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# **AMENDMENT 1 - 60**

**Draft opinion**  
**Dirk Sterckx**  
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EU and China: Unbalanced Trade?  
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*United in diversity*

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**Amendment 1**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. whereas China's population of 1.3 billion makes for a labour force of 730 million people, thus constituting the world's largest employment challenge,***

Or. es

**Amendment 2**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. whereas, despite the high growth rates recorded in China over the past 20 years, there has been a considerable increase in the country's unemployment rate,***

Or. es

**Amendment 3**  
**Jean Lambert**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. whereas there is strong evidence that supply chain control is not properly functioning; whereas recent studies indicate that control mechanisms are systematically undermined by employers by for example double book-keeping, fake***

*pay slips and fake trade union representatives; whereas local governments are reluctant to supervise factories and receive bonuses in return for lack of controls,*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Jean Lambert**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1b. Calls on the Commission to intensify the existing dialogue on employment and social policy and to enter into a structured social dialogue with China in the framework of the High Level Economic and Trade Dialogue (HLD);*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Mara Bizzotto**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Notes the competition between different social systems resulting from the opening up of the world market; notes *a rise in the level of informal work in urban areas as well as violations of the principles of decent work despite the existence of a legislative framework governing employment conditions; notes better access to the employment market and a fall in rural unemployment as a result of the opening up* of the Chinese economy;

2. Notes the competition between different social systems resulting from the opening up of the world market; notes *that unfair competitive practices involving abuses of workers' rights, human rights and children's rights and breaches of environmental and human health standards remain a feature* of the Chinese economy;

**Amendment 6**  
**Roger Helmer**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes the competition between different social systems resulting from the opening up of the world market; notes a rise in the level of informal work in urban areas *as well as violations of the principles of decent work despite the existence of a legislative framework governing employment conditions*; notes better access to the employment market and a fall in rural unemployment as a result of the opening up of the Chinese economy;

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**Amendment 7**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Draft opinion*

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2. Notes the competition between different social systems resulting from the opening up of the world market; notes a rise in the level of informal work in urban areas as well as violations of the principles of decent work despite the existence of a legislative framework governing employment conditions; notes *that, although* the opening up of the Chinese economy *has brought major benefits, greater attention needs to be paid to the disparities that are emerging between urban and rural parts of the country*;

*points out that this situation is exacerbating inequalities in incomes and access to employment, social welfare, health and education between the urban and rural populations and constitutes a colossal cohesion policy challenge for China;*

Or. es

**Amendment 8**  
**Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

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2. Notes the competition between different social systems resulting from the opening up of the world market; notes a rise in the level of informal work in urban areas as well as violations of the principles of decent work despite the existence of a legislative framework governing employment conditions; notes *that the opening up of the Chinese economy to international capitalism has seen a huge shift in wealth from labour to capital; notes that from 1983 to 2005 the share of GDP going to wages has shifted from 57% to 37% despite increases in labour productivity of close to 10% per annum;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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***considers it desirable for observance of human rights to be an essential pillar of economic cooperation between the EU and China, which will, inter alia, generate respect for employees in undertakings;***

Or. de

**Amendment 10**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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***observes that human rights are still not sufficiently taken into account in China, although they are an indispensable basis for stable relations between employees***

*and employers;*

Or. de

**Amendment 11**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*observes that, despite the ratification of ILO Conventions Nos 138 and 182, shortcomings remain in the field of the prohibition of child labour;*

Or. de

**Amendment 12**  
**Franz Obermayr**

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

*Draft opinion*

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despite the existence of a legislative framework governing employment conditions; notes better access to the employment market and a fall in rural unemployment as a result of the opening up of the Chinese economy;

Or. de

**Amendment 13**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Notes that the recent years of high economic growth in China have not equally benefited all segments of the Chinese population and that the social gap between the rich and the poor is gradually increasing;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Calls for trade competition between China and the EU to be based on clearly established rules allowing mutual emulation and business stability and optimisation, in order not to go against employees' interests;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 15**  
**Roger Helmer**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; ***emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;***

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3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Roger Helmer**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; ***emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with***

*Amendment*

3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; ***emphasises that the People's Republic of China is well within their right as a self-governing nation to set its own standards and practices regarding employment and labour safety;***

***International Labour Organisation rules  
and respect for the right to freely form  
trade unions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17  
Roger Helmer**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 18  
Paul Murphy**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

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standards; *welcomes the efforts made* by Chinese central and local government in this area; emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

standards; *notes the introduction of legislation* by Chinese central and local government in this area; *however, also notes the widespread lack of compliance with these regulations and the relaxed enforcement of these regulations by the authorities*; emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions *by genuinely independent and democratic trade unions*; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions; *calls upon EU-based companies operating in China to fully comply with minimum social standards and to allow genuinely independent and democratic trade unions operate and be given full bargaining rights in their companies*;

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Sergio Gaetano Cofferati**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; *welcomes* the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules

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3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; *notes* the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area, *but considers that they still fall far short of what is required*; emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with

and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions; ***considers that all trade agreements between the EU and China should contain a binding clause explicitly requiring the parties to uphold fundamental human rights, workers' rights as established by ILO standards and the right to freely form trade unions;***

Or. it

**Amendment 20**  
**Mara Bizzotto**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; ***welcomes*** the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; emphasises the importance of ***a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and*** strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

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3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; ***calls for*** the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area, ***which currently fall far short of what is required, to be stepped up;*** emphasises the importance of strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; ***stresses the importance of monitoring unfair competitive practices and compliance with consumer health standards;*** underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

Or. it

**Amendment 21**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; ***stresses in this connection the Social Security Reform Cooperation Project between the EU and China, which aims to give Chinese citizens access to adequate and affordable social insurance***; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

Or. de

**Amendment 22**  
**Traian Ungureanu**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards, ***paying special attention to the existing legislation regarding intellectual property rights***; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection

employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Franz Obermayr**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; emphasises ***the importance of*** a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

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Or. de

**Amendment 24**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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3. Stresses the impact which China, as the biggest exporting country, has on the world economy and the responsibility which this entails to comply with minimum social standards; welcomes the efforts made by Chinese central and local government in this area; emphasises the importance of a comprehensive law on social protection and health care and strict monitoring of compliance with legislation on employment conditions; underlines the importance of compliance with International Labour Organisation rules, ***particularly on health and safety in the workplace***, and respect for the right to freely form trade unions;

Or. de

**Amendment 25**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*observes that, as a member of the WTO, China does not sufficiently guarantee compliance with the principles and obligations accepted by means of the protocol of accession, particularly with regard to protection of copyright and avoidance of export restrictions, which is distorting global competition and thus having an adverse impact in the EU;*

Or. de

**Amendment 26**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*considers the intensification of the dialogue between the EU and China which was launched in 2009 to improve working conditions and reduce the number of occupational accidents and cases of occupational disease to be an essential measure;*

Or. de

**Amendment 27**  
**Thomas Mann**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*notes that, as part of closer economic cooperation between China and the EU, the labour-law dimension should loom larger in the bilateral dialogue between Europe and China on the rule of law;*

Or. de

**Amendment 28**  
**Jean Lambert**

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

*Draft opinion*

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***calls on the EU representatives in the EU-China-dialogue to stress the need for better supply-chain control with regard to working conditions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Sergio Gaetano Cofferati**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Considers that the ILO should be given responsibility for monitoring observance of these rights;***

Or. it

**Amendment 30**  
**Sergio Gaetano Cofferati**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3b. Stresses that failure to uphold fundamental human rights, workers' rights as established by ILO standards and the right to freely form trade unions is first and foremost an unacceptable***

*violation of the principles underpinning civic coexistence, but also seriously distorts competition between businesses operating in different countries;*

Or. it

**Amendment 31**  
**Traian Ungureanu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Stresses the importance of trade relations between the EU and China and calls for mutual respect for labour legislation, especially highlighting the prevention of using illegal forms of human capital such as: child labour, prison labour and any other forms of such labour human resources; stresses the importance of maintaining the level of fair competition among the two entities preventing any forms of price dumping occurred due to cheaper labour force and ensuring the respect for adequate working conditions that can be obtained by applying the existing rules and procedures laid down by the ILO and engaging into a fair trade partnership;*

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Traian Ungureanu**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3b. Welcomes the improvements made by*

*the Chinese central and local government regarding better conditions for employees, yet considers that more efforts should be done in order to improve the legislation and calls for a rapid implementation of the international standards applied to labour with the view to prevent any possible future disruptions in the trading relations among EU and China;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Roger Helmer**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Observes that the Employment and Social Affairs committee may suggest to the People's Republic of China, as per its remit, certain employment safety criteria based on its knowledge of international standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Calls for a further improvement of EU development aid, especially in such areas as employment, protection of safety and health at work, poverty eradication, public health and hygiene, education and improvement of the life conditions of children;*

**Amendment 35**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3b. Emphasises the importance for global trade of the further improvement of the Chinese labour force; calls for the development of an EU-China comprehensive consultation mechanism in the field of education, as an adequate instrument aiming to strengthen the academic cooperation, the exchange of students and teachers training; underlines the necessity to increase the cooperation in the health sector, especially by sharing experience and control of HIV/AIDS and other serious diseases;***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3c. Emphasises the importance of exchange experience and best practices in the field of employment opportunities on developing green jobs, when dealing with the economic, social and environmental impact on climate change;***

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3d. Calls for the further development of an improved cooperation on employment of legal immigrants and protection of the rights and interests of migrant workers and enhanced coordination in international labour affairs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3e. Calls for further improvement of gender mainstreaming capacity of the government, employers' and workers' organizations with a view to effectively promote gender equality into national employment policies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3f. Calls for the development of an adequate framework aiming to enhance the cooperation between the EU trade***

*unions and the Chinese ones as an adequate instrument targeting the improvement of the working conditions of the labour force, the exchange of the best practices in the same field and to fulfil the ILO conventions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3g. Calls on the European Commission to include, within the free trade agreements and investments, the corporate social responsibility clause to comply with the eight core conventions and the four priority conventions of ILO;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3h. Calls on the European Commission for the inclusion of a social clause in WTO agreements in accordance with ILO core labour standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Philippe Boulland**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls for exchanges of commercial and social good practice and experience between the EU and China to be stepped up;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Points out that one of the greatest challenges facing the Chinese authorities is how to fund a stable social security and healthcare system and pursue a social and employment policy that meets international standards and generates the same benefits in all of the country's provinces; stresses the importance of introducing effective policy measures to redistribute wealth among the country's regions in such a way as to reduce the major disparities currently existing and ensure more sustainable growth;***

Or. es

**Amendment 44**  
**Gesine Meissner**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. As people in Europe take it for granted that their suppliers comply with international agreements which are a precondition for GSP+, expects the People's Republic of China and its firms without exception to take the same agreements as the standard for their everyday work and that the People's Republic of China will put a stop to the supply of pirated goods and products from forced labour camps to the EU;***

Or. de

**Amendment 45  
Roger Helmer**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4. Notes that the Chinese population is getting older and that the seemingly endless growth in the available workforce, in particular lower-skilled workers, appears to be drying up; notes that a shift in trade from China to other South-East Asian countries is taking place as a result of potential cost advantages; calls, therefore, on the Commission to introduce an integrated European policy for the South-East Asia region;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 46  
Mara Bizzotto**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4. Notes that the Chinese population is getting older and that the seemingly endless growth in the available workforce, in particular lower-skilled workers, appears to be drying up; notes that a shift in trade from China to other South-East Asian countries is taking place as a result of potential cost advantages; calls, therefore, on the Commission to introduce an integrated European policy for the South-East Asia region;**

**deleted**

Or. it

**Amendment 47  
Paul Murphy**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the Chinese **population is getting older** and **that the seemingly endless growth** in the **available workforce**, in **particular lower-skilled** workers, **appears to be drying up**; notes that **a shift in trade from China to other South-East Asian countries is taking place as a result of potential cost advantages**; **calls, therefore, on the Commission to introduce an integrated European policy for the South-East Asia region**;

4. Notes that the Chinese **regime** and **large multinational corporations based in China are using the threat of relocation to other countries in an attempt to keep Chinese workers' wages low**; notes that in **2009 14.4% of workers experience unpaid wages**;

Or. en

**Amendment 48  
Thomas Mann**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes that the Chinese population is getting older and that the seemingly endless growth in the available workforce, in particular lower-skilled workers, appears to be drying up; notes that a shift in trade from China to other South-East Asian countries is taking place as a result of potential cost advantages; calls, therefore, on the Commission to introduce an integrated European policy for the South-East Asia region;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the Chinese population is getting older and that the seemingly endless growth in the available workforce, in particular lower-skilled workers, appears to be drying up; notes that a shift in trade from China to other South-East Asian countries is taking place as a result of potential cost advantages; calls, therefore, on the Commission to introduce an integrated European policy for the South-East Asia region;

***observes that a stronger awareness of employment standards should arise in China's growing middle class – an awareness which is relatively undeveloped in the population as a whole at present;***

Or. de

**Amendment 49**  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Notes that the Chinese population is getting older and that the seemingly endless growth in the available workforce, in particular lower-skilled workers, appears to be drying up; notes that a shift in trade from China to other South-East Asian countries is taking place as a result of potential cost advantages; calls, therefore, on the Commission to introduce an integrated European policy for the South-East Asia region;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that the Chinese population is getting older and that the seemingly endless growth in the available workforce, in particular lower-skilled workers, appears to be drying up; notes that a shift in trade from China to other South-East Asian countries is taking place as a result of potential cost advantages; calls, therefore, on the Commission to introduce an integrated European policy for the South-East Asia region ***that will prevent European multinationals from engaging in socially irresponsible practices in those countries;***

**Amendment 50**  
**Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes that European *direct foreign investment* in China *is not having any measurably negative impact on employment in Europe, but, on the contrary, is having a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned.*

*Amendment*

5. Notes that European-*based big business attempts to use the existence of low wages in China to drive down pay and conditions for European based workers* in a ‘*race to the bottom*’; *calls for international solidarity and action by the international trade union movement to cut across this tactic and to fight for decent pay and conditions for all workers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Mara Bizzotto**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes that European direct foreign investment in China is *not having any measurably negative impact on employment in Europe, but, on the contrary, is having a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned.*

*Amendment*

5. Notes that, *in seeking to take advantage of disparities in labour costs*, European direct foreign investment in China is *relocating manufacturing and weakening Europe’s industrial base, with all that this entails in terms of jobs; draws attention, furthermore, to the adverse impact that Chinese direct investment is having outside the EU, such as in African countries.*

Or. it

**Amendment 52**  
**Jean Lambert**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes that European direct foreign investment in China *is not having* any measurably negative impact on employment in Europe, *but, on the contrary, is having* a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned.

*Amendment*

5. Notes that *the scientific analysis is differing as regards the impact of* European direct foreign investment in China *on employment in Europe;*

*Notes that some studies indicate that there might not be* any measurably negative impact on employment in Europe, *and that direct foreign investment might to some extent have* a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned; *takes also note of studies that indicate certain negative impacts on employment in Europe;*

*Stresses that relocations ought not to be encouraged or even be financially supported by public entities in the EU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Sari Essayah**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes that European direct foreign investment in China *is not having any measurably* negative impact on employment in Europe, but, on the *contrary, is having* a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned.

*Amendment*

5. Notes that European direct foreign investment in China *may have a* negative impact on employment in Europe, but, on the *other hand, may also have* a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned;

**Amendment 54**  
**Franz Obermayr**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Notes that European direct foreign investment in China *is not having any measurably* negative impact on employment in Europe, but, on the contrary, *is having* a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned.

*Amendment*

5. Notes that European direct foreign investment in China *does not always have a* negative impact on employment in Europe, but, on the contrary, *sometimes also has* a positive effect on employment in the European branches of the companies concerned.

Or. de

**Amendment 55**  
**Marielle Gallo**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Considers that imports of counterfeit goods from China not only pose a threat to the health and safety of EU consumers but also have an adverse impact on employment within the EU;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 56**  
**Roger Helmer**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs has no right to impose, or seek to impose, any employment standards on the People's Republic of China;***

Or. en

**Amendment 57  
Roger Helmer**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5b. Considers that attempts to impose any social, labour or environmental standards by sanctions, import tariffs or other means are likely to be struck down by the regulations of the WTO;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58  
Rovana Plumb**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on European business operating in China to apply the highest international standards and best practices in corporate social responsibility with regard to workers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Expresses full support to Chinese workers in their struggle for decent pay and working conditions as well as the right to found grassroots independent trade unions democratically founded and controlled from below by workers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5b. Notes the increased clampdown on democratic rights by the Chinese regime in recent months including the jailing and persecution of trade unionists.***

Or. en