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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 63**

**Draft opinion**  
**Inese Vaidere**  
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on Recommendation to the Council and Commission on the new EU-Russia  
agreement  
(2011/2050(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. *Considers* that the EU and Russia are *mutually dependent and* would both benefit from greater economic cooperation;

*Amendment*

1. ***Emphasises*** that the EU and Russia ***share common borders and*** are ***strategic trading partners, especially with respect to raw materials and vital energy sources such as oil and gas; considers therefore that they*** would both benefit from greater economic cooperation ***and energy market integration***;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Considers that the EU and Russia are mutually dependent *and* would ***both*** benefit from ***greater*** economic cooperation;

*Amendment*

1. Considers that the EU and Russia are mutually dependent, ***EU-Russia relations have enormous economic potential, both parties*** would benefit from ***increased economic integration and good neighbourly relations, and*** cooperation ***between the EU and Russia is crucial to ensuring stability in all areas of mutual and overlapping interest***;

Or. de

**Amendment 3**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Considers that the EU and Russia are mutually dependent and would both benefit from greater economic cooperation;

*Amendment*

1. Considers that the EU and Russia are mutually dependent and would both benefit from greater economic cooperation, ***taking account of the principles of sustainable development and environmental protection***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 4  
Helmut Scholz**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Considers that the EU and Russia are mutually dependent and would both benefit from greater economic cooperation;

*Amendment*

1. Considers that the EU and Russia are mutually dependent and would both benefit from greater economic cooperation; ***deplores therefore that political relations are often marked by mistrust and rivalry, forming an obstacle to improved trade relations***;

Or. en

**Amendment 5  
Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Underlines the influence of tensions deeply rooted in historic experiences of the development of trade relations between the EU and Russia and proposes to establish a permanent discussion group***

*on history in order to address existing fears and prejudices and to analyse the different understandings of the past;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Highlights the special role and importance central and eastern European Member States of the EU could play in improving economic and trade relations between the EU and Russia, given their advantage in expertise in overcoming linguistic and cultural barriers between the partners;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Keith Taylor**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Welcomes the signature by the EU and Russia of a Memorandum of Understanding on the settling of bilateral issues regarding Russia's accession to the WTO; believes that Russia's accession to the WTO is vital to EU-Russia economic cooperation and to the negotiations on a possible Free Trade Agreement in the long term;

2. Welcomes the signature by the EU and Russia of a Memorandum of Understanding on the settling of bilateral issues regarding Russia's accession to the WTO; believes that Russia's accession to the WTO ***should be very carefully approached and that there is still a long way to go before a rules-based*** EU-Russia economic cooperation ***can work; warns therefore against rushing into*** negotiations on a possible Free Trade

Agreement in the long term;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Daniel Caspary**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Welcomes the signature by the EU and Russia of a Memorandum of Understanding on the settling of bilateral issues regarding Russia's accession to the WTO; believes that Russia's accession to the WTO is vital to EU-Russia economic cooperation and to the negotiations on a possible Free Trade Agreement in the long term;

*Amendment*

2. Welcomes the signature by the EU and Russia of a Memorandum of Understanding on the settling of bilateral issues regarding Russia's accession to the WTO; believes that Russia's accession to the WTO is vital to EU-Russia economic cooperation and to the negotiations on a possible Free Trade Agreement in the long term; ***expects that in the framework of the multilateral negotiations a satisfactory solution can soon be found to issues that are still to be settled, including the new Russian rules on investment in the automobile sector;***

Or. de

**Amendment 9**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Welcomes the signature by the EU and Russia of a Memorandum of Understanding on the settling of bilateral issues regarding Russia's accession to the WTO; believes that Russia's accession to the WTO is vital to EU-Russia economic cooperation and to the negotiations on a

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possible Free Trade Agreement in the long term;

possible Free Trade Agreement in the long term; *underlines, however, that EU-Russia relations should have a broader agenda than business agreements, namely urges more cooperation from Russia in areas such as the rule of law, democratic standards and human rights;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Points out that Russia could become a highly relevant partner for the European Union's trade interests not only in a bilateral dimension but also in a multilateral dimension through its importance in the BRIC(SA) cooperation process and as mediator in the central and far Eastern region; assumes that, once a member of WTO, Russia's influence in this organisation will be considerable;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Keith Taylor**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Considers rule setting with the goal of climate change mitigation as central to any future economic cooperation between these two major emitters of GHG;*

**Amendment 12**  
**George Sabin Cutaş**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Believes that, in order to restore the confidence of EU citizens in the security of energy supply, the EU and Russia should achieve an energy partnership in which the principles of transparency, fair competition, reciprocity and non-discrimination would prevail; welcomes, in this sense, the recent signature of an upgraded EU-Russia Early Warning Mechanism in the field of energy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Godolieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Hopes that*** the Commission ***will be able*** to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; ***underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and*** emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

***3. Calls on*** the Commission to negotiate a strong ***and extensive*** new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

Or. de



**Amendment 14**  
**Daniel Caspary**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. **Hopes that** the Commission **will be able** to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

*Amendment*

3. **Calls on** the Commission to negotiate a **comprehensive and** strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

Or. de

**Amendment 15**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. **Hopes that** the Commission **will be able** to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

*Amendment*

3. **Calls** the Commission to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Hopes that the Commission will be able to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

*Amendment*

3. Hopes that the Commission will be able to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; ***calls on Russia to endeavour to ensure that its legislation is compatible with EU legislation***; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

Or. fr

**Amendment 17**  
**Inese Vaidere**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Hopes that the Commission will be able to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime, is essential;

*Amendment*

3. Hopes that the Commission will be able to negotiate a strong new agreement, based on the four common spaces and with clear indications on regulatory and legislative issues and enforcement instruments; underlines that 75% of FDI in Russia comes from the EU ***and that the EU is by far Russia's main trading partner***, and emphasises that a legally binding agreement on trade and investment, ***compliant with the WTO regulations***, laying the foundations for a dispute settlement regime ***and framework provisions to foster transparency and limit state intervention***, is essential;

**Amendment 18**  
**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Stresses the fact that 75% of foreign direct investment in Russia comes from the EU; calls for the establishment and operation of enterprises to be facilitated on a reciprocal basis and hopes that Russia will create an investment climate based on a non-discriminatory, transparent and predictable business environment;***

Or. de

**Amendment 19**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Considers it a mistake to exclude Russia from the Eastern Neighbourhood, since no problem there can be solved without Russia, while any problem can result in serious conflicts with Russia including a direct impact on trade relations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3b. Is convinced that the development of Russia and the economic success of its society will also have a strong influence on the security and economic development of the European Union and that consequently a qualitatively new level of economic and trade partnership should be developed, including joint efforts to address common challenges from climate change to stable and sustainable social, financial and economic development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Inese Vaidere**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Supports the Commission's efforts to include a comprehensive chapter on the protection of the rights of all forms of intellectual property, including technology transfers, in the new agreement; calls on the Commission to monitor EU high-technology transfer and know-how in order to avoid piracy, counterfeit and unfair competition;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Daniel Caspary**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as **a pragmatic initiative towards a new agreement; regrets however the hesitation** on the Russian side to **implement reforms and** remove obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by **improving** the local environment for business and investment, **fighting** corruption, **removing** protectionism, **protecting** intellectual property rights and **strengthening** the rule of law and respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as **an EU- Russia cooperation initiative based on working together on specific projects; calls,** however, on the Russian side to remove obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by **more energetic implementation of reforms to improve** the local environment for business and investment, **fight** corruption, **remove** protectionism, **improve and effectively implement protection of** intellectual property rights and **strengthen** the rule of law and respect for human rights;

Or. de

**Amendment 23**  
**George Sabin Cutaş**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as a pragmatic initiative towards a new agreement; **regrets however the hesitation on the Russian side to implement reforms** and remove obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by improving the local environment for business and investment, fighting corruption, removing protectionism, protecting intellectual property rights and strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as a pragmatic initiative towards a new agreement; **encourages the Russian Government to implement much needed reforms** and **to** remove obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by improving the local environment for business and investment, fighting corruption, removing protectionism, protecting intellectual property rights and strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights;

**Amendment 24**  
**Maria Eleni Koppa**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as a pragmatic initiative towards a new agreement; regrets however the hesitation on the Russian side to implement reforms and remove obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by improving the local environment for business and investment, fighting corruption, removing protectionism, protecting intellectual property rights and strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights;

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as a pragmatic initiative towards a new agreement; regrets however the hesitation on the Russian side to implement reforms and remove obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by improving the local environment for business and investment, fighting corruption, removing protectionism, protecting intellectual, ***industrial and commercial*** property rights and strengthening ***democracy***, the rule of law and respect for human rights;

**Amendment 25**  
**Inese Vaidere**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as a pragmatic initiative towards a new agreement; regrets however the hesitation on the Russian side to implement reforms and remove obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by improving the local environment for business and investment, fighting corruption, removing protectionism, protecting intellectual property rights and strengthening the rule of law and respect

*Amendment*

4. Welcomes the Partnership of Modernisation as a pragmatic initiative towards a new agreement; ***notes in this regard as a positive development the recent initiative by President Medvedev to eliminate excessive influence of state-owned companies on the investment climate in the country and to limit the influence of state authorities in privately-owned companies***; regrets however the hesitation on the Russian side to implement

for human rights;

reforms and remove *all* obstacles to a mutually beneficial agreement by improving the local environment for business, *especially SMEs*, and investment, fighting corruption, removing protectionism, *including the unilateral tariff increases imposed by the Russian government*, protecting *patents and intellectual property rights*, *implementing major reforms in energy sector to ensure transparency and, accountability, to eliminate monopoly and limit state influence*, and strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights;

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Calls on the Russian Government to ratify the Anti-counterfeiting trade agreement (ACTA) to contribute to a more efficient fight against counterfeiting and piracy;**

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Is deeply concerned about the continuing problem of the production and sale of counterfeit products in Russia;**

*insists that improvements in legislation and law enforcement must be made as regards the protection of intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights, in order to increase competitiveness and make the investment climate more attractive;*

Or. de

**Amendment 28**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Observes that trade relations between the EU and Russia are currently severely hindered by excessive formalism; regards corruption, a lack of legal certainty and discrimination based on nationalities as highly adverse to establishing sustainable trade and economic relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4b. Emphasizes that trade and economic relations between the EU and Russia should go beyond the activities of a limited number of major corporations and should be expanded with the aim of involving large numbers of small and medium sized enterprises and much larger segments of society; points out that*



*statistics on poverty in Russia display dramatic figures and that overcoming this problem is a key to stability and must be in the core interest of the European Union;*

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4c. Is unsatisfied with the lack of trade union involvement in the ongoing negotiations; deplores the weakness of civil society structures in Russia and emphasises the importance of active social partners and the efficiency of their organisations for the smooth functioning of economic and trade relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4d. Calls on the Commission to seek in public events the advice of Russian think tanks such as the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, the Higher School of Economics, the Institute of Europe and the Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences to develop a common vision for the future of EU-Russia trade relations and to use*

*public fora as a tool for more public support for the improvement of the bilateral relations;*

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**George Sabin Cutaş**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Believes that the EU should ensure that respect for fundamental human rights does not lag behind trade and economic aspects within the negotiations of the new agreement with Russia;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**George Sabin Cutaş**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4b. Encourages Russia to join in efforts with the EU in order to tackle the effects of climate change;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Laima Liucija Andrikienė**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls *therefore* on the Russian Government to remove barriers to fair trade and access to markets, as identified in the Commission's Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2011;

*Amendment*

**5. Points out that, following the financial and economic crisis in 2008, the Russian Federation enacted temporary tariffs for a number of product lines, such as meat and dairy products, furniture, trucks, some steel products and others; encourages the Commission to take measures to ensure that these temporary measures do not become permanent ones; calls on the Russian Government to remove barriers to fair trade and access to markets, as identified in the Commission's Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2011;**

Or. en

**Amendment 35  
Jan Zahradil**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls therefore on the Russian Government to remove barriers to fair trade and access to markets, as identified in the Commission's Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2011;

*Amendment*

5. Calls therefore on the Russian Government to remove **all** barriers to **open and** fair trade and access to markets **for European businesses**, as identified in the Commission's Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2011; **invites, in this regard, the EU and Russia to jointly develop energy-related trade transaction modelling (TTM) on the basis of clear rules and enhanced transparency in the spirit of Articles VIII and X of the GATT 1994;**

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls therefore on the Russian Government to remove barriers to fair trade and access *to markets*, as identified in the Commission's Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2011;

*Amendment*

5. Calls therefore on the Russian Government to remove barriers to fair, *intensive* trade and *the existing restrictions on market* access, as identified in the Commission's Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2011; *strongly urges Russian undertakings to export to the EU under fair trading conditions*;

Or. de

**Amendment 37**  
**George Sabin Cutas**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Considers that the new agreement should entail legally binding commitments on trade aspects but also on investment and energy matters*;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*6. Points out that the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus customs union has led to higher consolidated tariffs and calls on Russia to*

*Amendment*

*6. Expresses its concern that the Customs Union between Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus will impose additional duties,*

*engage in an effective dialogue to rectify these trade irritants.*

*further going against WTO regulations and undermining the actual will of the Russian Government with respect to WTO membership;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Daniel Caspary**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Calls on the Commission in its negotiations with Russia to point out the need for it to reform its cumbersome and expensive customs procedures as quickly as possible, to improve market access particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises;*

Or. de

**Amendment 40**  
**Elisabeth Köstinger**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Calls for the substance of Russian regulations on animal welfare and food safety to be aligned more closely with EU regulations, to meet European needs, so that the best possible safety and quality can be guaranteed to European producers and consumers;*

Or. de

**Amendment 41**  
**Elisabeth Köstinger**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. In the event of negotiations on a free trade agreement between the EU and Russia, calls for inclusion of a chapter on ‘sustainability’ containing safeguard clauses, covering areas such as trade, environment, production and processing;***

Or. de

**Amendment 42**  
**Laima Liucija Andrikiienė**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Encourages the Russian Federation not to apply discriminatory prices for exported energy resources, especially gas, which enters the EU on a tariff-free basis and which is sold for different Member States at a different price, often without an adequate justification;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Is convinced that a precondition to the development of stable and prospering***

*trade relations with Russia is to address open questions related to the energy supply to Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and the Baltic States and that besides the work on the Energy Charter other approaches to solve this problem should also be taken into consideration;*

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Helmut Scholz**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6b. Considers the improvement of visa regulations between the EU and Russia as very important for the building up of broad based trade relations; acknowledges the road map approach pursued by the EU with regard to the Western Balkan countries as a positive example for a way to reach a visa-free regime with Russia one day;*

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Recognizing the Russian Federation as an essential energy supplier to the EU, calls on the Commission to sign an agreement with the Russian Government in order to warrant no interruption of gas supplies to the EU Member States for the*

*duration of long lasting supply  
agreements with Russia;*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Urges Russia to re-establish the oil  
supply to the Mazeikiu Refinery in  
Lithuania;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6c. Points out that a secure energy  
relationship between the EU and Russia  
rests equally on transparency of energy  
trading in transit countries and in  
elimination of violation of property rights;***

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6d. Underlines the need for environmental impact assessments for all energy-related infrastructure projects, in order to guarantee that the international standards of environmental protection are met;***

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6e. Urges the Russian authorities to ratify the Espoo Convention;***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6f. Calls on the Russian Government to ensure good relations and respect the sovereignty of nations in their neighbourhood;***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6g. Calls in particular on the Russian Government to follow its obligations to the Cease-Fire Agreement of 2008 with Georgia and the sister EU-Russia Agreement on Georgia;***

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6h. Applauds the ratification of Protocol 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights by the Russian Federation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6i. Encourages future dialogues under the Troika Human Rights consultation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6j. Insists, however, on the need for a revision of the consultation process, in order to allow for a result-oriented dialogue on human and minority rights issues in both Russia and the EU and on EU-Russian cooperation on human rights issues in international fora;***

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6k. As one revision of the consultation process, asks the Russian side to invite other institutions besides the Foreign Ministry to be involved in the consultations; believes the presence of individuals from the Ministries of Justice, Interior and the prosecutor's office and prisons to be particularly appropriate;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6l. Expresses strong concern over the status of NGOs and human rights defenders in Russia and urges the Russian Government to ensure a peaceful and safe environment for the development of such organisations and individuals;***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6m. Regards full compliance by Russia with the WTO rules as a necessary precondition and minimum standard for a free-trade agreement between the EU and Russia;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6n. Aware of Russia's interest in WTO membership, calls on the Russian Government to eliminate temporary import duties as they contradict WTO regulations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6o. Urges Russia not to press any other country to join the Customs Union;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6p. Asks the Russian Federation to consider accession to the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement and to improve its Intellectual Property Rights record;***

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6q. Condemns Russia's non-transparent economic policy, especially the use of discretionary powers towards international investors;***

**Amendment 62**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6r. Expects improvement of the rule of law in Russia and points out that this is crucial for EU investors and traders;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Pawel Zalewski**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6s. Condemns the legal process of the case of Mr Khodorkovsky and underlines that it is not in line with international standards.***

Or. en