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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Jan Zahradil
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Stresses that massive investments are required in developing countries in terms of infrastructure, water supply and energy - estimates of the incremental spending needed in developing countries is \$ 1 trillion/year more than what is currently spent, with the majority of this funding needing to come from the private sector;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Stresses that the primary objectives of EU development cooperation are to reduce and eradicate poverty, to promote human rights, to spread and to strengthen democracy, good governance and the rule of law; highlights the fact that development cooperation must be guided by these objectives;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Stresses that development policy cannot achieve these objectives as a stand-alone policy, but must be integrated in a broader approach, which combines foreign and security policy, trade policy and any other external action policy instruments; Notes that coherence between these different branches of EU external action is crucial;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1b. Notes that the framework for development assistance must be set by governments and that there is a primary task for the public sector; acknowledges however, that the private sector also plays an important role in strengthening the economies of third countries and improving access to capital;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the private sector's role in development has increased to support political priorities in a period of diminishing aid budgets, and considers that the EU's engagement with the private sector in the context of development must be subject to internationally agreed development effectiveness principles;

Amendment

1. Notes that the private sector's role in development has increased to support political priorities in a period of diminishing aid budgets, and considers that the EU's engagement with the private sector in the context of development must be subject to internationally agreed development effectiveness, ***sustainability, and equity*** principles;

Or. it

Amendment 6
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the private sector's role in development has increased to support political priorities in a period of diminishing aid budgets, and considers that the EU's engagement with the private sector in the context of development must be ***subject to*** internationally agreed development effectiveness principles;

Amendment

1. Notes that the private sector's role in development has increased to support political priorities in a period of diminishing aid budgets, and considers that the EU's engagement with the private sector in the context of development must be ***governed by*** internationally agreed development effectiveness principles;

Or. it

Amendment 7
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the private ***sector's role in development has increased to support***

Amendment

1. Notes that the private ***sector provides around 90 per cent of jobs in development***

political priorities in a period of diminishing aid budgets, and considers that the EU's engagement with the private sector in the context of development must be subject to internationally agreed development effectiveness principles;

countries and thus its role is pivotal in helping to generate sustainable economic growth and reducing poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Notes that the private sector's role in development has increased to support political priorities in a period of diminishing aid budgets, and considers that the EU's engagement with the private sector in the context of development must be subject to internationally agreed *development effectiveness* principles;

Amendment

Notes *the strategic importance of the EU recovering its global leadership role in poverty reduction and sustainable development and* that the private sector's role in development has increased to support political priorities in a period of diminishing aid budgets, and considers that the EU's engagement with the private sector in the context of development must be subject to internationally agreed principles *of effectiveness and efficiency in development policies and programmes;*

Or. es

Amendment 9
Ska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1a. Underlines that the notion of "private sector" "is very large and includes transnational as well as national business

Amendment

in the production and services areas, the banking and financing sector, workers' and employers' organisations and NGOs, and that each of them has its own priorities, principles and targets,

Or. en

Amendment 10
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that SMEs in developing countries often face much heavier regulatory burdens than within the EU and often operate in the informal economy and lack legal protection and access to credit; points out that creating a business friendly environment for private initiatives and encouraging the development of banks and other credit institutions with the resources to lend and correctly evaluate credit risk in the SME sector are key conditions for promoting sustainable development;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Ska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Recalls that development is far more than economic growth and that activities of the private sector have to be carefully

framed in a set of conditions, after consultation and in accordance with the targeted communities;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that, under Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the EU's common commercial policy must take account of the principle of policy coherence for development, and considers that this principle must be referred to explicitly in all EU trade and investment agreements;

Amendment

2. Recalls that, under Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the EU's common commercial policy must take account of the principle of policy coherence for development, and considers that this principle must be referred to explicitly in all EU trade and investment agreements *as well as informing key domestic provisions concerning industry, the environment, and the internal market;*

Or. it

Amendment 13
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that, under Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the EU's common commercial policy must take account of the principle of policy coherence for development, and considers that this principle must be referred to explicitly in all EU trade and investment agreements;

Amendment

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time the Commission enhances the mechanisms necessary for coordination of all the EU's policies, both internal and external;

Or. es

Amendment 14
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that, under Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the EU's common commercial policy *must* take account of the principle of policy coherence for development, and considers that this principle must be referred to explicitly in all EU trade and investment agreements;

Amendment

2. Stresses that EU trade, investment and development policies are interlinked and have a direct impact in the developing countries; Recalls that the EU's common commercial policy *shall* take account of the principle of policy coherence for development *under Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, requiring that the objectives of development cooperation be taken into account in policies that are likely to affect developing countries;* and considers that this principle must be referred to explicitly in all EU trade and investment agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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policy must take account of the principle of policy coherence for development, and considers that this principle must be ***observed*** in all EU trade and investment agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the need to look at how the private sector can be further engaged in the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy, to help create economic growth and jobs in Europe's neighbourhood, for example through sharing expertise of providing access to capital;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Reminds that private finance cannot be seen as a substitute of public finance⁷ and the private sector cannot, and should not, substitute the role of governments in their obligation to safeguard human rights and in investing in the provision of basic services like health and education;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Ramon Tremosa i Balcells

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Believes that treaties protecting and attracting international private investments are fundamental for the economic development of many emerging nations. Notes that protection of the domestic rule of law is of the utmost importance for growth.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls likewise the EU's commitment to mainstream gender in all its policies and the importance of guaranteeing that men and women benefit equally from social changes, economic growth and the creation of decent jobs, doing away with discrimination and promoting respect for women's rights in the world;

Or. es

Amendment 20
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) have proved ineffective owing to a lack of clarity as regards additionality, transparency, accountability, ownership, alignment with country priorities, debt sustainability and, consequently, development impact;

Amendment

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Or. it

Amendment 21
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) have proved ***ineffective owing*** to a lack of clarity as regards additionality, transparency, accountability, ownership, alignment with country priorities, debt sustainability ***and, consequently,*** development impact;

Amendment

3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) have ***not*** proved ***sufficiently effective. This is due to its policies not being interdependent and, in particular,*** to a lack of clarity as regards ***definition of the role, criteria and forms of private-sector involvement in development,*** additionality, transparency, accountability ***and effective reporting,*** ownership, alignment with ***the*** priorities of ***the beneficiary country and*** debt sustainability, ***leading to private funding having a limited impact on*** development;

Or. es

Amendment 22

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) **have proved ineffective owing to a lack of clarity as regards additionality, transparency, accountability, ownership, alignment with country priorities, debt sustainability and, consequently, development impact;**

Amendment

3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) **by diversifying and sharing risk are effective in meeting current challenges and mobilising more resources;**

Or. en

Amendment 23

Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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practices;

Or. el

Amendment 24
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) have proved ineffective owing to a lack of clarity as regards additionality, transparency, accountability, ownership, alignment with country priorities, debt sustainability and, consequently, development impact;

Amendment

3. ***Highlight that although further finance is needed to face sustainable development challenges, the private sector potentialities for helping the achievement of sustainable development goals are limited;*** Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) have proved ineffective owing to a lack of clarity as regards additionality, transparency, accountability, ownership, alignment with country priorities, debt sustainability and, consequently, development impact;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) ***have proved ineffective owing to a lack of clarity as regards*** additionality, transparency, accountability, ownership, alignment with country priorities, debt

Amendment

3. Points out that current EU practices to leverage private finance with official development assistance (ODA) ***can be improved by increasing*** additionality, transparency, accountability, ownership, alignment with country priorities, debt sustainability and, consequently,

sustainability and, consequently,
development impact;

development impact;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Takes the view that the partnership between the EU and developing countries must be based on co-production if it is to produce a ‘win-win’ situation;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Believes that development policies must provide concrete answers in terms of infrastructure, investment, financing and sustainable natural resource management;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 c. Considers that trade policies must be at the service of economic development;

Or. fr

Amendment 29

Ivan Jakovčić

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the *policy* space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the *political and economic* space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Or. hr

Amendment 30

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added,

Amendment

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industrial growth and diversification,
which are a key component in economic
and social upgrading;

industrial growth and diversification,
which are a key component in *inclusive*
economic and social upgrading;

Or. es

Amendment 31

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries - *in particular least developed countries* - so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to *maintain robust* import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to *provide specific* import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible

enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, **competitiveness**, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading ***and precursors to future export drives within global trade systems;***

Or. en

Amendment 35
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need for EU trade policy to respect the policy space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading; ***Calls on the European Union and its Member States to promote concrete measure so transnationals are taxed by the jurisdiction of the country in whery they source or produce the income;***

Or. en

Amendment 36
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need for EU trade ***policy to***

Amendment

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respect the policy space of developing countries so as to maintain robust import tariffs that facilitate the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

development policy to promote the creation of skilled and decent jobs within local manufacturing and agro-processing industries as possible enablers of higher domestic value-added, industrial growth and diversification, which are a key component in economic and social upgrading;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Encourages the EU to make full use of Aid for Trade and other development instruments in order to promote technical assistance for trade, capacity-building and business support services.

Or. en

Amendment 38
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. The Union may contribute to the development policy of developing countries by targeted economic and commercial actions, by technical and financial cooperation and by multi-annual cooperation programmes or programmes with a thematic approach;

Amendment 39
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Within the framework of cooperation between the EU and developing countries, international organisations may become involved, providing they duly respect Community law and the principles and objectives underpinning the Union's external action;

Amendment 40
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls for measures to promote nationally owned development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by enhancing local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and local procurement, which are essential for endogenous development and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, and mitigating currency and commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains;

(Does not affect English version.)

Amendment 41

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for measures to promote ***nationally owned*** development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by enhancing local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and local procurement, which are essential for endogenous development and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, and mitigating currency and commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 42

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for measures to promote nationally owned development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by ***enhancing*** local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises ***and local procurement, which are*** essential for endogenous development ***and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, and mitigating currency and***

Amendment

5. Calls for measures to promote nationally owned development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by ***creating like-minded alliances t enhance the potential to be found in*** local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, ***so decent jobs may be created locally, prioritising the contribution of women to economic development, especially in rural areas, as elements*** essential for endogenous development;

commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains;

Or. es

Amendment 43
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for measures to promote nationally owned development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by enhancing local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and local procurement, which are essential for endogenous development and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, and mitigating currency and commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains;

Amendment

5. Calls for measures to promote nationally owned development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by enhancing local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and local procurement, ***strengthening university and private institutions engaged in research and development and involving, at technical and IT level, craft, industry and business associations***, which are essential for endogenous development and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, and mitigating currency and commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains;

Or. el

Amendment 44
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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medium-sized enterprises and local procurement, which are essential for endogenous development and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, and mitigating currency and commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains; ***Stress the risks of supporting EU companies through development policy given the need for additional development resources and the risk of increasing aid tied to the delivery of European goods and services;***

Or. en

Amendment 45
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for measures to promote ***nationally owned*** development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by enhancing local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and local procurement, which are essential for endogenous development and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, and mitigating currency and commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains;

Amendment

5. Calls for measures to promote development strategies that shape private-sector contribution to development by enhancing local micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and local procurement, which are essential for endogenous development and can strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising domestic revenue, fighting tax fraud and tax evasion, ***ensuring legal-certainty for investment*** and mitigating currency and commodity price volatility, which endanger access to value chains;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Jan Zahradil
on behalf of the ECR Group

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses that the EU is the main provider of the Aid for Trade programme in the world, where main priorities are encouraging business-to business relations, supporting productive capacity and capacity to trade in developing countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 47
Davor Ivo Stier**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Emphasizes that it is crucial to ensure that investor protection mechanisms are included in trade and investment agreements with developing countries, in order to provide adequate legal certainty and property rights protection assurance with the aim of attracting investment and international private finance resources to developing countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 48
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Emphasises that efforts to strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising private, external and domestic resources must of necessity be accompanied by measures to create environments that are favourable to entrepreneurship and to responsible investment with sustainable development, starting with the eradication of political corruption and with fair taxation, accompanied by firm action to fight fraud, tax evasion and tax havens, then moving on to the lifting of administrative constraints and to training and skills for businesses and, last but by no means least, the holding of businesses responsible for the impact of their actions on poverty reduction, inequality and environmental sustainability;

Or. es

**Amendment 49
Marine Le Pen**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Urges the Commission to assess the risks of corruption and diversion of funds allocated as part of direct aid or loans;

Or. fr

**Amendment 50
Marielle de Sarnez**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Encourages the development of partnerships between African and European enterprises;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Encourages the European Union and developing countries to support the competitiveness of SMEs and micro-enterprises and the establishment of cooperation between small enterprises in the Member States and in developing countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Calls on the European Investment Bank (EIB) to concentrate the funds earmarked for developing countries on infrastructure development and to work alongside the African Development Bank (AfDB) to finance long-term investments at the service of economic development;

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for the review of existing trade and investment agreements in order to identify any areas, especially provisions on intellectual property rights, that may ***negatively affect*** development;

Amendment

6. Calls for the review of existing trade and investment agreements in order to identify any areas, especially provisions on intellectual property rights, that may ***have negative implications for*** development;

Or. it

Amendment 54
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls for ***the review of*** existing trade and investment agreements in order to identify any areas, especially provisions ***on intellectual property rights, that may negatively affect development***;

Amendment

6. Calls for existing trade and investment agreements ***to be assessed thoroughly*** in order to identify any areas ***which may negatively affect development, whether directly or as a side-effect and***, especially, ***those provisions which may have an impact on universal access to goods and services of general interest, such as those related to health, education, water, combating hunger and energy poverty, and gender equality***;

Or. es

Amendment 55
Jan Zahradil
on behalf of the ECR Group

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. *Calls for the review of existing trade and investment agreements in order to identify any areas, especially provisions on intellectual property rights, that may negatively affect development,*

Amendment

6. *Underlines that reinforced intellectual property protection and enforcement helps developing countries to build and develop necessary frameworks to encourage and protect innovation and research, an issue of increasing relevance as they move up international trading value chains;*

Or. en

**Amendment 56
Marine Le Pen**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. Calls for the review of existing trade and investment agreements in order to identify any areas, *especially provisions on intellectual property rights*, that may negatively affect development;

Amendment

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Or. fr

**Amendment 57
Davor Ivo Stier**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 6**

Draft opinion

6. *Calls for the review of existing trade and investment agreements in order to identify any areas, especially provisions on intellectual property rights, that may*

Amendment

6. *Calls on the EU to identify areas in its trade policy that might negatively affect development; and in this regard insists that the new post 2015 development*

negatively affect development;

framework be fully reflected in all EU policies.

Or. en

Amendment 58
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Requests all EU enterprises to fulfil their corporate social responsibility to respect human rights in line with the UN Guiding Principles; Urges the European Union to look for ways to strengthen Corporate Social Responsibility, for example by improving visibility of CSR and enhancing market reward for companies adhering to CSR guidelines;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Ska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Suggests a revision of existing and an improvement of future Sustainable development chapters in bilateral trade agreements with a view to include mandatory reporting schemes for the private sector;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Stresses the importance of protecting Intellectual Property Rights worldwide, while taking into account specific circumstances in individual developing countries;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Urges the Commission to further promote initiatives for **the responsible** mining, logging **and sourcing of commodities**, together with **private** sustainability-bound schemes, throughout supply chains, **and to step up** product and process life-cycle analysis as regards environmental and social considerations;

7. Urges, **in the same vein**, the Commission to further promote initiatives for **natural resources and their sourcing and in particular** mining, logging, **energy resources and water**, together with sustainability-bound **private-sector support** schemes, throughout supply chains, **while stepping up** product and process life-cycle analysis as regards environmental and social considerations;

Or. es

Amendment 62
Ska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Urges the Commission to further promote initiatives for the responsible mining, logging and sourcing of commodities, together with private sustainability-bound schemes, throughout supply chains, and to step up product and process life-cycle analysis as regards environmental and social considerations;

Amendment

7. Urges the Commission to further promote initiatives ***to better control the textile sector, and*** for the responsible mining, logging and sourcing of commodities, together with private sustainability-bound schemes, throughout supply chains, and to step up product and process life-cycle analysis as regards environmental and social considerations;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Urges the Commission to further promote initiatives for the responsible mining, logging and sourcing of commodities, together with private sustainability-bound schemes, throughout supply chains, and to step up product and process life-cycle analysis as regards environmental and social considerations;

Amendment

7. Urges the Commission to further promote initiatives for the responsible mining, logging and sourcing of commodities, together with private sustainability-bound schemes, throughout supply chains, and to step up product and process life-cycle analysis as regards environmental and social considerations; ***welcomes the fact that a broad range of industries and transnational companies have adopted codes of conduct detailing social and environmental performance standards for their global supply chains;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Ska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Is of the view that investment by the private sector into projects limited to the export of raw materials and natural resources are at least questionable as a contribution to the achievement of development goals;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Marietje Schaake

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls for the development of more effective transparency and accountability standards for EU technology companies in connection with the export of technologies that can be used to violate human rights, to aid corruption or to act against the EU's security interests;

Or. en

Amendment 66
Ska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Insists that instruments such as the ILO Convention 169, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises,

the Guiding Principles of the United Nations on Business and Human Rights, and the EU Human Rights and Democracy Strategic Framework have to be applied systematically, and that any infringement has to be sued, without accepting impunity;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Ska Keller
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Recommends a careful approach to blending and insists that companies can only benefit from EU financial instruments such as the regional investment facilities (LAIF and others), if regular monitoring of their coherence with development objectives is ensured;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Highlights the need for EU trade policy to promote good governance via a binding framework which ensures that EU companies are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards standards in respect of human rights, gender equality, decent work, union rights,

(Does not affect English version.)

environmental protection, universal access to quality public services, social protection, public and universal health coverage, universal access to medicines, and food and product safety.

Or. it

Amendment 69
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights the need for EU trade policy to promote good governance via a binding framework which ensures that EU companies are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards standards in respect of human rights, gender equality, decent work, union rights, environmental protection, universal access to quality public services, **social protection**, public and universal health coverage, universal access to medicines, and food and product safety.

Amendment

8. Highlights the need for EU trade policy to promote good governance via a binding framework which ensures that EU companies **contribute to inclusive economic growth and** are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards standards in respect of human rights, gender equality, decent work, union rights, environmental protection, **social protection**, universal access to quality **goods and** public services, **paying particular attention to** public and universal health coverage, universal access to medicines, and food and product safety.

Or. es

Amendment 70
Jan Zahradil
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights the need for EU trade policy to promote good governance via a **binding** framework which ensures that EU

Amendment

8. Highlights the need for EU trade policy to promote good governance via a **voluntary** framework which ensures that

companies are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards standards in respect of human rights, gender equality, decent work, union rights, environmental protection, universal access to quality public services, social protection, public and universal health coverage, universal access to medicines, and food and product safety.

EU companies are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards standards in respect of human rights, gender equality, decent work, union rights, environmental protection, universal access to quality public services, social protection, public and universal health coverage, universal access to medicines, and food and product safety.

Or. en

Amendment 71
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights the need for EU trade policy to promote good governance via a binding framework which ensures that EU companies are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards ***standards in respect of human rights, gender equality, decent work, union rights***, environmental protection, ***universal access to quality public services, social protection, public and universal health coverage, universal access to medicines***, and food and product safety.

Amendment

8. Highlights the need for EU trade policy to promote good governance via a binding framework which ensures that EU companies are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards ***the principles common to the nations of Europe, the standards established by the partner countries***, environmental protection and food, ***health*** and product safety.

Or. fr

Amendment 72
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights the ***need for*** EU trade ***policy***

Amendment

8. Highlights the ***importance of*** EU trade

to promote good governance via a binding framework which ensures that EU companies are accountable for their actions in developing countries as regards standards in respect of human rights, gender equality, decent work, union rights, environmental protection, universal access to quality public services, social protection, public and universal health coverage, universal access to medicines, and food and product safety.

and development policy in promoting good governance, democracy, human rights, including labour rights, and the rule of law.

Or. en

Amendment 73

Ska Keller

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Highlights that private investors in developing countries significantly benefit from investment-protection agreements, which risks to put profit over development concerns, to lead to regulatory chill and to reinforce unfair business relations; therefore recommends to exclude private sector financed development projects from BITs or ISDS-like provisions, not at least in order to strengthen the domestic judicial system, and calls for the use of national legal systems instead.

Or. en

Amendment 74

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Urges, specifically, that EU Member States draw up national business and human rights plans in order to be effective in implementing the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights adopted by the UN in 2011, and to deliver, without further delay, on the commitment made by the European Council in 2013 through the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy.

Or. es

**Amendment 75
Marine Le Pen**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Insists that European enterprises must not replace public services in the partner countries.

Or. fr

**Amendment 76
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Stresses likewise the importance of empowering consumers so that they may turn consumption into a political act, as well as a responsible and sustainable practice; urges the Commission to set up product traceability systems as well as an EU register of businesses involved in EU

development projects, in order to make their actions more transparent and enable citizens to monitor the actions of EU businesses outside the EU, while at the same time facilitating the dissemination of experience on an international scale and, equally important, the visibility and positive image of EU businesses.

Or. es

Amendment 77
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. Calls, lastly, on the Commission to promote the creation of coordination and meetings forums for businesses, public authorities and civil society organisations, both in the EU and in third countries, in order to foster the exchange of good practices and the configuration of synergies conducive to development.

Or. es