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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 61**

**Draft opinion**  
**Bernd Lange**  
(PE497.944v01-00)

on Corporate Social Responsibility: accountable, transparent and responsible  
business behaviour and sustainable growth  
(2012/2098(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Malgorzata Handzlik**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. **Regrets** that the Commission has **not yet drawn up concrete proposals on** the implementation of CSR principles **in EU trade policy**;

*Amendment*

1. **Notes** that the Commission has **started to include a clear reference to CSR in EU trade agreements, underlines that** the implementation of CSR principles **should be strengthened**;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. **Regrets that the Commission has not yet drawn up** concrete proposals on the implementation of CSR principles in EU trade policy;

*Amendment*

1. **Notes with interest the Commission's** concrete proposals on the implementation of CSR principles in EU trade policy;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Helmut Scholz, Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that the Commission has not yet drawn up concrete proposals on the implementation of CSR principles in EU trade policy;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that the Commission has not yet drawn up concrete proposals on the implementation of CSR principles in EU trade policy **and stresses that CSR, both**

*within the EU and in third countries, should be extended to address areas such as the organisation of work, equal opportunities, social inclusion, anti-discrimination and continuous education and training;*

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Henri Weber, Harlem Désir**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that the Commission has not yet drawn up concrete proposals on the implementation of CSR principles in EU trade policy;

*Amendment*

1. Regrets that the Commission has not yet drawn up concrete proposals on the implementation of CSR principles in EU trade policy; *takes the view, in the light of the key role played by corporations, their subsidiaries and their supply chains in international trade, that corporate social and environmental responsibility must become an integral part of the ‘sustainable development’ chapters of the European Union’s trade agreements;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 5**  
**Helmut Scholz, Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*1a. Commits itself to step up its efforts continually so that EU institutions and officials, including the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, are required to enforce social, environmental*

*and human rights standards in all EU external relations and actions;*

Or. de

**Amendment 6**  
**Małgorzata Handzlik**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Stresses that promoting CSR is an objective supported by the European Union, therefore the Union must ensure that the external policies it implements make contribution to the sustainable development and to the social development of the countries concerned;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Urges the Commission, in devising concrete proposals for the application of CSR principles, to base itself on the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, including the OECD complaints procedure;*

Or. de

**Amendment 8**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Commands all members of the OECD for their comprehensive work on the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises as published as of 25 May 2011 that are far reaching recommendations for responsible business conduct that 44 adhering governments – representing all regions of the world and accounting for 85% of foreign direct investment – encourage their enterprises to observe wherever they operate;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Agrees that current environmental and climate change imperatives and the development of global production chains demand a broader CSR concept coverage than envisaged when the concept was first conceived; hence considers necessary to spell out an updated CSR concept, relating to labour and human rights and employment issues, as well as to environmental protection, climate change concerns, and avoidance of corruption and tax evasion;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Helmut Scholz, Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Undertakes to place the corporate social responsibility issue on the agendas of all future EU meetings with third countries, especially with privileged relations partners, and calls for corporate social and environmental responsibility to be integrated into contractual relations between the EU and third countries;***

Or. de

**Amendment 11**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Calls for all European companies operating in third countries with more than 1000 employees to be required by 1 January 2014 to apply the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;***

Or. de

**Amendment 12**  
**Małgorzata Handzlik**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Asks the Commission to include a CSR

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clause in all bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, ***on the basis of principles of CSR as defined and acknowledged at the international level; suggests that this clause contain measures for the implementation of these principles;***

clause in all bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, ***based in part on the 2010 update of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Asks the Commission to ***include a CSR clause in all*** bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, ***on the basis of principles of CSR as defined and acknowledged at the international level; suggests that this clause contain measures for the implementation of these principles;***

*Amendment*

2. Asks the Commission to ***draw on CSR principles as defined in the latest OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises in relevant chapters of*** bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU; ***stresses that these OECD guidelines have been defined and acknowledged at the international level in order to set and maintain a level playing field, while fostering open, fair, and responsible business practices worldwide;*** suggests ***to the Commission to report annually to both the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of these OECD guidelines;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Asks the Commission to include a CSR clause in all bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, on the basis of principles of CSR as defined and acknowledged at the international level; suggests that this clause **contain** measures for the implementation of these principles;

*Amendment*

2. Asks the Commission to include a **binding** CSR clause in all bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, on the basis of principles of CSR as defined and acknowledged at the international level; suggests that this clause **unifies the existing variety of different standards and concepts in order to ensure comparability, fairness and trust, and that it contains** measures for the implementation **and regular objective monitoring** of these principles **and measures that insure better compliance; suggests to revise existing agreements with the purpose to add such a CSR clause where lacking;**

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Henri Weber, Harlem Désir**

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

*Draft opinion*

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2. Asks the Commission to include a CSR clause in all bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, on the basis of principles of CSR as defined and acknowledged at the international level **in the OECD, the ILO, the UN and the European Union**; suggests that this clause contain measures for the implementation of these principles, **such as a requirement to carry out reporting and to publish regular assessments of the social and environmental impact of the activities of companies and of their sphere of influence (subsidiaries, supply chains, etc.) and a requirement to apply due diligence, i.e. to take the necessary**

*measures to prevent breaches of social and environmental rights wherever the company operates;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 16**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

2. Asks the Commission to include a CSR clause in all bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, on the basis of principles of CSR as defined and acknowledged at the international level, **with an emphasis on sustainable development and good governance and with a clear focus on human rights, decent work, labour standards, freedom of association, collective bargaining and other social considerations; emphasises** this clause **should** contain measures for the implementation of these principles;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Marietje Schaake**

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

*Draft opinion*

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for the implementation of these principles;

for the implementation *and monitoring* of these principles, *including on the EU level*;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

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2. Asks the Commission to include a CSR clause in all bilateral trade and investment agreements signed by the EU, on the basis of principles of CSR as defined and acknowledged at the international level; suggests that this clause contain measures for the implementation of these principles *and that National Contact Points be set up as fora for questions concerning the OECD Guidelines*;

Or. de

**Amendment 19**  
**Małgorzata Handzlik**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Highlights the key role played by corporations, their subsidiaries and their supply chains in international trade and calls to make that corporate social and environmental responsibility an integral part of the European Union's trade agreements;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that all companies operating in the Single market, including transnational corporations whose subsidiaries or supply chains are located in the EU, comply with all their legal obligations at both the national and EU level in order to ensure fair competition and maximise the benefits for EU consumers; calls also on the Commission to actively promote responsible business conduct amongst EU companies operating abroad with a special focus on ensuring strict compliance with all their legal obligations stemming from either domestic laws or any bilateral or international legal obligations their business operations are subject to therein, none the least compliance with international standards and rules in the areas of human rights, labour and the environment; to this aim, suggests to the Commission to actively engage with its partners in developing and emerging countries to exchange best practices and know-how on ways and means to improve the business environment and awareness about responsible business conduct;*

Or. en

Amendment **21**  
**Jean-Pierre Audy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Suggests to the Member State governments that they request the European Investment Bank to include a CSR clause in its operations;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 22**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Considers the "Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations 'Protect, Respect and Remedy' Framework", or so called Ruggie Framework, endorsed by the UN Human Rights Council on 16 June 2011, as the most comprehensive and innovative framework, to be enshrined in EU trade agreements with third countries;**

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Asks the Commission to introduce a more open and clear procedure for filing and considering complaints of non-compliance to CSR principles, including**

*enforcement mechanisms and initiating investigations where necessary*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Malgorzata Handzlik**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2b. Calls for the Commission to urge companies to apply CSR; emphasises the need to support and encourage the spread of such practices among SMEs, limiting the costs and red tape entailed;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Jean-Pierre Audy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2b. Calls on the Commission to include a CSR clause in agreements with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), particularly where these relate to development activities;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 26**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Deplores the fact that the principles underpinning CSR have not been sufficiently well incorporated into the revised GSP and GSP+ Regulation; calls on the Commission to ensure that transnational corporations whose subsidiaries or supply chains are located in countries participating in the GSP and GSP+ comply with their national and international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, labour standards and environmental rules;***

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Małgorzata Handzlik**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3. Deplores the fact that the principles underpinning CSR have not been sufficiently well incorporated into the revised GSP and GSP+ Regulation; calls on the Commission to ensure that transnational corporations whose subsidiaries or supply chains are located in countries participating in the GSP and GSP+ comply with their national and international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, labour standards and environmental rules;***

3. Calls on the Commission to ensure that transnational corporations whose subsidiaries or supply chains are located in countries participating in the GSP and GSP+ comply with their national and international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, labour standards and environmental rules;

Or. en

**Amendment 28**

**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Deplores the fact that the principles underpinning CSR have not been sufficiently well incorporated into the revised GSP and GSP+ Regulation; calls on the Commission to **ensure** that transnational corporations whose subsidiaries or supply chains are located in countries participating in the GSP and GSP+ comply with their national and international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, labour standards and environmental rules;

*Amendment*

3. Deplores the fact that the principles underpinning CSR have not been sufficiently well incorporated into the revised GSP and GSP+ Regulation; calls on the Commission to **use incentive based measures more effectively and to be more vigilant in monitoring and ensuring** that transnational corporations whose subsidiaries or supply chains are located in countries participating in the GSP and GSP+, **as well as the countries concerned**, comply with their national and international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, **social and** labour standards and environmental rules, **show a genuine commitment to the rights, protection and well-being of their workforce and citizens generally, uphold freedom of association and collective bargaining rights, and deal with any infringements swiftly and effectively;**

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Henri Weber, Harlem Désir**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

3. Deplores the fact that the principles underpinning CSR have not been sufficiently well incorporated into the revised GSP and GSP+ Regulation; calls on the Commission to ensure that transnational corporations – **whether or not they have their registered office in the European Union** – whose subsidiaries or supply chains are located in countries

international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, labour standards and environmental rules;

participating in the GSP and GSP+ comply with their national and international legal obligations in the areas of human rights, labour standards and environmental rules;

Or. fr

**Amendment 30**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls on the Commission to promote corporate social responsibility in multilateral forums by supporting an enhanced cooperation between the WTO and other multilateral forums dealing with CSR, such as the ILO and the OECD;***

Or. de

**Amendment 31**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Reminds that for settling commercial disputes and/or seeking compensation for negative externalities of irresponsible or illegal business activity both court litigations and alternatives to court litigations already exist; calls, in this regard, on the Commission to further enhance awareness of both amongst the businesses community and the public at large; recalls that the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) provides***

*dispute resolution services for individuals, businesses, states, state entities, and international organizations seeking alternatives to court litigation that can contribute to improve effective access to justice for victims in the event of breaches of responsible business practices causing economic, social and environmental damages in the EU and/or abroad;*

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Marietje Schaake**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Calls on the monitoring of restrictive measures (sanctions, boycotts, embargos), as well as of licensing schemes for dual use items, on the EU level;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Calls for mechanisms to be put in place whereby CSR principles must be respected not only by the main company or contractor benefitting from a trade agreement, but also by any sub-contractors or supply chains which it may use, whether in the supply of goods, workers or services, thereby ensuring a level playing field based on fair pay and*

*decent working conditions, and  
guaranteeing trade union rights and  
freedoms;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3b. Calls on the Commission to improve its sustainability impact assessment model, in order to properly reflect the economic, social, human rights and environmental implications, including climate change mitigation goals, of trade negotiations; calls on the Commission to follow up on the trade agreements with the EU's partner countries, by carrying out, prior to and after the signing of a trade agreement, sustainability impact assessment studies, taking into account in particular vulnerable sectors;*

Or. de

**Amendment 35**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3c. Underlines that, following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, Parliament is to be fully informed on how the findings of Sustainability Impact Assessments (SIA) of agreements are incorporated into negotiations prior to*

*their conclusion, and which chapters of those agreements have been changed to avoid any negative impacts identified in the SIA;*

Or. de

**Amendment 36**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4. Calls for a system of legal cooperation to be set up between the EU and third countries signatories to bilateral trade agreements, to ensure effective access to justice for victims in the event of breaches of social or environmental legislation by multinationals or failure to honour CSR undertakings;*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Helmut Scholz, Paul Murphy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. Calls for a system of legal cooperation to be set up between the EU and third countries signatories to bilateral trade agreements to ensure effective access to justice for victims in the event of breaches of social or environmental legislation by multinationals, or failure to honour CSR undertakings;

4. Calls for a system of legal cooperation to be set up between the EU and third countries signatories to bilateral trade agreements; ***further calls on the EU and the Member States, with regard to breaches of corporate social responsibility including*** breaches of social and environmental legislation, ***to adopt binding rules on the protection of the fundamental rights to effective legal remedies and***

*access to an impartial and independent court, and refers in particular to Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and Article 8 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in which these rights are enshrined;*

Or. de

**Amendment 38**  
**Henri Weber, Harlem Désir**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls for a system of legal cooperation to be set up between the EU and third countries signatories to bilateral trade agreements to ensure effective access to justice for victims in the event of breaches of social or environmental legislation by multinationals, or failure to honour CSR undertakings;

*Amendment*

4. Calls for a system of *transnational* legal cooperation to be set up between the EU and third countries signatories to bilateral trade agreements; *hopes that the parties to such agreements will undertake* to ensure effective access to justice for victims of breaches of social or environmental legislation by multinationals or failure to honour CSR undertakings, *and to support the establishment of international judicial procedures to ensure, where necessary, that breaches of the law by companies are punished;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

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countries signatories to bilateral trade agreements, to ensure *effective access to justice for victims in the event of* breaches of social or environmental legislation by multinationals, or failure to honour CSR undertakings;

countries signatories to bilateral trade agreements, to ensure *that* victims of breaches of social or environmental legislation by multinationals or failure to honour CSR undertakings *have effective access to justice in the country where the breach or failure took place*;

Or. de

**Amendment 40**  
**Marietje Schaake**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls for the development of more effective transparency and accountability standards for EU technology companies in relation to export of technologies that can be used to violate human rights or against the EU's security interest;*

Or. en

**Amendment 41**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls on the EEAS to ensure that EU trade officers, if based in EU embassies, enjoy a regular training on CSR issues, in particular with respect to the implementation of UN "Protect, Respect and Remedy" principles; that EU embassies function as EU Contact Points for complaints concerning EU companies*

*and their subsidiaries, since OECD National Contact Points only exist in OECD adhering countries and therefore are not accessible in practice for concerned workers affected in countries outside the OECD;*

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Marietje Schaake**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4b. Calls for human rights impact assessments as early as in the research and development phase of new technologies, including scenario studies and considerations of identifying Human Rights by Design standards;*

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4b. Stresses that awareness rising for the importance of CSR and the consequences of non compliance at corporate level, as a task for the EU Commission, must be accompanied by adequate awareness and capacity building at the level of host country governments, to effectively ensure the implementation of CSR rights and access to justice;*

**Amendment 44**  
**Marietje Schaake**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4c. Calls for the implementation of the 'know your end user' principle to ensure increased scrutiny and prevention of human rights violations up or down stream in supply chains and production or market flows;***

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5. Underlines that future bilateral investment treaties signed by the EU must guarantee a fair balance between investors' protection and the potential for State intervention, especially as regards social and environmental standards;***

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Malgorzata Handzlik**

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Jean-Pierre Audy, Nora Berra, Franck Proust**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5**

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Or. fr

**Amendment 48**

**Małgorzata Handzlik**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. **Regrets that** the current reform of the Transparency Directive (2004/109/EG) and of the Accounting Directive (2003/51/EG) **does not address** the issue of corporate social responsibility **sufficiently; calls on the Commission to ensure that companies falling under these directives are obliged**

*Amendment*

6. **Considers** the current reform of the Transparency Directive ( 2004/109/EG ) and of the Accounting Directive ( 2003/51/EG ) **a step ahead in addressing** the issue of corporate social responsibility **since it balances the quest for transparency and the responsibility of**

*to report regularly on their CSR activities, particularly in non-EU states.*

*companies ; recognizes that further steps should be made in the future;*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Jan Zahradil, Robert Sturdy**

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

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

6. **Welcomes** the current reform of the Transparency Directive (2004/109/EG) and of the Accounting Directive (2003/51/EG) **that do** address the issue of corporate social responsibility **by rightly balancing both the legitimate quest for transparency in business operations and the burden of reporting for companies concerned, especially SMEs; considers, in this regard, country-by-country reporting as a feasible and viable standard for company reporting, including on** CSR activities, particularly in non-EU states.

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

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report regularly on their CSR activities, particularly in non-EU states.

report regularly on their CSR activities, particularly in non-EU states; ***stresses that the reporting requirements must be in line with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and is convinced that special arrangements are needed for SMEs so as to make the reporting requirements financially and administratively feasible;***

Or. de

**Amendment 51**  
**Marietje Schaake**

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

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Jean-Pierre Audy, Nora Berra**

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

*Draft opinion*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 53**  
**Małgorzata Handzlik**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Stresses that CSR dimension should be incorporated into multilateral trade agreements and therefore calls on the Commission to support it both in the international forums in particular the OECD and the ILO, and in the WTO in the post-Doha context;***

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Bernd Lange**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls for future CSR measures to include the whole value chain, from raw materials extraction via trade to recycling.***

Or. de

**Amendment 55**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Asks that CSR policies are included in all levels of trade agreements with the EU, and include provisions to extend protection to migrant, agency and posted workers***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Marielle de Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Considers that the Commission and the Member States should encourage European companies to take initiatives aimed at promoting corporate social responsibility and to exchange good practices with their partners in other countries;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 57**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Calls for CSR policies and fundamental employment and trade union rights, such as the right to privacy and freedom of association, to be respected by EU companies in all their operations,***

*whether based in the EU or internationally*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Marielle de Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Calls on the Commission to look at the possibility of partial tax relief for businesses in line with their achievements and efforts in terms of corporate social responsibility;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 59**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6c. Calls for full and active consultation and involvement of representative organisations, including trade unions, in the development, operation and monitoring of companies' CSR processes and structures, working with employers in a genuine partnership approach***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6d. Calls for an increased and more inclusive and transparent monitoring of CSR principles in EU trade policy, with clear benchmarks to measure improvements so as to encourage confidence in the system;***

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6e. Notes that CSR is a mechanism with which employers can support their workers and local communities in developing countries, that respect for CSR and labour standards can enable such countries to benefit from further international trade and that CSR can ensure gains are equitably shared to develop sustainable economic and social prosperity and lift more people out of poverty, especially in times of financial crisis; regrets that protocols for social intervention are currently only voluntary and urges the Commission to make these binding.***

Or. en