developing countries as a reliable route towards solid, sustainable development; ***particularly encourages regional free-trade areas as a means to promote, through tariff reductions, trade between developing countries, whilst respecting WTO rules;***

*Amendment*

3. ***Calls on the Commission to strive for the development of fair trade with*** developing countries as a reliable route towards solid, sustainable development; ***accordingly, urges the EU to include a strong business and human rights dimension in its development agreements, including sectoral trade agreements concerning i.e. fisheries, steel and textile;***

Or.en

**Amendment 6**  
**Gabriele Zimmer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes that in many developing countries fisheries, particularly small-scale fishing, and related industries play a vital role in ensuring food security, creating jobs, generating government revenues and exports and maintaining local communities; is concerned that overfishing and illegal fishing ***can contribute*** to migration and seriously ***undermine*** sustainable development; calls therefore for EU fisheries agreements with developing countries to help foster domestic fishing industries, monitor fish stocks, combat overfishing and illegal fishing, protect biodiversity and ***upgrade*** hygiene and health standards;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that in many developing countries fisheries, particularly small-scale fishing, and related industries play a vital role in ensuring food security, creating jobs, generating government revenues and exports and maintaining local communities; is concerned that overfishing and illegal fishing ***are contributing to local and regional unemployment and*** migration and ***are*** seriously ***undermining*** sustainable development; calls therefore for EU fisheries agreements with developing countries to help foster domestic fishing industries ***(focusing in particular on small- and medium-sized fishing operators and firms)***, monitor fish stocks, combat overfishing and illegal fishing, protect biodiversity and ***support and foster improvements in*** hygiene and health standards;

Or.de

**Amendment 7**  
**Ivo Vajgl**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes that in many developing countries fisheries, particularly small-scale fishing, and related industries play a vital role in ensuring food security, creating jobs, generating government revenues and exports and maintaining local communities; is concerned that overfishing and illegal fishing can contribute to migration and seriously undermine sustainable development; calls therefore for EU fisheries agreements with developing countries to help foster domestic fishing industries, monitor fish stocks, combat overfishing and illegal fishing, protect biodiversity and upgrade hygiene and health standards;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that in many developing countries fisheries, particularly small-scale fishing, and related industries play a vital role in ensuring food security, creating jobs, generating government revenues and exports and maintaining local communities; ***considers it essential that the interests of the local population and their sovereign rights over natural resources are taken into account***; is concerned that overfishing and illegal fishing can contribute to migration and seriously undermine sustainable development; calls therefore for EU fisheries agreements with developing countries to help foster domestic fishing industries, monitor fish stocks, combat overfishing and illegal fishing, protect biodiversity and upgrade hygiene and health standards;

Or.en

**Amendment 8**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

4. Notes that in many developing countries fisheries, particularly small-scale fishing, and related industries play a vital role in ensuring food security, creating jobs, generating government revenues and exports, and maintaining local communities; is concerned that illegal fishing can contribute to migration and seriously undermine sustainable

sustainable development; ***calls*** therefore ***for*** EU fisheries agreements with developing countries to help foster domestic fishing industries, monitor fish stocks, combat ***overfishing and*** illegal fishing, protect biodiversity and upgrade hygiene and health standards;

development; ***emphasizes*** therefore ***the fact that*** EU fisheries agreements with developing countries ***contribute*** to help foster domestic fishing industries, monitor fish stocks, combat illegal fishing, protect biodiversity and upgrade hygiene and health standards;

Or. en

## **Amendment 9**

**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Insists upon the duty of the State to protect against violations of human rights, including on the part of businesses; and stresses upon the need for effective remedies to punish the guilty corporations of violation of human rights and to provide redress for the victims of such violation;***

Or.en

## **Amendment 10**

**Gabriele Zimmer**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the EU actively to promote corporate social responsibility through its trade agreements, with a view to a more ethical global trading environment in social and environmental terms;

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**Amendment 11**  
**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. ***Calls on*** the EU actively ***to promote*** corporate social responsibility through its trade agreements, with a view to a more ethical global trading environment in social and environmental terms;

*Amendment*

5. ***Urges*** the EU ***to*** actively ***mainstream*** corporate social responsibility ***in all its policies and notably*** through its trade agreements, with a view to a more ethical global trading environment in social and environmental terms; ***more broadly, calls on the EU to reconsider the all-voluntary approach of the EU CSR policy; to identify clear legal obligations for corporations, and effective ways to hold them accountable in case of breach and to elaborate benchmarks in the field of corporate social responsibility, with the view to promote fair trade;***

Or.en

**Amendment 12**  
**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Urges the Commission to insist on respect for ILO core labour standards as a ***pre-condition*** for entering into trade agreements and to encourage widespread adherence to schemes which protect workers' rights and the environment, such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative or the Kimberly process in the diamond industry;

*Amendment*

6. Urges the Commission to insist on respect for ILO core labour standards as a ***precondition*** for entering into trade agreements and to encourage widespread adherence to schemes which protect workers' rights and the environment, such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative or the Kimberly process in the diamond industry; ***welcomes in this context the adoption of the new US "Conflict Minerals" Law and requests the***



*Commission and the Council to examine  
a legislative initiative on this line;*

Or.en

**Amendment 13**  
**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*7 a. Expresses its concern about the scope of investment policies enshrined in investment treaties which, while granting legitimate protection to foreign investors, allow them to challenge before arbitral tribunals legislation of the host State aiming at advancing protection of human rights; urges accordingly the Commission to gear its foreign investment policy toward corporate respect of human, social and environmental rights;*

Or.en

**Amendment 14**  
**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

9. Highlights the vast disparities between developed economies and the poorest nations in terms of capacity and potential; calls therefore for the Commission to ***adopt a respectful, pragmatic and sensitive approach to Economic Partnership Agreements, allowing for adequate transitional periods and support for adaptation***, and ensuring that countries preferring not to sign EPAs are not penalised as a result;

9. Highlights the vast disparities between developed economies and the poorest nations in terms of capacity and potential; calls therefore for the Commission to ***better reflect the needs of the ACP countries in its negotiating approach of Economic Partnership Agreements, (delete)*** and ensuring that countries preferring not to sign EPAs are not penalised as a result;

**Amendment 15**  
**Judith Sargentini on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9 a. Calls on the Commission to make a better use of the conditionality mechanisms present in instruments like GSP and the Cotonou Agreement to enforce human rights; urges the Commission to upgrade its support in third countries regarding the development of judicial institutions capable of holding corporations accountable for human rights violations;***

Or.en