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AMENDMENTS

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on the EU-Africa Strategy: a boost for development
(2017/2083(INI))

Amendment 1
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas the economic security and prosperity of Europe and Africa are linked, and whereas these two continents must face their shared challenges and opportunities together;

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. having regard to the necessity of creating an environment which is conducive to investment and which comprises in the first place improvements in health and education;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas extreme poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa has fallen from 56 percent of the population in 1990 to 43 percent of the population in 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas 33 of the 49 least-developed countries ***are in Africa***;

B. whereas ***there is large variation in economic development and economic growth of the countries of Africa, including 33 out of the World's least-developed countries as well as countries almost on par with some of the Union's Member States***;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas 33 of the 49 least-developed countries are in Africa;

B. whereas 33 of the 49 least-developed countries are in Africa; ***whereas more than 218 million people live in extreme poverty in Africa***;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Daniel Caspary, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas 33 of the **49** least-developed countries are in Africa;

Amendment

B. whereas, ***according to the United Nations***, 33 of the **47** least-developed countries are in Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Daniel Caspary, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements ***and have done nothing to boost industrialisation in the*** countries concerned;

Amendment

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements; ***whereas free market access for most African products in combination with supporting the reform and adjustment process can improve the African countries capacities, enhance their competitiveness, and adjust economic structures in order to develop their own competitive trade and regional markets as well as improved participation in global markets;***

Or. en

Amendment 8

Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, **and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements and have done nothing to boost industrialisation in the countries concerned;**

Amendment

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements and have done nothing to boost industrialisation in the countries concerned;

Amendment

C. **whereas lasting sustainable industrialisation and rural productivity are key for development;** whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements and have done nothing to boost industrialisation **nor economic development** in the countries concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Jan Zahradil, Emma McClarkin
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, and

Amendment

C. whereas exports from Africa are **still** dominated by unprocessed products,

whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements ***and have done nothing to boost industrialisation in the countries concerned***;

and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements;

Or. en

Amendment 11
David Martin

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements ***and have done nothing to boost*** industrialisation in the countries concerned;

Amendment

C. whereas exports from Africa are dominated by unprocessed products, and whereas a high proportion of these exports are covered by trade preference arrangements ***which have contributed to boosting the albeit limited*** industrialisation in the countries concerned;

Or. en

Amendment 12
David Martin, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. Whereas the preferential access to the EU market has provided scope to enhance the export performance of the African beneficiary countries depending on their ability to actually take advantage of such preferences.

Or. en

Amendment 13
Tiziana Beghin, Ignazio Corrao, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. Whereas the number of young people aged 15-24 in Africa, which is expected to rise to 246 million, will represent a resource economic development all over the continent;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Patricia Lalonde

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas good governance and transparency cut the cost of trade and boost commerce, investment and economic development;

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. Whereas the so called Resource Curse needs to be urgently tackled and dismantled by active policies and trade agreements;

Amendment 16
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas sustainable and responsible management of raw materials and natural resources should be at the heart of the EU-Africa strategy, and should be a priority in cooperation between the European Union and the African Union; whereas Europeans and Africans should take a strong, united stance on this matter at the relevant international fora and summits such as the G20, the United Nations General Assembly or the WTO.

Or. fr

Amendment 17
Tiziana Beghin, Ignazio Corrao, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. Whereas fair and responsible trade and investments can help creating the 18 million new jobs per year needed in sub-saharan Africa to absorb the growing labour force;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. Whereas waste dumping of European products in Africa is a major source of irreversible environmental damage and serious health problems and must be stopped;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Patricia Lalonde

Draft opinion
Recital C c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cc. whereas universal access to electricity is a major development issue for Africa;

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Recital C d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cd. whereas the main objective of the trade component of the EU-Africa strategy should be the creation of sustainable jobs in Africa and the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Recital C e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ce. *whereas sustainable and responsible investments play an essential role in development;*

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Jan Zahradil, Emma McClarkin
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

Amendment

D. *having regard to the failure of the Washington Consensus, which has not made Africa a player in global trade or eradicated poverty;*

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 23
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

Amendment

D. having regard to the ***failure*** of the Washington Consensus, which has not made Africa a player in global trade or eradicated poverty;

D. having regard to the ***misleading logic*** of the Washington Consensus, which has not made Africa a player in global trade or eradicated poverty; ***but has increased inequality rates, and widespread***

debt unsustainability;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Daniel Caspary, Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion

Recital D

Draft opinion

D. having regard to the *failure of the Washington Consensus, which has not made Africa a player in global trade or eradicated poverty;*

Amendment

D. having regard to the *fact that most African countries still stand a lot to gain from fuller participation in world trade and its potential benefits;*

Or. en

Amendment 25

Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion

Recital D

Draft opinion

D. having regard to the *failure of the Washington Consensus, which has not made Africa a player in global trade or eradicated poverty;*

Amendment

D. having regard to the *fact that the action taken so far has not made Africa a full player in global trade or eradicated poverty on the continent;*

Or. pl

Amendment 26

Jude Kirton-Darling, Joachim Schuster

Draft opinion

Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas the 2015 'Trade for All

strategy' sets out the EU's commitment to binding and enforceable Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD);

Or. en

Amendment 27
Jude Kirton-Darling

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Db. whereas, despite over a decade of negotiations, only one regional EPA has been concluded and fully ratified out of the five foreseen with African regional groupings;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, improving the business climate, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs ***for men and women guaranteeing compatibility with family life for both, the promotion of SMEs***, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, ***in particular with the small scale, off grid energy production***, improving the business climate, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against

corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent, ***while mainstreaming gender in all actions***;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Jan Zahradil, Emma McClarkin

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, improving the business climate, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), ***and*** the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;

Amendment

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, improving the business climate, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent ***and helping to create stability and security; stresses, in particular, EU initiatives focused on mobilizing the private sector which accounts for 90% of jobs in developing economies***;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Daniel Caspary, Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which ***will have an immediate*** impact on the creation

Amendment

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which ***have a positive*** impact on ***sustainable economic***

of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, **improving the business climate**, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;

growth, beneficial value- and rules-based trade in goods and services, industrialisation and capacity-building, competitiveness, and a high-quality and predictable business climate, and thus on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Joachim Schuster

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the European Union to **focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, improving the business climate, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;**

Amendment

1. Calls on the European Union to **support a sustainable and inclusive development in Africa in order to create the jobs that Africa needs, to reduce poverty, strengthen environmental protection and make use of the opportunities created thereby for the European Union**

Or. en

Amendment 32
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, improving ***the business climate***, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;

Amendment

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, ***promotion of human development, good governance and rule of law***, the management of public finances ***to enhance tax justice***, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent, ***promotion of gender equality***;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, improving the business climate, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;

Amendment

1. Calls on the European Union to focus on supporting ***effective*** projects which will have an immediate impact on the creation of decent jobs, the fight against poverty, protection of the environment, improving the business climate, the management of public finances, transparency in the management of natural resources (in particular in mining and energy production), and the fight against corruption and illegal capital flows away from the continent;

Or. pl

Amendment 34
David Martin, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the EU to reinforce its financial commitment to Aid For Trade and technical assistance and capacity building initiatives which are essential to provide African countries with the instruments necessary to take full advantage of EU's trade preferences. Welcomes in this respect the entry into force in February 2017 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement which should facilitate customs procedures and thereby decreasing trade costs.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers that EPAs, largely supported by the Parliaments of the countries concerned, if properly implemented and accompanied by appropriate structural measures, have the potential to be an important tool to promote regional development and the inclusion of the continent into world trade;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that EU-Africa relations must be articulated on a fair and balanced framework among equal partners and based on (the) mutual respect and recognition of interests aimed at the promotion of human rights and the realisation of UN's Sustainable Development Goals;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Urges the EU, in its trade policy, to negotiate, implement and where necessary re-negotiate self-standing, WTO compatible Economic Partnership Agreements with varying degrees of asymmetry based on partner countries different levels of economic development;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli, Ignazio Corrao

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to support African countries integration in

global and regional trade through critical infrastructures building, access to energy, access to financial services and business training;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Underlines the importance of fair and properly regulated trade relations which have to guarantee the democratic right to regulate to ensure human rights and peoples dignity and in fostering regional integration, contributing to sustainable growth and combating poverty; Stresses that potential benefits of trade, in order to contribute to poverty reduction, must be accompanied with distribution of positive impacts through fair and progressive tax systems;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Daniel Caspary, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Stresses that Aid for Trade represents a vital tool to develop structures and projects for trade, in particular in LDCs and considers that such an initiative should be further increased; furthermore asks the Commission to coordinate its

implementation and maximize its effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Jude Kirton-Darling, Joachim Schuster

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture; ***stresses in this context the need for any trade agreement or unilateral trade arrangement between the EU and African countries or regional groupings to provide for sufficiently asymmetrical liberalisation schedules, protections for infant industries, development-supportive rules of origins and effective safeguard clauses;***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, ***particularly in*** agriculture;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, ***and foster small scale agriculture, so that***

people can make a decent living out of their land, guarantee the sustainability of the soils they work on and afford local food availability on local markets;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Jan Zahradil, Emma McClarkin
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture; *stresses the necessity of labour shifts from unproductive traditional sectors such as subsistence farming into modern economic activities that add value to traded goods;*

Or. en

Amendment 44 **Joachim Schuster**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture; *as well as taking the varying expectations of the*

Amendment 45
David Martin, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU *always to* take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU *to continue to constantly* take account of the different levels of development among African countries *when defining and implementing its trade policies vis-à-vis Africa* and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment 46
Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and *to support* measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and *therefore to adopt targeted and specific trade preferences or* measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment 47
Christofer Fjellner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU *always* to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, *particularly in agriculture*;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, *regional integration and their integration into global value chains*:

Or. en

Amendment 48
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in agriculture;

Amendment

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, particularly in *sustainable* agriculture;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and

Amendment

2. Urges the EU always to take account of the different levels of development among African countries and

to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity, *particularly in agriculture*;

to support measures which enhance production and processing capacity;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Patricia Lalonde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the establishment of a free trade economic zone in Africa, which will help improve economic integration on the African continent and boost its international trade;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Tiziana Beghin, Ignazio Corrao, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to help African countries develop and integrate regional value chains to allow different countries to contribute to the production of intermediate and finalised products;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Tiziana Beghin, Ignazio Corrao, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the Commission to put in place and promote investments in skills development, technical and vocational training and higher university education addressed to the African youth;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Tiziana Beghin, Ignazio Corrao, David Borrelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Calls for the European Union and African States to work together to develop a strategy to increase Africa's agricultural competitiveness addressing rural development issues, constraints linked to sanitary and phytosanitary measures and access to micro-financing with a view to boosting intra-continental trade in agricultural goods, protecting the livelihoods of small farmer holders and ensuring food security;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Tiziana Beghin, Ignazio Corrao, David Borrelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls on the EU to support *Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and* avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions;

3. Calls on the EU *and its Member States* to support *existing regional integration initiatives, including a CFTA, through the tool of Aid for Trade, which*

should help facilitate the establishment or development of domestic productive capacity, reduce income inequality in Africa and assist with economic diversification and technology transfers; asks the Commission to avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Jude Kirton-Darling, Joachim Schuster

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions;

Amendment

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions; *stresses that interim Economic Partnership Agreements with individual countries that are members of regional customs and economic unions should not become permanent in the absence of ratified region-to-region EPAs;*

Or. en

Amendment 56
Joachim Schuster

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions;

Amendment

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions *with the help of trade policy and the existing regional Economic Partnership*

Agreements to create functioning inner African markets and to use the possibilities of international trade;

Or. en

Amendment 57
David Martin, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and *avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions;*

Amendment

3. Calls on the EU to *continue to* support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and *to further cooperate with the countries concerned with a view to achieving this objective;*

Or. en

Amendment 58
Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Daniel Caspary, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market *and avoid taking steps which might hinder these ambitions;*

Amendment

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and ***avoid taking*** steps ***which might hinder*** these ambitions;

Amendment

3. Calls on the EU to support Africa's ambitions of creating a genuine intra-African market and ***to take*** steps ***to promote*** these ambitions;

Or. pl

Amendment 60
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Takes the view that effective implementation of the WTO trade facilitation agreement and the simplification and transparency of customs procedures will help to boost trade between Europe and Africa, which will particularly benefit SMEs and innovation;

Or. fr

Amendment 61
David Martin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Supports regional integration and the creation of an African free trade area. Acknowledges that, although the EU's policies are crucial in assisting them in pursuing such objectives, the political commitment by African countries remains of course essential.

Amendment 62
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Shares the view that the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights should be part of any future agreements between the African countries and the EU, and asks both sides to include them on occasion of the revision of existing ones.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Joachim Schuster, Jude Kirton-Darling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. insists on a structured and well-financed civil society monitoring process concerning the existing and future trade agreements between the EU and Africa in order to be able to counteract negative consequences of the agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Joachim Schuster, Jude Kirton-Darling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *points out that the successes of the regional Economic Partnership Agreements and the post-Cotonou agreement are highly dependent on the transparent information policy and dialogue with civil society of the European Commission and its counterparts in African states since transparency gives small and medium sized participants of the economy the chance to reap the benefits of the agreements;*

Or. en

Amendment 65
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. *Takes the view that aid for trade should be one of the pillars of European trade policy with Africa, and calls on the European Union to promote the development of skills and African expertise in this area;*

Or. fr

Amendment 66
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. *Calls on the EU and its Member States to better coordinate their aid for*

trade programmes and further boost synergies with their Africa investment policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 67
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Calls on the European Union to focus, by means of its commercial and investment policies, on growth of the private sector, support for innovation, competitiveness and entrepreneurship in Europe and Africa, and to conduct its affairs with Africa in accordance with the principles of sustainability and social responsibility;

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Patricia Lalonde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3e. Takes the view that ‘public-private partnerships’ have a fundamental role to play in economic development, insofar as they make the private sector more dynamic and boost synergies between institutions and economic operators, and that they should therefore be favoured in this strategy;

Or. fr

Amendment 69
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3f. Calls for European development and investment projects in Africa to be guided by the principle of ownership, so that beneficiary countries can take charge of their own development models;

Or. fr

Amendment 70
Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3g. Calls on the EIB and the Commission, in particular via the EIP, to invest in projects with high job-creation potential and in the priority areas of clean energy, infrastructure, health and medical research;

Or. fr

Amendment 71
Patricia Lalonde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3h. Takes the view that digital development could lead to growth

opportunities in Africa – via e-commerce or telephone payments, for example – and that the development policies of the EU and Africa should help to improve access to electricity and the internet on the African continent;

Or. fr

Amendment 72

David Martin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full participation of the civil societies and parliaments of the countries concerned in future negotiations *and* the implementation of agreements *currently under negotiation*.

Amendment

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full participation of the civil societies and parliaments of the countries concerned in future negotiations *as well as in* the implementation of *concluded* agreements. *Calls on the Commission and the Council to provide appropriate funding so as to ensure the full participation of civil society.*

Or. en

Amendment 73

Heidi Hautala

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full participation of the civil societies and parliaments of the countries concerned in future negotiations and the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Amendment

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full *and institutionalized* participation of the civil societies and parliaments of the countries concerned in future negotiations and the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Amendment 74
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the **full** participation of the civil societies and parliaments of the countries concerned in future negotiations and the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Amendment

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the **more active** participation of the civil societies and parliaments of the countries concerned in future negotiations and the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Or. pl

Amendment 75
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full participation of the **civil societies and** parliaments of the countries concerned in future negotiations and the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Amendment

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full participation of the parliaments of the countries **and regions** concerned in future negotiations and the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Or. en

Amendment 76
Santiago Fisas Aixelà, Tokia Saïfi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full participation of ***the civil societies and parliaments of the countries*** concerned in future negotiations and the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Amendment

4. Calls for transparency in trade agreements and for the full participation of ***all relevant stakeholders*** concerned in future negotiations and ***in*** the implementation of agreements currently under negotiation.

Or. en

Amendment 77

Jude Kirton-Darling, Joachim Schuster

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls for the principles of policy coherence for development to be fully incorporated in the EU's trade relationship with Africa, which entails the inclusion of enforceable 'Trade and Sustainable Development' clauses in all EU trade agreements with African countries, in line with the commitment undertaken by the European Commission in the 'Trade for All' strategy;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Joachim Schuster

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. expects the European Union to make strategic plans for cooperation in a dialogue with Africa in the future in order to make sure that the national

development plans, the continental free trade zone and the implementation of the Agenda 2063 is not being disrupted by the European trade-, agricultural-, fisheries-, environmental- and tax policy;

Or. en

Amendment 79

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, as stated on SDG 17.15, partner country's democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Patricia Lalonde, Frédérique Ries

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Takes the view that a 'bottom-up' approach should be used in the EU-Africa strategy, by means of exchanges and by holding discussion forums between European and African civil societies for entrepreneurs, in particular female business leaders, NGOs and associations;

Or. fr

Amendment 81
Adam Szejnfeld

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that support for investment projects should be made conditional on economic effectiveness and expected economic outcomes, in an effort to boost trade on the African market and with third countries and regions, and to boost the processing capacity of industries in African countries.

Or. pl

Amendment 82
Heidi Hautala
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the partners, when negotiating, to include binding obligations for European companies acting abroad, enlarging the model of the Conflict Minerals Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 83
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Raise awareness of the pervasive link between free trade agreements with developing countries and illicit financial flows (IFF) and tax fraud increase; calls the future EU -Africa strategy to effectively tackle IFF by enhancing cooperation on tax matters and boosting domestic resource mobilisation on partner countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 84
Jude Kirton-Darling**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Stresses that without ownership any EU-Africa strategy cannot succeed; therefore calls on the European Commission to reflect on its repeated failure to convince African countries of the relevance of EPAs; strongly condemns the use of coercion as an instrument to secure approval for EPAs;

Or. en

**Amendment 85
Joachim Schuster, Jude Kirton-Darling**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. expects additionally the development of a strategy for the fight against corruption and illegal capital

flight from Africa and insists that the development of the regional African markets is being taken into consideration in the future;

Or. en

Amendment 86
Patricia Lalonde

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Takes the view that it is essential for the EU-Africa strategy to take account of the importance of the role of women in economic development and the resilience of societies both in Europe and in Africa, and that projects should be set up with that in mind;

Or. fr

Amendment 87
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Deplores the current debt distress in several African countries; stresses the risk of increasing debt distresses through the use of export credits and innovative financial instruments under the umbrella of EPAs; Calls for the EU to ensure debt sustainability in all trade deals with African countries by ensuring the fulfilment of UNCTAD principles on responsible investments and on Responsible Sovereign Lending and Borrowing;

Amendment 88
Joachim Schuster, Jude Kirton-Darling

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. insists that the aid for trade global review makes sure that least developed countries and fragile states benefit more from the effects of development cooperation than in the past;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. Recalls that EU investment policy, especially when involving public money, must contribute to the realisation of the SDGS; recalls the need to enhance transparency and accountability of DFIs, PPPs to effectively track and monitor the money flows, debt sustainability and the added value for sustainable development of their projects;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 e (new)

4e. Considers it regrettable that a regulatory framework on the way corporations comply with human rights and obligations with respect to social and environmental standards is still lacking, which allow certain States and companies to circumvent them with impunity; calls the EU to effectively promote due diligence obligations to ensure global supply chains sustainability.

Or. en