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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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Annual report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2011 and the
European Union's policy on the matter
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Amendment 1
Michael Cashman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Underlines the fact that the EU should use its soft power and further promote and consolidate the values of freedom, democracy, respect for human rights, and the principles of the rule of law and good governance upon which it is founded, through political dialogue and cooperation with third countries;

Amendment

1. Underlines the fact that the EU should use its soft power and further promote and consolidate the values of freedom, democracy, ***development***, respect for human rights, and the principles of the rule of law and good governance upon which it is founded, through political dialogue and cooperation with third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Michael Cashman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Urges the EU to maintain and honour its role as a leading defender of human rights in the world, by the effective, consistent and considered use of all available instruments for the promotion and protection of human rights and the effectiveness of our development aid policy;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Alf Svensson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to strengthen the instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide in order to support democratic reforms and governance, to address in particular grassroots organisations and to reinforce election observation missions and the election observation activities of local civil society;

Amendment

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Or. sv

Amendment 4
Alf Svensson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recalls that building legitimate democratic foundations ***and*** civil society is a long-term process requiring internal, regional and international support;

Amendment

3. Recalls that building legitimate democratic foundations, ***a properly functioning*** civil society ***and the establishment of a democratic, rights-based community*** is a long-term process ***that needs to be built up from below and requires*** internal, regional and international support;

Or. sv

Amendment 5
Michael Cashman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recalls that building legitimate democratic foundations and civil society is a long-term process requiring **internal**, regional and international support;

Amendment

3. Recalls that building legitimate democratic foundations and civil society is a long-term process requiring **local, national**, regional and international support;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Michael Cashman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Emphasises the importance of human rights clauses and effective dispute mechanisms in **trade** policies, partnerships and **trade** agreements between the EU and third countries;

Amendment

6. Emphasises the importance of **binding and non-negotiable** human rights clauses and effective dispute mechanisms in **all** policies, partnerships and agreements between the EU and third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Michael Cashman

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Insists that the political dialogue on Human Rights between the EU and third countries must cover a more inclusive and comprehensive definition of non-discrimination, inter alia on the basis of religion or belief, sex, racial or ethnic origin, age, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity;

Amendment 8
Alf Svensson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. ***Regrets that*** the European Neighbourhood Policy ***has delivered mixed*** results in the past ***in terms of creating*** lasting democratic structures and economic development, ***as reforms have led to cosmetic rather than fundamental changes***; stresses the need to ***learn from past policy mistakes and to apply*** a new approach that would ***be aligned with*** respect for human rights and support for democratic rule.

Amendment

7. ***Looks to*** the European Neighbourhood Policy ***to deliver more substantial and positive*** results ***than*** in the past, ***and to create*** lasting democratic structures and economic development; stresses the need ***for*** a new approach that would ***create*** respect for human rights ***and freedoms*** and support for democratic rule.