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Amendment 1
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Recalls that, although the *impact* of the global economic and financial crisis on Latin America *has* been less severe than in other regions, inequality indices and poverty rates continue to be very high, and insufficient progress has been made towards achieving *six* of the MDGs;

Amendment

1. Recalls that, although the *effects* of the global economic and financial crisis on Latin America *have* been less severe than in other regions, inequality indices and poverty rates continue to be very high, and insufficient progress has been made towards achieving *eight* of the MDGs;

Or. de

Amendment 2
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 a. Notes that the EU's development cooperation strategy towards Latin America, as designed in the Regional Strategy Programme 2007-2013, is based on the assumption that open markets, trade liberalisation and investment will promote economic growth, which in turn will reduce poverty; underlines however that the links between growth, trade, development and poverty reduction are neither simple nor automatic; in light of this, encourages the European Commission in the context of the debate on the future development cooperation policy of the EU to undertake a broad and deep reflection on the current development model it aims to promote to

alleviate effectively poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

1 b. Urges the Commission prior to definition of its cooperation towards Latin America to assess the actual impact of EU policies on development goals; in particular, calls on the Commission to draw lessons from the past decades, in particular from Latin America's experience in implementing policies under the so-called Washington Consensus that generated economic growth but had negative impacts in most countries in terms of increasing inequality, while reducing and limiting policy space;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. Considers that economic and technological advances in some Latin American countries make it necessary to rethink the EU's development cooperation objectives; calls for cooperation to be redirected and not cut or suspended;

2. Considers that economic and technological advances in some Latin American countries make it necessary to rethink the EU's *bilateral* development cooperation objectives; calls for cooperation to be redirected and not cut or

stresses that we face common challenges that we must tackle by strengthening multilateralism;

suspended; stresses that we face common challenges that we must tackle by strengthening multilateralism;

Or. es

Amendment 5
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that economic and technological advances in some Latin American countries make it necessary to rethink the EU's development cooperation objectives; calls for cooperation to be redirected ***and not cut or suspended***; stresses that we face common challenges that we must tackle by strengthening multilateralism;

Amendment

2. Considers that economic and technological advances in some Latin American countries make it necessary to rethink the EU's development cooperation objectives; calls for cooperation to be redirected ***where it is needed the most to address poverty reduction***; stresses that we face common challenges that we must tackle by strengthening multilateralism;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Considers that economic and technological advances in some Latin American countries make it necessary to rethink the EU's development cooperation objectives; calls for cooperation to be redirected and not cut or suspended; stresses that we face common challenges that we must tackle by strengthening multilateralism;

Amendment

2. Calls for EU development cash flows to be stopped;

Amendment 7
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

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Or. de

Amendment 8
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Points out that although aid can act as a leverage for LA countries, it is not enough to guarantee sustainable and lasting development; therefore calls on LA countries to strengthen and mobilise their domestic resources, set up transparent taxation systems, involve effectively the private sector, local governments and civil society in the EU-LA agenda and for their greater ownership of projects;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Considers that the strong Chinese presence amongst the mining and agricultural resources of many Latin American countries should convince the European Union to rapidly and effectively reinforce its sustainable development aid in the region

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2 a. Stresses the importance of designing different development relationships based on loans, technical cooperation or exchange of best practices;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Considers it necessary to draw up

3. Stresses the need to tie the progress in

cooperation instruments and objectives for each country, concentrating resources on the most vulnerable countries and improving PCD;

relations with Latin America to a coherent development policy; therefore, considers it necessary to draw up cooperation instruments and objectives for each country, concentrating resources on the most vulnerable countries and improving PCD;

Or. es

Amendment 12
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission and Council to *maintain the volume of DCI cooperation for Latin America at one third of the total geographical amount for the period 2014-2020*;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission and Council to *stop all EU development* cooperation;

Or. nl

Amendment 13
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

4 a. Insists on the need to aid Latin American countries by putting in place a form of fiscal governance that is exempt from corruption and fraud, particularly through cooperation, technical assistance and the establishment of legal and fiscal trainings near local administrations;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Welcomes the principle of differentiation and concentration of aid proposed by the Commission; stresses that differentiation must be carried out gradually in the programming phase, as regards both the beneficiary countries and the actual tools of cooperation, developing other forms of cooperation more suited to MICs;

Amendment

5. Welcomes the principle of differentiation and concentration of aid proposed by the Commission; stresses that differentiation must be carried out gradually in the programming phase, as regards both the beneficiary countries and the actual tools of cooperation, developing other forms of cooperation more suited to MICs; ***recommends that the criteria for application of the principle of differentiation be objective and common to all countries;***

Or. es

Amendment 15
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5 a. Notes that the differentiation approach should not result in a drastic decline in the region's importance in the outreach of the EU, which is and should behave like a global actor, being an active member of international society and not just the principal global donor. Otherwise, the EU may condemn itself to irrelevance in entire regions, leaving a space open to the intervention of other global actors;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 16
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Stresses that any possible reallocation of funds must benefit the geographical programmes for the eradication of poverty in the region's LICs and LMICs;

Amendment

6. Stresses that any possible reallocation of funds must benefit the geographical programmes for the eradication of poverty in the **same** region's LICs and LMICs;

Or. es

Amendment 17
Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Deplores** the Commission proposal on the DCI, which withdraws access to bilateral programmes from eleven LAC MICs; recalls that **the** countries of Latin America are among the most unequal in the world in terms of per capita income and that persistent inequality occurs in a context of low socio-economic mobility; stresses that they are a group of very heterogeneous countries and differentiated cooperation should therefore be maintained, based on coordination and political dialogue;

Amendment

7. **Expresses its concern about the lack of rigour on the implementation of the established eligibility criteria; takes note on** Commission proposal on the DCI, which withdraws access to bilateral programmes from eleven LAC MICs; recalls that **some** countries of Latin America are among the most unequal in the world in terms of per capita income and that persistent inequality occurs in a context of low socio-economic mobility; stresses that they are a group of very heterogeneous countries and differentiated cooperation should therefore be maintained, based on coordination and political dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. **Deplores** the Commission proposal on the DCI, **which withdraws access to bilateral programmes from eleven LAC MICs**; recalls that the countries of Latin America are among the most unequal in the world in terms of per capita income and that persistent inequality occurs in a context of low socio-economic mobility; stresses that they are a group of very heterogeneous countries and differentiated cooperation should therefore be maintained, based on coordination and political dialogue;

Amendment

7. **Welcomes** the Commission proposal on the DCI; recalls **however** that the countries of Latin America are among the most unequal in the world in terms of per capita income and that persistent inequality occurs in a context of low socio-economic mobility; stresses that they are a group of very heterogeneous countries and differentiated cooperation should therefore be maintained, based on coordination and political dialogue;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

7 a. Considers that the message that the EU is sending to the region is very troubling, since, in practical terms, it is a declaration that it does not give it the importance that it deserves, in spite of the multiple political and trade commitments made and shared global interests;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 20
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7 b. Underlines the need, as expressed in the European Consensus on Development in paragraph 66 , to give appropriate attention to MICs, especially to lower middle-income countries, many of which face problems similar to those of low-income countries;

Or. es

Amendment 21
Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Stresses, taking account of those indicators, that the EU should continue bilateral cooperation under the future DCI, at least with Colombia, Ecuador and Peru;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 22
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Stresses, taking account of those indicators, that the EU should continue bilateral cooperation under the future DCI, at least with Colombia, Ecuador and

deleted

Peru;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Stresses, taking account of those indicators, that the EU should continue bilateral cooperation under the future DCI, at least with Colombia, Ecuador and Peru;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 24
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9. Stresses, taking account of those indicators, that the EU should continue bilateral cooperation under the future DCI, at least with Colombia, Ecuador and Peru;

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Or. de

Amendment 25
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

9 a. Asks the Commission to present a coherent strategy for gradual withdrawal of bilateral aid to MICs, which would permit them to strengthen their position as 'graduates' from aid, thus following the principle of predictability of aid recognised at the Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan;

Or. es

Amendment 26

Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 – introductory part

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to **present a coherent strategy for the** gradual withdrawal of bilateral aid **to the remainder of the eleven MICs**, commencing when the new DCI enters into force, **and incorporating** the following criteria:

10. Calls on the Commission to **ensure that said** gradual withdrawal of bilateral aid, commencing when the new DCI enters into force, **incorporates** the following criteria:

Or. es

Amendment 27

Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

an explicit link between the objectives and the sectoral concentration of bilateral aid in order to strengthen social cohesion, especially through the co-financing of

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active policies and programmes to reduce inequality in terms of income and opportunities, as well as other more advanced programmes supporting competitiveness and promoting sustainable development, including the promotion of technological and scientific cooperation and technical assistance, *priority* access to thematic programmes, moves towards reimbursable aid and scholarship programmes;

active policies and programmes to reduce inequality in terms of income and opportunities, as well as other more advanced programmes supporting competitiveness and promoting sustainable development, including the promotion of technological and scientific cooperation and technical assistance, *preferential* access to *regional and sub-regional* thematic programmes, *and to the Partnership Instrument that includes a guaranteed minimum amount*; moves towards reimbursable aid and scholarship programmes;

Or. es

Amendment 28
Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

– an explicit link between the objectives and the sectoral concentration of bilateral aid in order to strengthen social cohesion, especially through the co-financing of active policies and programmes to reduce inequality in terms of income and opportunities, as well as other more advanced programmes supporting competitiveness and promoting sustainable development, including the promotion of technological and scientific cooperation and technical assistance, priority access to thematic programmes, moves towards reimbursable aid and scholarship programmes;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 29
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 – indent 1

Motion for a resolution

– an explicit link between the objectives and the sectoral concentration of bilateral aid in order to strengthen social cohesion, especially through the co-financing of active policies and programmes to reduce inequality in terms of income and opportunities, as well as other more advanced programmes supporting competitiveness and promoting sustainable development, including the promotion of technological and scientific cooperation and technical assistance, priority access to thematic programmes, moves towards reimbursable aid and scholarship programmes;

Amendment

– an explicit link between the objectives and the sectoral concentration of bilateral aid in order to strengthen social cohesion, especially through the co-financing of active policies and programmes to reduce inequality in terms of income and opportunities, as well as other more advanced programmes supporting competitiveness and promoting sustainable development, including the promotion of technological and scientific cooperation and technical assistance, ***the improvement of tax collection***, priority access to thematic programmes, moves towards reimbursable aid and scholarship programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Gabriele Zimmer, Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to boost the Partnership Instrument by over EUR 1 billion to foster the new shape of cooperation with MICs and LMICs, ensuring that funds can be planned, quantified and scrutinised;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 31
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to boost the Partnership Instrument by over EUR 1 billion to foster the new shape of cooperation with MICs and LMICs, ensuring that funds can be planned, quantified and scrutinised;

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to boost the Partnership Instrument by over EUR 1 billion to foster the new shape of cooperation with MICs and LMICs, ensuring that funds can be planned, quantified and scrutinised; ***stresses the need to ensure that it is an instrument that intensifies the EU's response to global challenges such as the fight against inequality, climate change, security, or the fight against drug trafficking;***

Or. es

Amendment 32
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to ***boost*** the Partnership Instrument ***by over EUR 1 billion to foster the new shape of cooperation with MICs and LMICs, ensuring that funds can be planned, quantified and scrutinised;***

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to ***abolish*** the ***EU*** Partnership Instrument;

Or. nl

Amendment 33
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Stresses the need to boost the Partnership Instrument by **over EUR 1 billion** to foster the new shape of cooperation with MICs and LMICs, ensuring that funds can be planned, quantified and scrutinised;

Amendment

11. Stresses the need to boost the Partnership Instrument **sufficiently in order** to foster the new shape of cooperation with MICs and LMICs, ensuring that funds can be planned, quantified and scrutinised;

Or. de

Amendment 34
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12 Considers that the high levels of inequality and the lack of an effective social protection mechanism are the greatest obstacle to the consolidation of democracy and to fair and sustainable economic growth in the region, and therefore calls for **a stronger focus on** governability and social cohesion;

Amendment

12. Considers that the high levels of inequality and the lack of an effective social protection mechanism are the greatest obstacle to the consolidation of democracy and to fair and sustainable economic growth in the region, and therefore calls for **greater attention to the link between democratic** governability and social cohesion;

Or. es

Amendment 35
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Takes the view that the EU-LAC partnership's objective of social cohesion

will be achievable only insofar as it generates a high level of development and fairness of income and wealth distribution, and that this objective requires ensuring the eradication of poverty through more just and progressive fiscal policies, strengthening tax-paying capacity and the fight against fraud and tax evasion;

Or. es

Amendment 36
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Stresses the importance of development aid through trade; LA-EU trade exchanges are a crucial factor in alleviating poverty and ensuring wealth creation in both continents; warns against protectionist tendencies resulting from the current economic and financial crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12 a. Notes that while social cohesion is considered to be a central objective in EU cooperation with Latin America, the EC's call for inclusive growth fails to provide concrete measures to ensure that

economic growth will contribute to the overall objective of poverty reduction;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13 Emphasises *that it is important to maintain* the 20% target for education and health programmes;

Amendment

13. Emphasises *the importance of maintaining* the 20% target for education and health programmes; *Reiterates that education and investment in human capital are the foundation of social cohesion and socio-economic development; calls for the implementation of effective policies and adequate funding to fight illiteracy, the rate of which remains high in some countries in the region, in particular among girls and women, and for the promotion of access to non-fee-paying public education (at primary and secondary levels), which is often restricted owing to a lack of the necessary budgetary resources in some countries; in this context, supports the project drawn up by the OEI, ‘Educational goals 2021: the education we want for the generation of the bicentenaries’;*

Or. es

Amendment 39
Corina Crețu

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Emphasises that it is important to maintain the 20% target for education and health programmes;

Amendment

13. Emphasises that it is important to maintain the 20 % target for education and health programmes ***and insists on the need to integrate gender equality into the labour market and into society in general;***

Or. ro

Amendment 40
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 a. Underlines that, although coverage and spending on education in Latin America have improved in a sustained way during recent decades, the quality remains low and access unequal; points out the work done by the European Union through the Erasmus, Alban and Alfa programmes and asks the Commission to maintain the budgetary appropriation made to date;

Or. es

Amendment 41
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13 b. Stresses that the large differences in terms of academic performance in Latin America have continued to increase in recent years if comparisons are made

based on rural and urban areas, the type of school (public or private), gender or socio-economic status, thus worsening the problem of lack of social cohesion;

Or. es

Amendment 42
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers that the DCI must integrate social cohesion objectives more efficiently in its thematic, national and regional programming, mainly by supporting fairer fiscal, tax and social policies which promote equality, access to public services and decent work;

Amendment

14. Considers that the DCI must integrate social cohesion objectives more efficiently in its thematic, national and regional programming, mainly by supporting fairer fiscal, tax and social policies which promote equality, access to public services, decent work and *the reform of the judicial system;*

Or. es

Amendment 43
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. *Considers* that the DCI must integrate social cohesion objectives more efficiently in its thematic, national and regional programming, mainly by supporting fairer fiscal, tax and social policies which promote equality, access to public services and decent work;

Amendment

14. *Stresses* that *social cohesion is closely linked to other policies such as trade, investment and finance; considers that* the DCI must integrate social cohesion objectives more efficiently in its thematic, national and regional programming, mainly by supporting fairer fiscal, tax and social policies which promote equality, access to public services and decent work;

Amendment 44
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Considers that the DCI must integrate social cohesion objectives more efficiently in its thematic, national and regional programming, mainly by supporting *fairer* fiscal, tax and social *policies* which promote equality, access to public services and decent work;

Amendment

14. Considers that the DCI must integrate social cohesion objectives more efficiently in its thematic, national and regional programming, mainly by supporting fiscal, tax and social *reforms* which promote equality, access to public services and decent work;

Amendment 45
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Notes the importance of such programmes as EuroSocial, URB-AL and AL-INVEST; COPOLAD, as well as programmes to further Dialogue and Cooperation between the EU and Latin America for the establishment of management models on Migration and Development policies; notes that in the new DCI these programmes should be strengthened, exploring their potential in terms of triangular cooperation;

Amendment 46
Patrizia Toia

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 a. Notes the need for the European Union, through the DCI, to provide the resources necessary for children to have better living conditions and to be able to fully develop their capacities and potential, primarily within nuclear families;

Or. it

Amendment 47
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 b. Reiterates the importance of the EU–AL forum on social cohesion and asks that it be strengthened as a space for bi-regional political dialogue on social cohesion, through the promotion of more ambitious mechanisms and mechanisms for the coordination of cooperation in this field, and that social cohesion be encouraged on the agendas of the main international forums;

Or. es

Amendment 48
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14 c. Notes that EU–LAC Foundation may play a relevant role in coordinating and supporting the actions and debates of civil society on the role of international cooperation in fostering social cohesion in the region;

Or. es

Amendment 49
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 Recalls the importance of development cooperation policy, laid down in Article 208 of the TFEU, for the eradication of poverty, the promotion of economic and social rights, protection of the environment, good governance, and sustainable and inclusive development;

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(Linguistic AM)

Or. es

Amendment 50
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Calls on the EC to enhance the visibility of its projects conducted in the Latin American countries and make them more understandable to their citizens demonstrating the added value of

cooperation with the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 a. Notes with concern that the EU's Association/Free Trade Agreements with Central America, Colombia and Peru include less binding multilateral standards on social, labour and environmental rights than the GSP+; in particular, deplores that these Agreements do not include effective mechanisms to condition commercial preferences on the fulfilment of these rights, thereby making it more difficult to confront their violations;

Or. en

Amendment 52

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 b. Points out that the EU's Association/Free Trade Agreements with Central America, Colombia and Peru shall in no circumstances conflict with the objective of Policy Coherence for Development; accordingly, urges the Commission to rebalance its agreements

with Latin America to specifically ensure that development needs and concerns are properly reflected in trade-related chapters such as financial services, government procurement and intellectual property rights, be it in any ongoing negotiation process (Mercosur), before its ratification (Central America, Columbia/Peru) or at the moment of its revision (Mexico, Chile);

Or. en

Amendment 53
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15 c. Calls on the EU to ensure that resources earmarked for development are not diverted to the promotion of other EU interests, such as security and trade;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. **Recalls** that the Association Agreements **are** a powerful incentive in regional integration; argues that the lack of coherence between policies jeopardises this process;

16. **Emphasises** that the **new DCI should foster the regional integration process; in this respect, recalls that the** Association Agreements **can be** a powerful incentive in regional integration, **but** argues that the lack of coherence between policies

jeopardises this process; *notes also that while interregional relations have decreased for the benefit of bilateral relations, this shift towards bilateralism tends to increase the fragmentation and rivalry within Latin America's regional blocs;*

Or. en

Amendment 55
Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that the Association Agreements are a powerful incentive in regional integration; argues that the lack of coherence between policies jeopardises this process;

Amendment

16. Recalls that the Association Agreements *and the Multiparty Trade Agreements* are a powerful incentive in regional integration; argues that the lack of coherence between policies jeopardises this process;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Gabriele Zimmer, Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Recalls that the Association Agreements *are* a powerful incentive in regional integration; argues that the lack of coherence between policies jeopardises this process;

Amendment

16. Recalls that the Association Agreements *if correctly focused taking into account asymmetries may be* a powerful incentive in regional integration; argues that the lack of coherence between policies jeopardises this process;

Or. en

Amendment 57
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Stresses the need to establish within EU delegations focal points for PCD and the development of monitoring mechanisms in this field;

Or. es

Amendment 58
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 a. Emphasises the importance for the European Union of developing a commercial policy that is more coherent with the development policies in order to ensure that trade will also be a vector for promoting fair and equitable social standards, particularly by including social clauses respecting human rights in Partnership Agreements.

Or. fr

Amendment 59
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 b. Underlines the importance of greater coherence in ODA and notes that the presence of the EU and of three LA countries in the G20 should contribute to a reconciling of positions that may make it possible for PCD to be implemented jointly;

Or. es

Amendment 60

Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16 c. Recalls the obligation to respect the principle contained in Article 208 on PCD and avoid imposing on the region the double penalty that would arise from the exclusion of 11 countries from the EU's bilateral cooperation and the elimination of the trade preferences based on the SPG Plus regime;

Or. es

Amendment 61

Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Recalls that civil society plays ***a central*** role in the consolidation of democracy and the shaping, implementation and scrutiny of

17. Recalls that civil society plays ***an important*** role in the consolidation of democracy and the shaping, implementation and scrutiny of

development policies in Latin America;
deplores the scant importance given to civil
society in current cooperation programmes
and the low level of resources allocated;

development policies in Latin America;
deplores the scant importance given to civil
society in current cooperation programmes
and the low level of resources allocated;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Emphasises that in keeping with the concept of democratic ownership, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society should be supported in their efforts to play their proper role in defining development strategies, holding governments to account, monitoring and assessing past performance and achieved results; underlines especially the importance of empowering the Latin American parliamentarians' role in decision making processes;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Is therefore appalled, that in the newly negotiated Association Agreement and FTA with Latin American countries, civil society consultation is explicitly

limited to issues related to the Sustainable Development chapter;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 a. Notes that support for civil society should continue to be one of the priorities of the next DCI; underlines that this support should be included in its country strategies and in the regional programmes, thus highlighting its decisive role in the fight against inequality, corruption and the scrutiny of the use of financial resources;

Or. es

Amendment 65
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. Calls on the EC to provide enhanced financial, technical and expertise support to the national parliaments' administrations of the Latin America countries within the regional strategy programmes in order to strengthen their efficiency, transparency and accountability, which is crucial if the parliaments are to play their proper role in the democratic decision making processes;

Amendment 66
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17 b. Recalls that the European Consensus on Development notes, in paragraph 18, that ‘The EU will enhance its support for building capacity of non-state actors in order to strengthen their voice in the development process and to advance political, social and economic dialogue’; Deplores that the Green Paper on increasing the impact of EU development policy largely fails to explain how civil society will participate and be empowered in the EU’s future development cooperation policy;

Or. es

Amendment 67
Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Expresses its concern at the social impact of the high levels of crime and violence in the region; considers it necessary to define a strategy that will tackle its economic, social and political causes;

18. Expresses its concern at the social impact of the high levels of crime and violence in the region, ***in particular femicide***; considers it necessary to define a strategy that will tackle its economic, social and political causes;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Expresses its concern at the social impact of the high levels of crime and violence in the region; considers it necessary to define a strategy that will tackle its economic, social and political causes;

Amendment

18. Expresses its concern at the social impact of the high levels of crime and violence in the region; considers it necessary to define a ***new, more efficient*** strategy that will tackle ***this phenomenon as well as*** its economic, social and political causes;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

18 a. Asks the Commission to strongly support consultation processes of the local communities concerned by extractive projects, such as the new law on prior consultation in Peru and to play an active role in preventing criminalization of protests; reiterates also, in this context, the importance of ensuring country-by-country reporting of extractive industries, as foreseen in the proposal of the Directive on accounting and Transparency, as a tool to clamp down on corruption, bribery and tax evasion;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Recalls that criminality and insecurity have a large impact on the trust that citizens have in public and democratic institutions, as well as on the safeguarding of human rights;

Or. es

Amendment 71
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 a. Recalls that one of the priority objectives of the European Union's external action is to encourage the strengthening of democratic systems and the defence of human rights around the world, and consequently in Latin America;

Or. es

Amendment 72
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. Is concerned about the marked impact of the gender-based violence that

occurs in the region;

Or. es

Amendment 73

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 b. Asks the EU to make the fight against impunity an absolute priority of its development with Latin America, and to present by the end of 2012 a Communication on that topic with chapters on judicial cooperation, on financial cooperation and information exchange, and on victims' protection;

Or. en

Amendment 74

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 c. Expresses its concern about increased violence against women; asks the Commission to establish clear responsibilities within the EEAS and coordinate relevant actions of EU delegations with those of Member States' embassies in the countries at stake to convert the Declaration of the High Representative Catherine Ashton on femicide of June 2010 into concrete policies allocated with sufficient

resources;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 d. Asks the Commission to provide political and financial support to the work of the Inter-American System of Human Rights in the issue of femicide and contribute to the implementation of its sentences;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18 e. Invites the Commission to actively take part in and regularly raise the topic within political dialogues, and in particular the existing human rights dialogues, and offer cooperation in the search for remedies to eliminate violence against women and femicide in the context of the bi-regional partnership.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Insists that the EU does not promote or support large scale agrofuel production through its development cooperation, due to its negative impacts on food security, deforestation, access to land and the environment;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 19 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19 a. Emphasises that the negative impacts of climate change justify increased attention from local authorities and from the European Union to the growing investments by Asian countries that are harmful to sustainable development and the ecosystem.

Or. fr

Amendment 79
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Recalls that climate change represents an additional burden for Latin America and that there is an urgent need to finance actions to combat, mitigate and adapt to climate change;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 80
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20. Recalls that climate change represents an additional burden for Latin America **and that there is an urgent need to finance actions to combat, mitigate and adapt to climate change;**

20. Recalls that climate change represents an additional burden for Latin America;

Or. de

Amendment 81
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Asks that the exchange of experience and information between the EU and Latin America be promoted within the framework of the EuroClima programme and of South-South cooperation, as agreed in the Madrid Action Plan; recalls the importance of education to environmental sustainability;

Amendment 82
Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 a. Notes that although it has 30 % of the planet's water resources, the distribution of water in Latin America is very irregular and unequal; urges the Commission to maintain its assistance to partner countries in support of a better management of the supply and sanitation of water resources;

Or. es

Amendment 83
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20 b. Recalls the EU's commitment to contribute to increasing the role of sustainable energy as one of the vectors of sustainable development;

Or. es

Amendment 84
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. **Emphasises the importance of the Investment Mechanism for Latin America**, the priorities of which are energy efficiency, renewable energy, transport, protection of biodiversity and support for SMEs, **and highlights its important role in regional integration and in the region's international competitiveness agendas;**

Amendment

21. **Notes that mechanisms such as the Latin American Investment Facility are meant to become increasingly important in EU development cooperation**, the priorities of which are energy efficiency, renewable energy, transport, protection of biodiversity and support for SMEs; **highlights that civil society plays a central role of scrutiny of development policies; but notes that there is no mechanism foreseen within the LAIF structure to ensure civil society representation and participation; accordingly, calls on the Commission to ensure that civil society representation and participation is guaranteed in order to ensure effective monitoring and follow-up of EC development cooperation funds;**

Or. en

Amendment 85

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

21 bis. Emphasizes the need to study further experiences with LAIF and insists that future projects must be subject to clearly established and transparent monitoring mechanisms for their implementation and to social and environmental impact studies;

Or. en

Amendment 86

Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 a. Points out in particular the importance of support for small and medium-sized enterprises because of their contribution to development, to the region's economic growth and to social and economic consolidation; underlines that SMEs are the main sources of job generation; expects that advancement of the corporate social responsibility activities of their European partners will also be necessary in order to further the objectives of the EU's inclusive growth policy;

Or. es

Amendment 87
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 b. Underlines the need to foster urgently the construction of infrastructure in Latin America in order to sustain the current high rates of growth and encourage social inclusion; recommends the use of instruments such as the LAIF to support transportation, energy and telecommunications infrastructure projects, since the current investment by Latin American countries in these areas is very far below what is necessary; recalls that the use of ODA for these projects must be justified based on their contribution to reducing poverty, fostering social cohesion and the provision of high-quality public services

for the population;

Or. es

Amendment 88
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 ter (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 ter. Insists that the EC needs to develop clear guidelines on a transparent decision-making process on the selection of projects and ensure coherence with the European Consensus on Development, the principle of country ownership and the EU's commitment to untie its aid;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21 quater (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21 quater. Insists on the need to focus grant and loan blending facility areas such as small scale and local energy and agriculture production and in favour of SMEs and micro private sector in developing countries;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Hopes that opening a rigorous dialogue on science, technology and innovation will boost the creation of a Euro-Latin American area of innovation and knowledge;

Amendment

23. Hopes that opening a rigorous dialogue on science, **higher education and training**, technology and innovation will boost the creation of a Euro-Latin American area of innovation and knowledge **and help to boost competitiveness and fight de-industrialisation**;

Or. en

Amendment 91
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Takes the view that temporary mobility of researchers and support for universities and research centres in such areas as health, food security, marine and maritime research, renewable energies and the fight against and adaptation to climate change should be promoted;

Or. es

Amendment 92
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Recalls that the European Union should better consider and exploit the major advantage represented by the

geostrategic position of certain outermost regions of the Union located close to Latin America.

Or. fr

Amendment 93
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23 a. Notes that enhancing current research institutes on agriculture practices is fundamental for the development of the continent.

Or. en

Amendment 94
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24. Calls on the Commission to give more in-depth consideration to incorporating SSC into cooperation policy;

deleted

Or. nl

Amendment 95
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Subheading 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8 a. Recalls that Latin America is the most dynamic region of the world as regards SSC, thus showing the relevant role of MICs as promoters of regional integration and international development objectives;

Or. es

Amendment 96
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Recalls that the EU does not have at present a clear strategic definition of SSC¹ that permits it to develop a more active policy in this field; underlines the need to establish indicators that show the social and economic impact of the various SSC and triangular models;

¹ Recalls that guidelines exist on this topic in relation to emerging economies, but it is a somewhat fragmented approach.

Or. es

Amendment 97
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

¹ Recalls that guidelines exist on this topic in relation to emerging economies, but it is a somewhat fragmented approach.

Motion for a resolution

25. Reiterates the importance of triangular cooperation and its key role in the achievement of the MDGs, the eradication of poverty, the promotion of employment and of gender equality, education, social cohesion, agriculture and sustainable development;

Amendment

25. Reiterates the importance of ***intra-regional trade exchanges and*** triangular cooperation and its key role in the achievement of the MDGs, the eradication of poverty, the promotion of employment and of gender equality, education, social cohesion, agriculture and sustainable development;

Or. en

Amendment 98
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 a. Takes the view that bi-regional, SSC and triangular cooperation initiatives should be expanded in such sectors as science and research, sustainable development, the environment, climate change, energy, social cohesion, education or employment;

Or. es

Amendment 99
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25 b. Recommends to the Eurolat Assembly and the EU-LAC Foundation that they grant SSC and triangular cooperation their due strategic

importance in their work agenda;

Or. es

Amendment 100
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26

Motion for a resolution

26 Considers that SSC and triangular cooperation should be *a* central *theme* of the 7th EU-LAC Summit in Chile, giving a clear response to the final conclusions of the Summit in Madrid;

Amendment

26. Considers that SSC and triangular cooperation should be *be one of the* central *themes* of the 7th EU-LAC Summit in Chile, giving a clear response to the final conclusions of the Summit in Madrid;

Or. es

Amendment 101
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27

Motion for a resolution

27 Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

Amendment

27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution *to the Vice-President/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy*, to the Council and the Commission, *and to the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States and of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, the EU-LAC Foundation, the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, the Latin American Parliament, the Central American Parliament, the Andean Parliament and the Mercosur Parliament.*

Or. es

Amendment 102
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas, as defined in the Treaty of Lisbon, the overall objective of development cooperation is to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable economic and social development, including the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015;

Amendment

A. whereas, as defined in the Treaty of Lisbon, the overall objective of development cooperation is to **relieve** poverty **as quickly as possible and to eradicate it in the long term** and promote sustainable economic and social development, including the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015;

Or. de

Amendment 103
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B whereas one in three Latin Americans still lives below the poverty line – 180 million people – and 10 countries in the region remain among the 15 most unequal countries in the world¹;

Amendment

B. whereas **the region is part of the group of middle-income countries that have achieved notable successes in reducing poverty — from 44 % to 33 % in a single decade — and inequality through economic growth and political and social reforms, but nevertheless**, one in three Latin Americans still lives below the poverty line – 180 million people, **of whom 52 million live on less than EUR 2 a day** – and 10 countries in the region remain among the 15 most unequal countries in the world²; **whereas some countries have malnutrition rates above 20 % and**

¹ Data from ECLAC and OECD.

² Data from ECLAC and OECD.

28 million citizens do not know how to read or write, with 44 million people outside the welfare systems;

Or. es

Amendment 104
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas the IMF estimated an average level of GDP growth of 4.5 % for Latin America in 2011, and at present there are some prospects of a global economic slowdown in 2012, with a high degree of uncertainty continuing to persist with regard to the impact in the region of the global economic and financial crisis;

Or. es

Amendment 105
Santiago Fisas Aixela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B a. whereas middle-income countries are a driving force for development and regional integration, and a crisis in these countries hinders the progress of low-income countries in their regions;

Or. es

Amendment 106
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital B b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

B b. whereas the slowdown in the countries of the region is unequal, and in Bolivia, Honduras, Nicaragua and Suriname external aid continues to be one of the most important funding streams for development, along with the contributions of migrants' remittances, which comprise between 6 % and 25 % of the GDP of those countries;

Or. es

Amendment 107
Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas the definition of a new cooperation policy must take account of the specific priorities and needs of each country and the EU must collaborate with ***the Middle Income Countries (MICs)*** when leading the fight against poverty and for development at the regional and global level;

C. whereas the definition of a new cooperation policy must take account of the specific priorities and needs of each country and the EU must collaborate with ***all Latin American countries*** when leading the fight against poverty and for development at the regional and global level;

Or. en

Amendment 108
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas social cohesion has been a main objective of the Strategic Partnership since its launch at the Guadalajara Summit in 2004, because of the importance to the region of achieving a better redistribution of income and wealth, by means of appropriate policies that promote sustainable development and greater justice and social cohesion;

Or. es

Amendment 109

Santiago Fisas Aixela, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C a. whereas human rights, democracy and good governance are of particular relevance in the Agenda for Change; whereas LA is a continent where democracy is generally established, with which Europe shares democratic values and principles, and where it is necessary to support the governance and institutional structure of the State, which is threatened by violence and insecurity;

Or. es

Amendment 110

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution

Recital C b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C b. whereas in MICs it will be more appropriate to redirect aid to increasing institutional and regulatory capacities, public policy design, support for social partners, and the mobilisation of resources in addition to ODA;

Or. es

Amendment 111
Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D whereas Latin America and the EU have formed a Bi-regional Strategic Partnership based on common values and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; whereas the EU is the principal investor and the second largest trade partner, as well as the principal donor of development aid, providing 53 % of the total Official Development Assistance (ODA) that the region receives;

D. whereas Latin America and the EU have formed a Bi-regional Strategic Partnership based on common values and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; ***whereas 2 of the EU's 9 strategic partners in the world are in Latin America (Brazil and Mexico)***; whereas the EU is the principal investor and the second largest trade partner, as well as the principal donor of development aid, providing 53 % of the total Official Development Assistance (ODA) that the region receives;

Or. es

Amendment 112
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas the EU must concentrate its

development aid to partner countries where it can have the most significant impact and must ensure that the aid is spent effectively with delivering the best possible results;

Or. en

Amendment 113
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D a. whereas most of the people in poverty around the world live in these Middle-Income Countries; these countries often face significant inequalities and weak governance that endangers the sustainability of their own development process; many middle-income countries play an important role in global policy, security and trade issues, producing and protecting global public goods, and acting as ‘anchor countries’ at the regional level; and beyond periods of economic prosperity, they remain vulnerable to global risks of an economic, environmental or security nature;

Or. es

Amendment 114
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D b. whereas some countries of Latin America have begun to get involved in

development cooperation efforts by means of regional cooperation and South–South cooperation (SSC) mechanisms;

Or. es

Amendment 115
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D c. whereas Latin America cannot cease to be a priority for the EU, as is reflected in EU–LA bi-regional relations, where there have been considerable advances in recent years, such as the Association Agreements with Central America, Chile and Mexico; the multi-party trade agreement with Colombia and Peru; the negotiations with Mercosur; the Madrid Action Plan and the launch of the EU–LAC Foundation;

Or. es

Amendment 116
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D d. whereas according to the European Consensus on Development, support for middle-income countries remains important in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;

Or. es

Amendment 117

Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E whereas the EU, by means of the Association Agreements and its development aid, continues to provide significant support for the development and stabilisation process in the region; whereas the possibility that it may no longer do so when the results of this process are consolidated is a cause for serious concern;

Amendment

E. whereas the EU, by means of ***the agreements made with partners in the region, including*** the Association Agreements and its development aid, continues to provide significant support for the development and stabilisation process in the region; whereas the possibility that it may no longer do so when the results of this process are consolidated is a cause for serious concern;

Or. es

Amendment 118

Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the EU, by means of the Association Agreements and its development aid, ***continues to*** provide significant support for the development and stabilisation process in the region; ***whereas the possibility that it may no longer do so when the results of this process are consolidated is a cause for serious concern;***

Amendment

E. whereas the EU, by means of the Association Agreements and its development aid, ***shall*** provide significant support for the development and stabilisation process in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Gabriele Zimmer, Jürgen Klute

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the EU, by means of the Association Agreements and its development aid, *continues to provide significant support for the development and stabilisation process in the region; whereas the possibility that it may no longer do so when the results of this process are consolidated is a cause for serious concern;*

Amendment

E. whereas the EU, by means of the Association Agreements *with Central America* and *through its Trade agreements with Colombia and Peru is not dealing adequately with the asymmetries of those economies* and that of the EU, and is increasing the dependence of those regions on mining and agro exportation.

Or. en

Amendment 120
Andreas Mölzer

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the EU, by means of the Association Agreements and its development aid, *continues* to provide significant support for the development and stabilisation process in the region; whereas the possibility that it may no longer do so when the results of this process are consolidated is a cause for serious concern;

Amendment

E. whereas the EU, by means of the Association Agreements and its development aid, *should continue* to provide significant support for the development and stabilisation process in the region; whereas the possibility that it may no longer do so when the results of this process are consolidated is a cause for serious concern;

Or. de

Amendment 121
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas the European Commission's current proposal on DCI provides for the reduction of bilateral aid from the EU to the middle-income countries in Latin America, and basic services have disappeared from the list of priorities for the region;

Or. es

Amendment 122
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. whereas the budget allocation of the current DCI for Latin America reflects that it is the most financially neglected region in structure of chapter IV of the EU budget in relation to other areas that receive European aid;

Or. es

Amendment 123
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital E bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E a. considering that China's growing investments in Latin America, especially in deposits of raw materials and hydrocarbons and in the extensive

exploitation of agricultural land for the production of biofuel, to the detriment of the environment, sustainable development and social laws.

Or. fr

Amendment 124
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E b. whereas social cohesion has a broad dimension that involves combating poverty, reducing inequality, ensuring universal access to basic services such as health care, education, pensions or housing, the recognition and protection of social dialogue and labour rights; whereas there is a need for a fiscal compact that guarantees fairly the best distribution of resources;

Or. es

Amendment 125
Philippe Boulland

Motion for a resolution
Recital E b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E b considering that China has become the third largest investor in Latin America and the main or even the only export market for certain products ; emphasises that although this situation may benefit the balance of trade for numerous Latin American countries in the short term, this kind of dependence poses a problem for

their long-term development.

Or. fr

Amendment 126
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital E c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E c. whereas, regardless of the connotations that accompany the concept of social cohesion at the European level or in Latin America, in both regions it can be understood as a guiding principle of public policies that permits development strategies to be oriented towards achieving the well-being of the entire population, thus avoiding polarisation, disaffection and loss of trust in democratic institutions;

Or. es

Amendment 127
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Motion for a resolution
Recital E d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E d. whereas the main challenges of the donors in the region include policy coherence, as well as greater coordination and complementarity within the framework of a better division of labour, entailing greater concentration and predictability of aid;

Or. es

Amendment 128
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F whereas the fight against poverty, inequality, exclusion and discrimination, especially of women and minority ethnic groups, as well as the promotion of social cohesion and human rights, continue to be a key priority of the EU-LA strategic partnership;

Amendment

F. whereas the fight against poverty, inequality, exclusion and discrimination, especially of women, *young people* and minority ethnic groups, as well as the promotion of social cohesion and human rights, continue to be a key priority of the EU-LA strategic partnership;

Or. es

Amendment 129
Catherine Grèze, Franziska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the fight against poverty, inequality, exclusion and discrimination, especially of women and minority ethnic groups, as well as the promotion of social cohesion and human rights, continue to be a key priority of the EU-LA strategic partnership;

Amendment

F. whereas the fight against poverty, inequality, exclusion and discrimination – especially of women and minority ethnic groups–, as well as the promotion of social cohesion and human rights, *shall* continue to be a key priority of the EU-LA strategic partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 130
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Recital F

Motion for a resolution

F. whereas the fight against poverty, inequality, exclusion and discrimination, especially of women and minority ethnic groups, as well as the promotion of social cohesion and human rights, continue to be a key priority of the EU-LA strategic partnership;

Amendment

F. whereas the ***wealth creation***, fight against poverty, inequality, exclusion and discrimination, especially of women and minority ethnic groups, as well as the promotion of social cohesion and human rights, continue to be a key priority of the EU-LA strategic partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 131
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

F a. whereas the region offers disconcerting indicators in the fight against child and maternal mortality; and in order to reduce poverty, gender equality, political and economic empowerment of women are essential factors;

Or. es

Amendment 132
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas the EU's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) is a key instrument ***in development cooperation, poverty reduction and the promotion of human rights; whereas the current reform of the***

G. whereas the EU's Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) is a key instrument to ***enable developing*** countries to ***participate more in global*** trade and ***thereby generate additional export revenue*** to ***support***

GSP should efficiently and coherently contribute to achieving those objectives, guaranteeing the earnings of producers in less developed countries; whereas eligibility should not be made conditional on the criterion of per capita GDP in the current reform of the GSP; whereas all countries are free to sign or not to sign bilateral free trade agreements with the EU and, therefore, they should continue to benefit from the GSP system so long as they continue to comply with the relevant conditions;

economic growth and the implementation of development and poverty reduction policy strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 133
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas the GDP index is inadequate as the sole indicator for measuring inequality and for making decisions on the allocation of EU development assistance with the main objective of eradicating poverty;

Or. es

Amendment 134
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G a. whereas LA countries export much less to their neighbours than do their counterparts in other continents;

relatively low trade exchange is due to important distances, high tariffs, customs, separate trade agreements and inadequate infrastructure networks;

Or. en

Amendment 135

Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H whereas education and training, as well as universal access to public health services, are of vital importance in the fight against poverty and social *exclusion*;

Amendment

H. whereas education and training, as well as universal access to public health services, are of vital importance in the fight against poverty and *the promotion of* social *cohesion*;

Or. es

Amendment 136

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution

Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

H a. whereas environmental degradation has a direct impact on the development of poverty; whereas LA is the planet's great environmental reserve, with Brazil, Mexico, Peru and Colombia among the world's most biodiverse countries, but at the same time is a continent particularly vulnerable to climate change;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 137
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Motion for a resolution
Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H a. whereas the improvement of tax collection is fundamental in order to build a competent state capable of supplying its people with basic services such as health, public sanitation and education.

Or. en

Amendment 138
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Recital H b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H b. whereas the most devastating effects of climate change and global warming affect Latin America and the Caribbean to a large extent, with the countries of the region being among the most vulnerable in the world; whereas natural disasters have caused a loss of 54 % of the regional GDP in Central America;

Or. es

Amendment 139
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital H c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H c. whereas the private sector is referred

to explicitly as a key actor in the generation of sustainable development and the contribution to the social cohesion included in the Agenda for Change;

Or. es

Amendment 140
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Aixela

Motion for a resolution
Recital H d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

H d. whereas the structured bi-regional and global dialogue on migration between the EU and Latin America is important, and it is important for migration policies and practises of both regions to ensure respect for the fundamental rights of all migrants;

Or. es

Amendment 141
Renate Weber, Charles Goerens

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I. whereas Latin America *is* among the most violent *regions of* the world, and criminality associated with phenomena such as drug trafficking and organised crime continues to be a serious problem in the region, posing a threat to its development;

I. whereas *some of the countries in* Latin America *are* among the most violent *in* the world, and criminality associated with phenomena such as drug trafficking and organised crime continues to be a serious problem in the region, posing a threat to its development;

Or. en

Amendment 142
Edvard Kožušník

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas Latin America is among the most violent regions of the world, and criminality associated with phenomena such as drug trafficking and organised crime continues to be a serious problem in the region, posing a threat to its development;

Amendment

I. whereas Latin America is among the most violent regions of the world, and criminality associated with phenomena such as drug trafficking and organised crime, ***money-laundering, arms-trafficking and corruption***, continues to be a serious problem in the region, posing a threat to its development;

Or. en

Amendment 143
Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

I a. whereas the European Commission's proposal for the partnership Instrument centres on the implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy in the region; whereas this proposal concentrates preferentially on its strategic partners and on emerging economies, while also having a global focus centred on global challenges and threats;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 144
Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Santiago Fisas Ayxela

Motion for a resolution
Recital I a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

I a. whereas the corruption linked to criminal networks that are specially dedicated to the distribution and trafficking of narcotics, and that penetrate institutions, distribute among themselves zones of territorial influence, and cause collateral damage, poses a threat to the democratic systems and the collective security of LA, giving rise to serious problems of instability and political governance;

Or. es

Amendment 145
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Citation 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol and the results of the 25th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, held in Copenhagen,

- having regard to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol and the results of the 25th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, held in Copenhagen, ***the 16th Conference held in Cancun and the 17th Conference held in Durban***

Or. es

Amendment 146
Santiago Fisas Ayxela, Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution
Citation 10

Motion for a resolution

- having regard to the European Consensus on Development¹,

Amendment

- having regard to the European Consensus on Development², ***in particular point 61 thereof, which recognises the importance of Middle-Income Countries in achieving the MDGs and shows the difficulties that these countries, as well as Middle-Upper Income Countries, face,***

Or. es

Amendment 147

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution

Citation 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having reviewed the Madrid Action Plan approved at the EU–LAC Summit of May 2010 and its 6 key areas: 1- Science, research, innovation and technology; 2- Sustainable development; environment; climate change; biodiversity; energy; 3- Regional integration and interconnectivity to promote social inclusion and cohesion; 4- Migration; 5- Education and employment; 6- Drugs

Or. es

Amendment 148

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution

Citation 20

¹ OJ C 46, 24.2.2006, p. 1.

² OJ C 46, 24.2.2006, p. 1.

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (COM(2011)0840, SEC(2011)1469, SEC(2011)1470),

deleted

Or. es

Amendment 149

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Motion for a resolution

Citation 26

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- having regard to the resolutions of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat), and specifically the resolutions adopted at the Fifth Ordinary Plenary Session held on 18 and 19 May 2011 in Montevideo, Uruguay, on the prospects for trade relations between the European Union and Latin America, and on employment protection and creation strategies, especially for women and young people,

- having regard to the resolutions of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat), and specifically the resolutions adopted at the Fifth Ordinary Plenary Session held on 18 and 19 May 2011 in Montevideo, Uruguay, on the prospects for trade relations between the European Union and Latin America, and on employment protection and creation strategies, especially for women and young people, **and on relations between the European Union and Latin America as regards security and defence,**

Or. es

Amendment 150

Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution

Citation 31 bis (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- given that (only with the exception of Chile, Uruguay, the Bahamas, Barbados and Saint Lucia) Latin America is largely corrupt¹,

¹*The scores in the 'Transparency International' corruption index are Argentina (3), Bolivia (2.8), Brazil (3.8), Colombia (3.4), Costa Rica (4.8), Cuba (4.2), the Dominican Republic (2.6), Ecuador (2.7), El Salvador (3.4), Guyana (2.5), Guatemala (2.7), Haiti (1.8), Honduras (2.6), Mexico (3.0), Nicaragua (2.5), Panama (3.3), Paraguay (2.2), Peru (3.4), Puerto Rico (5.6), Venezuela (1.9), Dominica (5.2), Jamaica (3.3), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (5.8), Suriname (3.0) and Trinidad and Tobago (3.2) on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is unsatisfactory. See <http://cpi.transparency.org/cpi2011/results/>.*

Or. nl

Amendment 151
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Citation 31 ter (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- given that the EU money which goes into development cooperation primarily disappears into the wrong pockets or into

¹ The scores in the 'Transparency International' corruption index are Argentina (3), Bolivia (2.8), Brazil (3.8), Colombia (3.4), Costa Rica (4.8), Cuba (4.2), the Dominican Republic (2.6), Ecuador (2.7), El Salvador (3.4), Guyana (2.5), Guatemala (2.7), Haiti (1.8), Honduras (2.6), Mexico (3.0), Nicaragua (2.5), Panama (3.3), Paraguay (2.2), Peru (3.4), Puerto-Rico (5.6), Venezuela (1.9), Dominica (5.2), Jamaica (3.3), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (5.8), Suriname (3.0) and Trinidad and Tobago (3.2) on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is unsatisfactory. See <http://cpi.transparency.org/cpi2011/results/>.

a bottomless pit; given that development cooperation is an outrageous waste of EU citizens' tax revenues,

Or. nl

Amendment 152
Barry Madlener

Motion for a resolution
Citation 31 quater (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- given that whether to provide development funding or not is a national matter and must not be determined at European level,

Or. nl