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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 44**

**Draft opinion**  
**Catherine Grèze**  
(PE486.208v01-00)

on the environmental impacts of shale gas and shale oil extraction activities  
(2011/2308(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Niki Tzavela**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that numerous studies, and experience from the US, demonstrate that **a number of serious risks to the environment and health are associated with shale gas extraction**; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the EIB **neither to fund nor to otherwise support exploration and exploitation of shale gas and oil in developing countries, given the serious sustainability concerns**;

*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that numerous studies and experience from the US **over the past six decades** demonstrate that **unconventional gas drilling, when responsible industry practices are employed, is safe and environmentally responsible**; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the EIB to fund **and/or support only those shale gas exploration and production projects in the developing world and elsewhere that demonstrate responsible industry practices and technology in order to minimize the risk of adverse safety and environmental impacts**;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that numerous studies, and experience from the US, demonstrate **that** a number of **serious risks to the environment and health are** associated with shale gas extraction; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the EIB **neither to fund nor to otherwise support** exploration and exploitation of **shale gas and oil** in developing countries, **given the serious sustainability concerns**;

*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that numerous studies, and experience from the US, demonstrate a number of **pros and cons** associated with shale gas extraction; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the EIB to **take into consideration possible environmental and health related aspects while supporting** exploration and exploitation of **unconventional fuels** in developing countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Konrad Szymański**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that numerous studies, and experience from the US, demonstrate that a number of risks to the environment and health are associated with shale gas extraction, **however they may be sufficiently mitigated by an appropriate legislative framework;** calls on the Commission, the Member States and the EIB to **make funding or other types of support for** exploration and exploitation of shale gas and oil in developing countries **dependent on the existence of laws protecting human health and the environment;**

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Linda McAvan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that numerous studies, and experience from the US, demonstrate that a number of serious risks to the environment, **health** and **climate change** are associated with shale gas extraction; calls on the Commission, the Member States and the EIB neither to fund nor to otherwise support exploration and exploitation of shale gas and oil in developing countries, given the serious sustainability concerns;

**Amendment 5**  
**Catherine Grèze**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Stresses that unconventional gas is associated with major risks, related to the use of chemicals; water contaminated with radioactive substances such as radon and uranium; high amount of water used for the fracturing of fluid; potentially high emissions of methane, etc.;*

Or. en

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

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Stresses that unconventional shale gas mining may pose serious risks with regards to water contamination caused by the use of hazardous chemicals in the fracturing process;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Catherine Grèze**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Considers that the use of shale gas and other fossil fuels must be consistent with UNFCCC Article 2, which calls for the "stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system" and underlines that substantial lock-in to fossil fuel infrastructures such as shale gas would put this international objective out of reach;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Catherine Grèze**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Stresses that the exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources could hamper the achievement of ‘MDG 7 on Environmental Sustainability’, while jeopardising commitments taken regarding climate change, that already affect poor countries the most;

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Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses that the exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources *could hamper the achievement* of ‘MDG 7 on Environmental Sustainability’, while *jeopardising commitments taken regarding climate change, that already affect poor countries the most;*

*Amendment*

2. Stresses that *sustainable and according to the highest standards* exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources, *can create an opportunity to support development in those developing countries which are rich in its deposit by providing an important source of cleaner, more cost effective, more environmentally sound, and more reliable fuel compared to existing alternatives for the poor;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Fiona Hall**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. *Stresses* that the exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources could hamper the achievement of ‘MDG 7 on Environmental Sustainability’, while *jeopardising commitments taken regarding climate change, that already affect poor countries the most;*

*Amendment*

2. *Considers* that *fugitive methane emissions will grow considerably with increased shale gas exploration and production worldwide and that the overall GWP (Greenhouse Warming Potential) of shale gas has not been evaluated therefore stresses that the* exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources could hamper the achievement of ‘MDG 7 on Environmental Sustainability’, while *jeopardising commitments taken regarding climate change, that already affect poor countries the most;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Konrad Szymański**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses that the exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources could **hamper** the **achievement** of ‘**MDG 7 on Environmental Sustainability**’, **while jeopardising** commitments taken regarding climate change, **that already affect poor countries the most;**

*Amendment*

2. Stresses that the exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources could **foster economic development by relying on indigenous energy resources and in some instances also enable** the **realisation** of commitments taken regarding climate change, **if a particular country is significantly dependent on other types of fossil fuels, such as coal;**

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Linda McAvan**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses that the exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources could hamper the achievement of ‘MDG 7 on Environmental Sustainability’, **while jeopardising** commitments **taken regarding** climate change, **that already affect** poor countries the most;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses that the exploitation of unconventional oil and gas resources could hamper the achievement of ‘MDG 7 on Environmental Sustainability’, **and undermine the latest international climate change** commitments **enshrined in the Copenhagen Accord; notes that** climate change already **affects** poor countries the most;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Catherine Grèze**



on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Insists that lessons must be drawn from the USA on exploitation of shale gas; in particular, notes with concern that shale gas extraction necessitates very large volumes of water, which will jeopardise the achievement of MDG 7 on access to clean water and food security, especially in poor countries facing already a huge scarcity of water;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Niki Tzavela**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Underlines that land acquisitions for oil and gas mining are a major driver of land-grabbing globally and pose a significant threat to the world's indigenous communities, farmers and poor people in terms of access to water, fertile soil and food;***

***3. Underlines that all European economic entities should always act in close consultation and in a transparent manner with all appropriate government bodies and local communities on issues of land leases and/or acquisitions to ensure that local communities are fully aware of the benefits of unconventional gas and that their concerns are addressed; stresses that the surface impact of natural gas development is much lower compared to coal mines, wind farms, and other energy sources; notes that modern drilling techniques allow many square kilometres to be developed from a single well pad;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Catherine Grèze**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines that land acquisitions for oil and gas mining are ***a major driver*** of land-grabbing ***globally and*** pose a significant threat to the ***world's*** indigenous communities, farmers and poor people in terms of access to water, fertile soil and food;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines that land acquisitions for oil and gas mining are ***contributing to the phenomena*** of land-grabbing ***in developing countries which can*** pose a significant threat to the indigenous communities, farmers and poor people in terms of access to water, fertile soil and food; ***therefore underlines that all European economic entities should always act in close consultation and in a transparent manner with all appropriate government bodies and local communities on issues of land leases and/or***

*acquisitions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Konrad Szymański**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Underlines that land ***acquisitions*** for ***oil and gas mining are a major*** driver of land-grabbing globally and pose a significant threat to the world's indigenous communities, farmers and poor people in terms of access to water, fertile soil and food;

*Amendment*

3. Underlines that ***whilst an irresponsible use of*** land for ***the production of biofuels is an important*** driver of land-grabbing globally and pose a significant threat to the world's indigenous communities, farmers and poor people in terms of access to water, fertile soil and food, ***shale gas is among the most efficient energy sources in terms of water used for energy unit and does not require a big area of land for a well-pad site;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Linda McAvan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***3a. Stresses that hydraulic fracking requires an enormous amount of water, and is concerned that in areas which suffer from drought, local communities and farmers may suffer water shortages if their needs are not prioritised;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes *with concern* that the *current regulatory framework of EU legislation does not provide an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is worried, therefore, about any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;*

*Amendment*

4. Notes that *although the legal expert opinion from the European Commission stresses that there is no need to introduce immediate legal changes concerning shale gas production in the EU, calls that any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries guarantees protection of the environmental sustainability and human health; further states the view that European companies should employ responsible industry standards everywhere they operate;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Niki Tzavela**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. *Notes with concern that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation does not provide an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is worried, therefore, about any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;*

*Amendment*

4. *Stresses the view that current EU legislation provides an adequate regulatory framework for unconventional gas drilling in the 27 Member States, as cited by the recent DG Energy Report on shale gas; further stresses that Member State authorities should verify that all relevant EU legislation related to unconventional gas drilling is fully implemented to protect the environment and human health; further states the view that European companies should employ responsible industry standards everywhere they operate;*

**Amendment 21**

**Catherine Grèze**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes with concern that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation does not provide an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is worried, therefore, about any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;

*Amendment*

4. Notes with concern that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation does not provide an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is worried, therefore, about any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries, ***bearing in mind that the effects of oil companies' activities on the environment, health and development i.e. in Sub-Sahara Africa already demonstrate that implementation and enforcement of law represent a main constraint;***

**Amendment 22**

**Linda McAvan**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes ***with concern*** that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation ***does not provide*** an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; ***is worried, therefore, about any potential investment*** by European

*Amendment*

4. Notes that ***because it is unclear whether*** the current regulatory framework of EU legislation ***provides*** an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities, ***the European Commission is undertaking a series of studies expected***

companies in *unconventional oil or gas resources in* developing countries;

*later this year; considers that the lessons learnt from these studies should inform shale gas exploitation* by European companies in developing countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Konrad Szymański**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes *with concern* that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation *does not provide* an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is *worried, therefore, about* any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation *provides* an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is *of the opinion that* any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries *should be accompanied by necessary adjustments of their laws to the scale of shale oil and gas operations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Fiona Hall**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes with concern that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation *does not provide an adequate guarantee* against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is worried, therefore, about any potential investment by European

*Amendment*

4. Notes with concern that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation *may not be a sufficient safeguard* against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; is worried, therefore, about any potential investment by European companies in

companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;

unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Andreas Mölzer**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes with concern that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation does not provide an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; *is worried*, therefore, *about any* potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;

*Amendment*

4. Notes with concern that the current regulatory framework of EU legislation does not provide an adequate guarantee against the risks to the environment and human health resulting from shale gas activities; *opposes* therefore, potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;

Or. de

**Amendment 26**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***4a. Calls for granting technological and expert support to developing countries in order to enable the safe and sustainable exploitation of shale gas preceded by consultations and evaluation of its impact on the environment;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Linda McAvan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Is worried about any potential investment by European companies in unconventional oil or gas resources in developing countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4b. Urges the Commission, Member States, EIB and investors to maintaining dialogue with local societies concerning the exploration of shell gas in developing countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Catherine Grèze**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. Takes the view that, in hosting companies investing in extractive

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Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Konrad Szymański**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Takes the view that, in hosting companies investing in extractive activities, the EU has a responsibility to influence their behaviour as regards more sustainable practices, i.e. by ***strengthening corporate governance standards and regulations applied to the banks and funds that finance them;***

*Amendment*

5. Takes the view that, in hosting companies investing in extractive activities, the EU has a responsibility to influence their behaviour as regards more sustainable practices, i.e. by ***relying on the Best Available Practices of shale gas extraction developed by the International Energy Agency, abiding existing environmental laws and liability stipulations in cases of possible accidents;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

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

*Draft opinion*

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activities, the EU has a responsibility to influence their behaviour as regards more sustainable practices, i.e. by strengthening corporate governance standards and regulations applied to the banks and funds that finance them; ***also stresses that the EU's obligation to ensure Policy Coherence for Development, enshrined in Article 208 TFEU, must be respected;***

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Corina Crețu**

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

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Niki Tzavela**

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

*Draft opinion*

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activities, the EU has a responsibility to *ensure all European economic entities involved in unconventional gas drilling fully abide by all relevant EU legislation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Takes the view that, in hosting companies investing in extractive activities, the EU *has a responsibility to* influence their behaviour as regards more sustainable practices, i.e. by strengthening corporate governance standards and regulations applied to the banks and funds that finance them;

*Amendment*

5. Takes the view that, in hosting companies investing in extractive activities, the EU *should* influence their behaviour as regards more sustainable practices, i.e. by strengthening corporate governance standards and regulations applied to the banks and funds that finance them;

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Catherine Grèze**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Recalls that in addition to regulations in the countries where they operate, international oil companies are also subject to the jurisdictions where they are listed on a stock exchange; considers that home country regulation should provide an effective means of protecting human*

*rights in situations where accountability gaps exist, on the model of the United States Alien Tort Claims Acts;*

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that *many instruments exist that could address the negative social and environmental impacts of the activities of extractive industries, such as the Global Reporting Initiative, the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises; points out, however, that voluntary guidelines are insufficient to mitigate the negative impact of extraction;*

*Amendment*

6. Notes that the *contribution* of extractive industries *to sustainable development and poverty reduction must be based on improvements by the World Bank related to (i) the formulation of integrated strategy in order to transform resource endowments into sustainable development by providing revenues to governments, mitigating negative environmental and social effects and benefiting local communities, (ii) strengthening project implementation by providing safeguard policies on environmental and social impacts of resource extraction, and (iii) engaging stakeholders to address issues at all levels by improving consultation with local communities, and by reporting on key sustainability indicators systematically and transparently;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Niki Tzavela**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that many instruments exist *that could address the negative social and environmental impacts of the activities of extractive industries*, such as the Global Reporting Initiative, *the UN Global Compact* and the *OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises*; *points out, however, that voluntary guidelines are insufficient to mitigate the negative impact of extraction*;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that many instruments exist *today*, such as the *IPIECA Oil and Gas Industry Guidance on Voluntary Sustainability Reporting*, Global Reporting Initiative and the *Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)*, that *can supplement existing company sustainability policies and are publically reported*; *Acknowledges that unconventional gas exploration and production practices widely used today by industry already incorporate proven standards, equipment, and policies to ensure safe and environmentally responsible operations*;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**

**Catherine Grèze**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Konrad Szymański**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that many instruments exist that could address *the* negative social and environmental impacts of the activities of extractive industries, such as the Global Reporting Initiative, the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises; points out, however, that voluntary guidelines *are* insufficient to mitigate the negative *impact* of extraction;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that many instruments exist that could address negative social and environmental impacts of the activities of extractive industries, such as the Global Reporting Initiative, the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises; points out, however, that voluntary guidelines *may be in some cases* insufficient to mitigate the negative *impacts* of extraction;

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Linda McAvan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Notes that the EU Accounting and Transparency Directives are currently being revised which is an opportunity to prevent against tax evasion and corruption by extractive industries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Konrad Szymański**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7. Urges the Commission to identify new options for strengthening standards on the responsibilities of transnational corporations with regard to social and environmental rights and possible means of implementation.**

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Niki Tzavela**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Commission to **identify new options for strengthening standards on the responsibilities of transnational corporations with regard to social and environmental rights and possible means of implementation;**

7. Urges the Commission to **work together with industry and civil society to consider the range of options available today to ensure local communities benefit from shale gas development and that their environmental and safety concerns are appropriately addressed throughout the life cycle of the project;**

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Andreas Mölzer**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Commission to identify new options for **strengthening** standards on the responsibilities of transnational corporations with regard to social and environmental rights and possible means of

7. Urges the Commission to identify new options for **implementing binding** standards on the responsibilities of transnational corporations with regard to social and **strengthening** environmental

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Or. de

**Amendment 44**  
**Linda McAvan**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Is concerned that some  
unconventional oil and gas companies  
operate to different safety standards  
worldwide; calls for Member States to  
require companies headquartered in the  
EU to apply EU standards in all their  
operations worldwide;***

Or. en