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AMENDMENTS

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on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other
(16395/2011 – 2011/0303(NLE))

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Amendment 1
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Citation 4 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- having regard to its recommendation of 15 March 2007¹ to the Council on the negotiating mandate for an Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the countries of Central America, of the other part,

¹ OJ_C301E, p. 153, 13.12.2007.

Or. es

Amendment 2
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Citation 4 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- having regard to its recommendation of 15 March 2007¹ to the Council on the negotiating mandate for an Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the countries of Central America, of the other part,

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Or. es

Amendment 3
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Citation 4 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

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¹ OJ_C301E, p. 153, 13.12.2007.

Or. es

Amendment 4
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Citation 4 b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

having regard to its resolutions of 5 May 2010 on the EU strategy for relations with Latin America¹ and of 21 October 2010 on the EU's trade relations with Latin-America²,

¹ P7_TA(2010)0141

² P7_TA(2010)0387

Or. es

Amendment 5
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Citation 5 a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- having regard to the report on the trade chapter of the EU-Central America Association Agreement of March 2012¹,

¹ (PE 433.864)

Or. es

Amendment 6
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Citation 5 b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

- having regard to the final report on the EU-Central America Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (TRADE08/C1/C14 & C15 – Lot 2)¹,

¹ "Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment of the Association Agreement to be negotiated between the EU and Central America".

Or. es

Amendment 7
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Recital A

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

A. whereas one of the key objectives of the

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Biregional Strategic Partnership between the EU and Latin America is regional integration underpinned by the conclusion of subregional and bilateral association agreements,

Biregional Strategic Partnership between the EU and Latin America is regional **and social** integration underpinned by the conclusion of subregional and bilateral association agreements,

Or. es

Amendment 8
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital A a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Aa. whereas for the development of EU-Latin America partnership relations to be of mutual benefit and bring advantages to both parties it is essential that respect for democracy, the state of law and full human rights for all members of society be seen as key elements of political dialogue; that the fight against poverty and inequality be seen as a key element of biregional cooperation relations; and for trade exchanges to include fair conditions of mutual benefit based on the principles of complementarity and solidarity, founded on an awareness of the asymmetries in development existing between the two regions,

Or. es

Amendment 9
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital B

Proposal for a decision

B. whereas the development of relations *with Latin America* is of mutual benefit and *brings* advantages to *all EU Member States*,

Amendment

B. whereas *for* the development of *EU-Latin America partnership* relations *to be* of mutual benefit and *bring* advantages to *both parties it is essential that respect for democracy, the state of law and full human rights for all members of society be seen as significant elements of political dialogue; that the fight against poverty and inequality be seen as a key element of biregional cooperation relations; and for trade exchanges to include fair conditions of mutual benefit based on the principles of complementarity and solidarity, founded on awareness of the asymmetries in development existing between the two regions*,

Or. es

Amendment 10
Renate Weber

Proposal for a decision
Recital B

Proposal for a decision

B. whereas the development of relations with Latin America is of mutual benefit and brings advantages to all EU Member States,

Amendment

B. whereas the development of relations with Latin America *and, in particular, with Central America* is of mutual benefit and brings advantages to all EU Member States,

Or. en

Amendment 11
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital B a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ba. whereas the aim of the Association Agreement between the EU and Central America should be to promote sustainable development, the consolidation of democracy and the state of law, full respect for human rights, social cohesion and regional integration,

Or. es

**Amendment 12
Willy Meyer**

**Proposal for a decision
Recital B b (new)**

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Bb. whereas the Agreement includes a legally binding human rights clause which requires the signatory parties to ensure proper monitoring of human rights,

Or. es

**Amendment 13
Willy Meyer**

**Proposal for a decision
Recital B c (new)**

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Bc. whereas there is a high incidence of assassinations of trade unionists in Central America; whereas there is a very high rate of femicide;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital B d (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Bd. whereas the Agreement includes a trade and sustainable development chapter which should help to maintain a high level of socio-environmental and labour protection,

Or. es

Amendment 15
Renate Weber

Proposal for a decision
Recital C

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

C. whereas the EU is ***the main donor of development aid***, the main investor and the second largest trading partner in Central America,

C. whereas the EU is the main investor and the second largest trading partner in Central America ***as well as the main donor of development aid***,

Or. en

Amendment 16
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Recital C a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ca. whereas respect for democracy, the state of law and the human, civil and political rights of the people of both

regions are fundamental elements of the Agreement,

Or. es

Amendment 17
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital C a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ca. whereas the aim of the Association Agreement between the EU and Central America should be to promote sustainable development, the consolidation of democracy and the state of law, full respect for human rights, social cohesion and regional integration,

Or. es

Amendment 18
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital C a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ca. whereas the Central American region is characterised by conditions of severe poverty, social exclusion and socio-environmental vulnerability,

Or. es

Amendment 19
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Recital C b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cb. whereas the Association Agreement implies a political and economic association between the EU and the region as formed by its different countries, taking into account the asymmetries and inequalities which exist between the two regions and among the various Central American countries,

Or. es

Amendment 20
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital C b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cb. whereas the Agreement includes a human rights clause which requires the signatory parties to properly monitor human rights and that its practical enforceability must be guaranteed,

Or. es

Amendment 21
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital C b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cb. whereas with the entry into force of the Association Agreement the Central American countries will leave the

Generalised System of Preferences Plus (GSP+) special scheme under which they receive preferential trade conditions in exchange for guaranteeing the effective application of 27 international treaties, including the four fundamental treaties of the International Labour Organisation,

Or. es

Amendment 22
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Recital C c (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cc. whereas the aim of the Agreement should be to promote sustainable development, social cohesion and regional integration,

Or. es

Amendment 23
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital C c (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cc. whereas the Agreement includes a trade and sustainable development chapter which should help to maintain a high level of socio-environmental and labour protection,

Or. es

Amendment 24
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital C d (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cd. whereas the social and environmental impact report predicted that production would be focused on primary sectors such as fruit, vegetables and dried fruits; that there would be more pressure on land and water resources and that social conflict would increase,

Or. es

Amendment 25
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Recital C d (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cd. whereas the social and environmental impact report predicted that production would be focused on primary sectors such as fruit, vegetables and dried fruits, with more pressure on land and water resources and that social conflict would increase

Or. es

Amendment 26
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital C e (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Ce. whereas the Council proposes a provisional implementation of the trade component before the entry into force of the trade and cooperation pillars,

Or. es

Amendment 27
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Recital C f (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

Cf. whereas the Agreement provides for the creation of a Parliamentary Committee of the Association; whereas the European Parliament has recommended the provision of an annual report by said committee,

Or. es

Amendment 28
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point c

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(c) Points out that negotiations were successfully concluded in May 2010 and that, after a phase of legal review, the text of the agreement was initialled on 22 March 2011;

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Or. es

Amendment 29
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point c a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(c a) Recalls that the process of Central American integration has been subjected to severe pressure as a result of political crises in and among its countries, as well as the lack of interest shown by some members in supporting the institutions of the Central American integration system;

Or. es

Amendment 30
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point d

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(d) Stresses that this is the first comprehensive partnership between regions, and the result of the EU's unbending political will. This partnership marks a decisive step forward in the integration of Central America and goes far beyond mere questions of free trade;

(d) Regrets that this Agreement, as the first comprehensive partnership between regions, gives precedence to the trade component over other aspects, thereby demonstrating the EU's interest in prioritising its commercial strategy; this has reduced the Agreement to a free trade agreement along closely similar lines to that signed between the Central American countries and the United States, CAFTA;

Or. es

Amendment 31
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point d a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(da) Recalls that the Central American integration process has been subjected to severe pressure as a result of political crises in and among the region's countries, as well as the lack of interest shown by some members in supporting the institutions of the Central American integration system;

Or. es

Amendment 32
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point d b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(db) Regrets that this Agreement, as the first comprehensive partnership between regions, gives precedence to the trade component over other aspects, thereby demonstrating the EU's interest in prioritising its commercial strategy. This has reduced the Agreement to a free trade agreement along closely similar lines to that signed between the Central American countries and the United States, CAFTA;

Or. es

Amendment 33
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point e

Proposal for a decision

(e) ***Highlights the fact that the Association Agreement with Central America is the logical conclusion of the EU's policy to support the peace process, stability and democracy in the region launched in the 1980s with a substantial political commitment expressed through the various peace accords and the Contadora Process;***

Amendment

(e) ***Regrets that the EU has in this way relegated to second place its policy to support the peace process, stability and democracy in the region launched in the 1980s with a substantial political commitment expressed through the various peace accords and the Contadora Process;***

Or. es

Amendment 34
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point e

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 35
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point f

Proposal for a decision

(f) Welcomes the *extraordinary* new impetus that the political dialogue enshrined in the Association Agreement brings to the bioregional relationship in terms of dialogue between governments, parliament and civil society, *a qualitative leap forward with regard to the old San José dialogue process begun in 1984*;

Amendment

(f) Welcomes the new impetus that the political dialogue enshrined in the Association Agreement brings to the bioregional relationship in terms of dialogue between governments, parliament and civil society; *regrets that the institutional framework promoted by the Agreement does not include an institutional mechanism for dialogue with civil society in a broader sense, as it only provides for periodic meetings in order to exchange information*;

Or. es

Amendment 36
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point f

Proposal for a decision

(f) Welcomes the extraordinary new impetus that the political dialogue enshrined in the Association Agreement brings to the bioregional relationship in terms of dialogue between governments, parliament and civil society, a qualitative leap forward with regard to the old San José dialogue process begun in 1984;

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 37
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point g

Proposal for a decision

(g) Stresses the parliamentary dimension of the Association Agreement, with the establishment of a Parliamentary Association Committee, made up of MEPs and Central American parliamentarians, which is to be kept informed of decisions taken by the Association Council and may make recommendations and gather information on how the agreement is being implemented;

Amendment

(g) Stresses the parliamentary dimension of the Association Agreement, with the establishment of a Parliamentary Association Committee, made up of MEPs and Central American parliamentarians, which is to be kept informed of decisions taken by the Association Council and may make recommendations and gather information on how the agreement is being implemented; ***calls for an annual report to be submitted by the Association Council to the Association Parliamentary Committee, on the state of compliance with labour, socio-environmental and human rights standards within the framework of implementation of the Agreement and for its recommendations to be taken into consideration;***

Or. es

Amendment 38
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point g

Proposal for a decision

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to the Association Parliamentary Committee, on the state of compliance with labour, socio-environmental and human rights standards within the framework of implementation of the Agreement and for its recommendations to be taken into consideration;

Or. es

Amendment 39

Ulrike Lunacek

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 1 - point h

Proposal for a decision

(h) Stresses that the Association Agreement reached with Central America *contains a number of important elements which help to secure the goals of the EU's external action, as enshrined* in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union *and, in particular, to develop and consolidate human rights and democracy, a sustainable economy and social and environmental development;*

Amendment

(h) Stresses that the Association Agreement reached with Central America *ignores one of the aims outlined* in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union: *to 'foster the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty';*

Or. es

Amendment 40

Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision

Paragraph 1 - point h

Proposal for a decision

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external action, as enshrined in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union and, in particular, to develop and consolidate human rights and democracy, a sustainable economy and social and environmental development;

‘foster the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty’;

Or. es

Amendment 41
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point i

Proposal for a decision

(i) Points out that Article 1 of the agreement refers to respect for democratic principles, fundamental human rights and the principle of the rule of law as ‘essential elements’ of the agreement, so that failure to observe them by any of the parties would result in the adoption of measures which could eventually lead to the suspension of the agreement;

Amendment

(i) Points out that Article 1 of the agreement refers to respect for democratic principles, fundamental human rights and the principle of the rule of law as ‘essential elements’ of the agreement, so that failure to observe them by any of the parties would result in the adoption of measures which could eventually lead to the suspension of the agreement; ***considers, nonetheless, that specific mechanisms should be created to guarantee respect for and compliance with the human rights clause of the Agreement;***

Or. es

Amendment 42
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point i

Proposal for a decision

(i) Points out that Article 1 of the agreement refers to respect for democratic

Amendment

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principles, fundamental human rights and the principle of the rule of law as ‘essential elements’ of the agreement, so that failure to observe them by any of the parties would result in the adoption of measures which could eventually lead to the suspension of the agreement;

principles, fundamental human rights and the principle of the rule of law as ‘essential elements’ of the agreement, so that failure to observe them by any of the parties would result in the adoption of measures which could eventually lead to the suspension of the agreement; ***regrets, however, that no specific mechanism has been included to guarantee its effectiveness, as the European Parliament had recommended;***

Or. es

Amendment 43
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point i a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ia) Proposes that the Commission carry out an annual report for the European Parliament, to monitor the Agreement and compliance and respect for democratic principles and human rights;

Or. es

Amendment 44
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point j

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(j) ***Stresses*** that the Association Agreement with Central America ***should be seen*** as an ideal framework for joining forces, as equal partners, to combat social inequality, to foster inclusive development and to

(j) ***Regrets*** that the Association Agreement with Central America ***is not, as it stands,*** an ideal framework for joining forces, as equal partners, to combat social inequality, to foster inclusive development and to

address the remaining social, economic and political challenges;

address the remaining social, economic and political challenges;

Or. es

Amendment 45
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point j

Proposal for a decision

(j) **Stresses** that the Association Agreement with Central America **should be seen as** an ideal framework for joining forces, as equal partners, to combat social inequality, to foster inclusive development and to address the remaining social, economic and political challenges;

Amendment

(j) **Regrets** that the Association Agreement with Central America **is not, as it stands,** an ideal framework for joining forces, as equal partners, to combat social inequality, to foster inclusive development and to address the remaining social, economic and political challenges;

Or. es

Amendment 46
Renate Weber

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point j

Proposal for a decision

(j) Stresses that the Association Agreement with Central America should be seen as an ideal framework for joining forces, as equal partners, to combat social inequality, to foster inclusive development and to address the remaining social, economic and political challenges;

Amendment

(j) Stresses that the Association Agreement with Central America should be seen as an ideal framework for joining forces, as equal partners, to combat social inequality **and poverty**, to foster inclusive development and to address the remaining social, economic and political challenges;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point q

Proposal for a decision

(q) Highlights the fact that the Association Agreement *helps achieve the goals of the EU's external action, as enshrined in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union; points out that respect for democratic principles, fundamental human rights and the rule of law are essential elements of the agreement;*

Amendment

(q) Highlights the fact that the Association Agreement which has been negotiated does not take into account Central America's vulnerability in development terms, and thereby *ignores one of the aims outlined in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union: to 'foster the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of developing countries, with the primary aim of eradicating poverty';*

Or. es

Amendment 48
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point l

Proposal for a decision

(l) Notes that the new Association Agreement opens up new possibilities for dialogue on the fight against drug trafficking and organised crime, in line with the Regional Security Strategy endorsed by the Central American presidents; *welcomes the various commitments to coordinate efforts to combat drug trafficking, money laundering, terrorist financing, organised crime and corruption;*

Amendment

(l) Notes that the new Association Agreement opens up new possibilities for dialogue on the fight against drug trafficking and organised crime, in line with the Regional Security Strategy endorsed by the Central American presidents; *recalls that national and regional security strategies in Central America centre on police and military action, which incurs the risk of human rights abuses, in some cases threatening the safety of human rights defenders and paying little attention to the root causes of the lack of public safety; calls on the EU to emphasise prevention, the fight against impunity and the participation of civil*

society in security strategies;

Or. es

Amendment 49
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point m

Proposal for a decision

(m) *Welcomes* the establishment of the EU-Central American civil society joint consultative committee;

Amendment

(m) *Considers it important to promote proper participation by civil society in both the EU and Central America, through encouraging participation in sectoral fora, committees and subcommittees; Welcomes, to this end,* the establishment of the EU-Central American civil society joint consultative committee;

Or. es

Amendment 50
Renate Weber

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point n

Proposal for a decision

(n) Stresses that social cohesion is a priority objective of regional cooperation policy; insists that social cohesion can only be achieved by reducing poverty, inequality, social exclusion and all forms of discrimination; stresses that social inequality has not been sufficiently reduced in recent years and that public safety is a matter of great concern in Central America;

Amendment

(n) Stresses that social cohesion is a priority objective of regional cooperation policy; insists that social cohesion can only be achieved by reducing poverty, inequality, social exclusion and all forms of discrimination *through proper education, including vocational training*; stresses that social inequality has not been sufficiently reduced in recent years and that public safety is a matter of great concern in Central America;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point n

Proposal for a decision

(n) Stresses that social cohesion is a priority objective of regional cooperation policy; insists that social cohesion can only be achieved by reducing poverty, inequality, social exclusion and all forms of discrimination; stresses that social inequality has not been sufficiently reduced in recent years **and that** public safety is a matter of great concern in Central America;

Amendment

(n) Stresses that social cohesion is a priority objective of regional cooperation policy; insists that social cohesion can only be achieved by reducing poverty, inequality, social exclusion and all forms of discrimination; stresses that social inequality has not been sufficiently reduced in recent years; ***urges the EU to contribute through cooperation to resolving the structural causes of the lack of*** public safety ***which*** is a matter of great concern in Central America;

Or. es

Amendment 52
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point n a (new)

Proposal for a decision

(na) Alerts the EU to the danger of using the Agreement to focus cooperation on the implementation of the trade component, supporting the major Central American exporters instead of strengthening the development of SMEs and interregional trade, which is crucial to building integration and to the development of the region and is a fundamental axis for development and integration;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 53
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point o

Proposal for a decision

(o) Points out that commitments have been made to cooperate in modernising the state and public authorities, improving systems for tax collection and transparency, combating corruption, strengthening the legal system and encouraging the involvement of civil society in public life;

Amendment

(o) Points out that commitments have been made to cooperate in modernising the state and public authorities, improving systems for tax collection and transparency, combating corruption *and impunity*, strengthening the legal system and encouraging the involvement of civil society in public life;

Or. es

Amendment 54
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point o

Proposal for a decision

(o) Points out that commitments have been made to cooperate in modernising the state and public authorities, improving systems for tax collection and transparency, combating corruption, strengthening the legal system and encouraging the involvement of civil society in public life;

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 55
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point r

Proposal for a decision

(r) ***Stresses*** that the current trade provisions, which are of a provisional nature and based on a unilateral system of generalised preferences, will gradually give way to a reciprocal, negotiated structure for the gradual liberalisation of trade in goods and services and of public procurement, as well as for action to encourage investment. This will lead to a predictable framework of legal security and certainty, ***able to inspire mutual trust, which is essential to building trade and investment;***

Amendment

(r) ***Regrets*** that the current trade provisions, which are of a provisional nature and based on a unilateral system of generalised preferences, will gradually give way to a reciprocal, negotiated structure for the gradual liberalisation of trade in goods and services and of public procurement, as well as for action to encourage investment. This will lead to a predictable framework of legal security and certainty ***which essentially benefits the European Union, given its substantial competitive advantage in these sectors;***

Or. es

Amendment 56
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point r

Proposal for a decision

(r) ***Stresses*** that the current trade provisions, which are of a provisional nature and based on a unilateral system of generalised preferences, will gradually give way to a reciprocal, negotiated structure for the gradual liberalisation of trade in goods and services and of public procurement, as well as for action to encourage investment. This will lead to a predictable framework of legal security and certainty, ***able to inspire mutual trust, which is essential to building trade and investment;***

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 57
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point r a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ra) Regrets that the requirement to comply with labour and socio-environmental standards established by the Agreement is below that set by the currently applicable GSP+ system, due to the fact that the trade and sustainable development chapter neither includes nor is linked to the dispute settlement mechanism; furthermore regrets that the Agreement prioritises the trade pillar, thereby neglecting the social cohesion objective and jeopardising the achievements made so far;

Or. es

Amendment 58
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point r a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ra) Regrets that the requirement to comply with labour and socio-environmental standards established by the Agreement is below that set by the currently applicable GSP+ system, due to the fact that the trade and sustainable development chapter neither includes nor is linked to the dispute settlement mechanism;

Or. es

Amendment 59
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t

Proposal for a decision

(t) Points out that the Association Agreement with Central America **makes** a meaningful contribution *to regional integration efforts and* to achieving the ultimate objective of the Biregional Strategic Partnership between the EU and Latin America

Amendment

(t) Points out that the Association Agreement with Central America **should make** a meaningful contribution *to regional, **social and political** integration efforts and* to achieving the ultimate objective of the Biregional Strategic Partnership between the EU and Latin America

Or. es

Amendment 60
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 61
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(ta) Expresses its concern at the foreseeable socio-environmental impact of the Agreement and the consequences of this for a region already worryingly prone to natural disasters, even before taking the climate change variable into consideration; urges the Association Parliamentary Committee to closely monitor the situation as it develops, request information from the Association Council and deliver an annual report;

Or. es

Amendment 62
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t a (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

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Or. es

Amendment 63
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t b (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(tb) Points out that the Agreement consolidates a primary export model for the Central American countries, which will increase pressure on land and water resources and concentrate production in a few sectors, such as fruit, vegetables and dried fruits, as has been recognised by the socio-environmental impact assessment carried out by the European Commission;

Or. es

Amendment 64
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t c (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(tb) Urges the Association Council to carry out an impact assessment five years after the implementation of the Agreement; considers that the Agreement should be reviewed on the basis of the findings and the impact observed;

Or. es

Amendment 65
Ulrike Lunacek
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t c (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(tb) Urges the Association Council to carry out an impact assessment five years

after the implementation of the Agreement; considers that the Agreement should be reviewed on the basis of the findings and the impact observed;

Or. es

Amendment 66
Raimon Obiols

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t c (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(tb) Urges the Association Council to carry out an impact assessment five years after the implementation of the Agreement; considers that the Agreement should be reviewed on the basis of the findings and the impact noted during that time;

Or. es

Amendment 67
Willy Meyer

Proposal for a decision
Paragraph 1 - point t d (new)

Proposal for a decision

Amendment

(tc) Draws attention to the way in which the discussions on this Agreement have totally ignored the signs that democracy is receding in the region, the tendency towards militarisation and the human rights violations that continue to take place in some countries and are reappearing in others, including the increasing number of murders of trade union activists and the persistence of femicide; urges the Association

*Parliamentary Committee to closely
monitor the situation as it develops,
request information from the Association
Council and deliver an annual report;*

Or. es