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AMENDMENTS

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on the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World
Trade Organization (Trade Facilitation Agreement)
(2015/2067(INI))

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Amendment 1
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas much work ***can and should*** be done unilaterally to facilitate trade, but there is no doubt that in many areas international cooperation can increase gains and reduce costs;

Amendment

A. whereas much work ***must*** be done unilaterally to facilitate trade, but there is no doubt that in many areas international cooperation can increase gains and reduce costs;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas ***much work can and should be done unilaterally to facilitate trade, but there is no doubt that in many areas international cooperation*** can increase gains and reduce costs;

Amendment

A. whereas ***international cooperation in custom facilitation*** can increase gains and reduce costs;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas ***much work can and should be done unilaterally to facilitate*** trade, but there is no doubt that in many areas

Amendment

A. whereas ***facilitating*** trade ***is primarily a matter for the national authorities***, but there is no doubt that in many areas

international cooperation can increase gains and reduce costs;

multilateral cooperation can increase gains and reduce costs;

Or. es

Amendment 4
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas two thirds of the WTO membership need to ratify the agreement before it can enter into force; *in that regard, it calls for WTO members to do their utmost to enable the agreement to enter into force as soon as possible and before the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) in Nairobi in December;*

Amendment

B. whereas two thirds of the WTO membership need to ratify the agreement before it can enter into force; *whereas by June 18, 2015, only 8 of the required 108 members had concluded ratification, which makes it unlikely that the agreement will enter into force before the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) in Nairobi in December 2015;*

Or. en

Amendment 5
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas two thirds of the WTO membership need to ratify the agreement before it can enter into force; in that regard, it calls for WTO members to do their utmost to enable the agreement to enter into force as soon as possible and before the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) in Nairobi in December;

Amendment

B. whereas two thirds of the WTO membership need to ratify the **Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)** before it can enter into force; in that regard, it calls for WTO members to do their utmost to enable the agreement to enter into force as soon as possible and before the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) in Nairobi in December;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

B. whereas two thirds of the WTO membership need to ratify the agreement before it can **enter into force; in that** regard, **it** calls for WTO members to do their utmost to **enable** the agreement **to enter** into force as soon as possible and before the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) in Nairobi in December;

Amendment

B. whereas two thirds of the WTO membership need to ratify the agreement before it can **have legal effect; in this** regard, calls for **all** WTO members to do their utmost to **ensure** the agreement **enters** into force as soon as possible and before the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) in Nairobi in December;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution
Recital B

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

B. whereas two thirds of the WTO membership need to ratify the agreement before it can enter into force; in that regard, it calls for WTO members to do their utmost to enable the agreement to enter into force as soon as possible and **at all events** before the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC10) in Nairobi in December;

Or. it

Amendment 8
Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas some of the large emerging economies such as China, Brazil and India will not ask for technical assistance; this is to be welcomed as it **ensures** that the assistance available **goes** to those **most** in need;

Amendment

C. whereas some of the large emerging economies such as China, Brazil and India will not ask for technical assistance; this is to be welcomed as it **shows** that the assistance available **will go** to those **really** in need;

Or. it

Amendment 9

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Recital C

Motion for a resolution

C. whereas some of the large emerging economies such as China, Brazil and India will not ask for technical assistance; this is to be welcomed as it ensures that the assistance available **goes to those most in need**;

Amendment

C. whereas some of the large emerging economies such as China, Brazil and India will not ask for technical assistance; this is to be welcomed as it ensures that the assistance available **will go to developing countries**;

Or. it

Amendment 10

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Motion for a resolution

Recital C a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ca. whereas the EU is working actively to ensure coherence between its various policies (in the areas of trade, cooperation, humanitarian aid, etc.), and

whereas these policies should be cross-sectoral and be assessed on the basis of impact studies;

Or. es

Amendment 11
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas *the EU is committed to promoting free, fair and open trade which is* balanced and of mutual benefit for all; whereas the WTO is *the natural* framework for the reaffirmation of these principles;

Amendment

D. whereas *Article 3, paragraph 5 TEU commits the Union to contribute to free and fair trade along with solidarity and mutual respect for all peoples; whereas trade relations should be* balanced and of mutual benefit for all; whereas the WTO is *part of the multilateral* framework for the reaffirmation of these principles;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the EU is committed to promoting free, fair and open trade which is balanced and of mutual benefit for all; whereas the WTO is the natural framework for the reaffirmation of these principles;

Amendment

D. whereas the EU is committed to promoting free, fair and open trade which is balanced and of mutual benefit for all; whereas the WTO is the natural framework for the *continuation and* reaffirmation of these principles;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Recital D

Motion for a resolution

D. whereas the EU is committed to promoting free, fair and open trade which is balanced and of mutual benefit for all; whereas the WTO is the *natural* framework for the reaffirmation of these principles;

Amendment

D. whereas the EU is committed to promoting free, fair and open trade which is balanced and of mutual benefit for all; whereas the WTO is the *institutional* framework for the reaffirmation of these principles;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas the precautionary principle set out in Article 191 TFEU requires, moreover, that a risk be prevented or counteracted before conclusive proof exists of that risk actually materialising, and whereas that principle also applies to goods imported into the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the EU *is* one of the largest aid

Amendment

E. whereas the EU ***and its Member States***

donors in the world;

are one of the largest aid donors in the world;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the EU is one of the largest aid donors in the world;

Amendment

E. whereas the EU is one of the largest aid donors in the world; *whereas financial assistance for the implementation of the TFA is a measure under the category of "Aid for Trade" and should be treated independently from Official Development Aid (ODA);*

Or. en

Amendment 17

Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas the EU is *one of* the largest aid donors in the world;

Amendment

E. whereas the EU is the largest aid donors in the world;

Or. it

Amendment 18

Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Welcomes the results of the ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in December 2013, where negotiations were concluded by the 160 WTO members on the Trade Facilitation Agreement; considers the Trade Facilitation Agreement an important milestone, as it is the first multilateral agreement since the establishment of the WTO in 1995 and will create a blueprint for customs modernisation amongst the 161 WTO members;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the results of the ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in December 2013, where negotiations were concluded by the 160 WTO members on the Trade Facilitation Agreement; considers the Trade Facilitation Agreement an important milestone, as it is the first multilateral agreement since the establishment of the WTO in 1995 and will create a blueprint for customs modernisation amongst the 161 WTO members; ***is of the opinion that bilateral free trade agreements between the EU and third countries are no substitute to multilateral agreements established in the forum of the WTO and that they hinder the creation of predictable global trade rules;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment 20
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Amendment

1a. Deplores that the TFA does not include any provisions to promote fair trade; Calls on the Commission to put fair trade high on the agenda of the Nairobi Ministerial Conference, in accordance with its TEU obligations;

Or. en

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises that the EU remains in favour of the Bali Package decisions being faithfully implemented by all WTO Members which would enable attention to be turned towards the successful conclusion of the negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA);

Amendment

2. Emphasises that the EU remains in favour of the Bali Package decisions being **fully and** faithfully implemented by all WTO Members which would enable attention to be turned towards the successful conclusion of the negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA);

Or. en

Amendment 21
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Emphasises that the EU remains in favour of the Bali Package decisions *being faithfully implemented by all WTO Members which would enable attention to be turned* towards the successful conclusion of the negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA);

Amendment

2. Notes the differences among WTO members regarding the implementation of the Bali Package decisions *and especially the post-Bali road map* towards the successful conclusion of the negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) *reiterates its support for a DDA conclusion taking full account of the development agenda of this Round, including an adequate agreement on agricultural subsidies*;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2a. Is aware of the temporary nature of the Bali decision regarding Public Stockholding for Food Security Purposes; calls on the EU to support a permanent solution which adequately takes into account the motivation of developing countries to ask for the exclusion of food security measures from WTO disciplines;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2b. Commends the openness of developing countries to advance parts of the DDA agenda such as TFA whose "demandeurs" were rather developed countries; calls on the EU to more decisively support topics in the implementation of the DDA agenda which are high in the interest of developing countries in order to facilitate a balanced conclusion of the Round;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty

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regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5% and 17.5% (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) **through a scaling-back of customs control**, thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs; **nevertheless believes that the Trade Facilitation Agreement is very likely to lead to the release of additional budgetary resources, particularly for the management of advance rulings and stemming from a fresh incentive to create separate transit infrastructure;**

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 27 **Helmut Scholz**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions ***and*** the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (***according to estimates such as those by the OECD***) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring ***for exporters from the EU and other developed countries***, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions; ***notes that the OECD projects a reduction of*** the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (***if fully implemented***); ***notes that the World Bank analysis links the major share of the gains to the successful construction of ports and***

other large infrastructure projects for exports, thus allowing *EU* businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs; ***recognises, however, that in view of the precautionary principle, a change in the circumstances giving rise to notifications for controls and inspections is insufficient reason for lowering the level of control on goods imported into the European Union; therefore considers the system of notifications for controls and inspections laid down in the Trade Facilitation Agreement to conflict with the precautionary principle;***

Or. fr

Amendment 29
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses **and consumers** to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by **increasing efficiency and** reducing **unnecessary** red tape and associated costs;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Aldo Patriciello

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between **12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD)** thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by **10% in the developed countries and between 12.5 % and 15.5 % in developing countries (OECD estimates)** thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Or. it

Amendment 31
Klaus Buchner

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of *this* agreement will bring, in particular for *SMEs*; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding *market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs*;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of *the Trade Facilitation Agreement* will bring, in particular for *exporters*; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding *the costs of trade thus allowing businesses to improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs; underlines that the legally binding character of the TFA custom facilitation measures must be matched by firm and extended commitments of developed countries regarding financial support for developing countries to implement costly new border devices; demands that financial commitments are additional to existing ODA and in any case do not diminish the availability of funds for original development purposes*;

Or. en

**Amendment 32
Emmanuel Maurel**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3**

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement *will* bring, in particular for *SMEs*; emphasises that the agreement *will* reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) *thus allowing* businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement *could* bring, in particular for *SMEs*; emphasises that the agreement *could* reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD), *which could allow* businesses to access new markets and improve their

red tape and associated costs;

competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Or. fr

Amendment 33
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Amendment

3. Acknowledges the benefits that the implementation of this agreement will bring ***for development, by helping to create a more favourable business environment***, in particular for SMEs; emphasises that the agreement will reduce uncertainty regarding market entry conditions and the costs of trade by between 12.5 % and 17.5 % (according to estimates such as those by the OECD) thus allowing businesses to access new markets and improve their competitiveness by reducing red tape and associated costs;

Or. es

Amendment 34
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3a. Also invites the EU Member States to conduct a prior evaluation of the costs arising from the training and recruitment of special units attached to the advance rulings infrastructure;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 35
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses that most WTO Members have yet to establish functioning local and regional markets, in order to provide their population with access to goods and services most needed;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3a. Stresses that implementation of the agreement, in particular by developing countries, will result in the standardisation and simplification of trade-related procedures; points out that the agreement can provide new opportunities to expand the use of innovative technologies and electronic systems, including electronic payment systems, national trade portals and one-stop shops;

Or. it

Amendment 37
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3b. Calls on the Commission to collect and submit statistical data on the costs incurred through the creation of advance rulings infrastructure and special facilities for goods in transit;

Or. fr

**Amendment 38
Marine Le Pen**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3c. Urges the Commission fine tune Article 3.7 and Article 4 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement so that only one national administrative or judicial authority exercising official authority in the State to which an application has been submitted can hear the appeal and review the procedures or rulings disputed by the applicant;

Or. fr

**Amendment 39
Marine Le Pen**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 d (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

3d. Invites the EU Member States to interpret broadly the change in circumstances giving rise to notifications for controls and inspections so that it is

not possible for the risks associated with the import of goods solely to be linked to a potential risk event;

Or. fr

Amendment 40
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. *Urges all members of the* WTO to try to find a solution *without delay* for implementing the Bali Package so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference;

Amendment

4. *Invites States that are members both of the EU and of the* WTO to find a solution for implementing the Bali Package so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference

Or. fr

Amendment 41
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges all members of the WTO to try to find a solution without delay for implementing the Bali Package so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference;

Amendment

4. Urges all members of the WTO to try to find a solution without delay for implementing the Bali Package so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference; *calls on the Commission to defend the WTO Member States' right to regulate to provide food security for their population;*

Or. en

Amendment 42

Klaus Buchner

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4**

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges all members of the WTO to try to find a solution without delay for implementing the Bali Package so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference;

Amendment

4. Urges all members of the WTO to try to find a solution without delay for implementing the Bali Package ***in all its aspects*** so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference;

Or. en

**Amendment 43
Aldo Patriciello**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4**

Motion for a resolution

4. Urges all members of the WTO to try to find a solution without delay for implementing the Bali Package so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference;

Amendment

4. Urges all members of the WTO to try to find a solution without delay for implementing the Bali Package, ***with particular reference to cutting agricultural subsidies***, so that the DDA can be concluded for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference;

Or. it

**Amendment 44
Helmut Scholz**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Is aware of the fact that the USA, as well as the European Community had for many years programmes in place, which

purchased products from their farmers at fixed prices, and that these programmes proved to be essential tools for providing food security, and to strengthen the agricultural sector;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Stresses the importance of *this agreement from a development perspective, taking into account that* special and differential treatment applies whereby developing and least developed countries can decide when the different provisions will be implemented and for which ones technical assistance will be required;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of *the TFA with regard to its innovative approach to* special and differential treatment applies whereby developing and least developed countries can decide when the different provisions will be implemented and for which ones technical assistance will be required; *notes, however, the mismatch between the legally binding character of all TFA measures, including with regard to the timelines for Category B and C measures, while assistance and financing measures remain voluntary; is of the opinion that special and differential treatment should not be relegated to implementation but remain an integral part of the rights of developing countries under the WTO agreement;*

Or. en

Amendment 46
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5a. Nevertheless recognises that the estimated reduction in the costs of trade for these countries does not take into account their degree of resilience to the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement or the calculations of opportunities in the national strategy choices relating to the creation of transit and customs infrastructure in particular, as recommended by the WTO;

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Emphasises that the degree of implementation of the agreement will **determine** the benefits that **will be derived** therefrom;

6. Emphasises that the degree of implementation of the agreement **will necessarily be subject to** the benefits that **the members derive** therefrom;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Emphasises that the degree of implementation of the agreement will determine the benefits that will be derived therefrom;

6. Emphasises that the degree of implementation of the agreement will determine the benefits that will be derived therefrom; **believes that full and faithful implementation will be of greatest benefit to all signatories;**

Amendment 49
Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Emphasises that the degree of implementation of the agreement will determine the benefits that will be derived therefrom;

Amendment

6. Emphasises that the degree **and timing** of implementation of the agreement will determine the benefits that will be derived therefrom;

Or. it

Amendment 50
Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Draws attention to the fact that the agreement contains binding provisions and non-binding guidelines; urges all WTO members to do their utmost to implement both the binding provisions and the guidelines, with a view to bringing trade costs down as far as is possible;

Or. it

Amendment 51
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Emphasises that a number of requirements under the agreement, notably on transparency and the automated entry and payment of duties, can be a powerful means of addressing border corruption;

Amendment

7. Emphasises that, **while** a number of requirements under the agreement, notably on transparency and the automated entry and payment of duties, can be a powerful means of addressing border corruption, ***intervention by customs units on the ground remains essential to better manage risk;***

Or. fr

Amendment 52

Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Emphasises that a number of requirements under the agreement, notably on transparency and the automated entry and payment of duties, can be a powerful means of addressing border corruption;

Amendment

7. Emphasises that a number of requirements under the agreement, notably on transparency and the automated entry and payment of duties, can be a powerful means of addressing border corruption; ***stresses that greater transparency will enhance trade certainty and should act as a strong incentive to step up trade, in addition to allowing more effective monitoring;***

Or. it

Amendment 53

Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports fully the EU initiative of providing EUR 400 million in funding for

Amendment

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the provision of technical assistance to developing and least developed countries which will be spent on projects such as improving the customs systems of developing and least developed countries;

the provision of technical assistance to developing and least developed countries which will be spent on projects such as improving the customs systems of developing and least developed countries;
Insists that this money is not taken from existing budget lines related to development cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports fully the EU initiative of providing EUR 400 million in funding for the provision of technical assistance to developing and least developed countries which will be spent on projects such as improving the customs systems of developing and least developed countries;

Amendment

8. Supports fully the EU initiative of providing EUR 400 million in funding for the provision of technical assistance to developing and least developed countries which will be spent on projects such as improving the customs systems of developing and least developed countries;
considers it important that the relevant EU supervisory authorities ensure that all funds are spent in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and requests regular information be provided to the European Parliament and the Member States in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8. Supports fully the EU initiative of providing EUR 400 million in funding for the provision of technical assistance to developing and least developed countries which will be spent on projects such as improving the customs systems of developing and least developed countries;

8. Supports fully the EU initiative of providing EUR 400 million in funding for the provision of technical assistance to developing and least developed countries which will be spent on projects such as improving the customs systems of developing and least developed countries; ***insists that this funding should be raised under "Aid for Trade" budget lines and not be subtracted from ODA budgets;***

Or. en

Amendment 56
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Nevertheless enjoins the Commission to conduct in-depth monitoring of the allocation of that funding and of the effectiveness of its use;

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Recalls that in order to mitigate negative effects of globalisation on workers, the EU has created the Globalisation Adjustment Fund, while the US President has proposed to create a similar instrument for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) to deal with the effects of globalised trade on US workers; points

out that workers in the vast majority of signatory states to the TFA will not be able to resort to a comparable fund;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Emma McClarkin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls also for close cooperation with specialist organisations such as the World Customs Organization which can provide valuable expertise on a case-by-case basis;

Amendment

10. Calls also for close cooperation with specialist organisations such as the World Customs Organization which can provide valuable *practical and technical* expertise on a case-by-case basis *in order that the least developed countries in particular can take full advantage of the trading opportunities created by the Agreement;*

Or. en

Amendment 59
Nicola Danti

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Calls also for close cooperation with specialist organisations such as the World Customs Organization which can provide valuable expertise on a case-by-case basis;

Amendment

10. Calls also for close cooperation with specialist organisations such as the World Customs Organization which can provide valuable expertise on a case-by-case basis, *thus fostering development and capacity-building in this area;*

Or. it

Amendment 60
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Underlines the key role that can be played by EU delegations around the world which can work with developing and least developed countries 'on the ground' and asks for the largest possible **involvement of** these delegations in the **disbursement** of technical assistance;

Amendment

11. Underlines the key role that can be played by EU delegations around the world which can work with developing and least developed countries 'on the ground' and asks for the largest possible **support from** these delegations in the **implementation** of technical assistance;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to do its utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to do its utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments, **while ensuring that those commitments do not impact adversely on national and local policies in the area of territorial security and risk monitoring**;

Or. fr

Amendment 62
Marine Le Pen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to do its

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to do its

utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments;

utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments, ***without the implementation of those commitments creating unreasonable additional costs that have to be met by the State concerned or the European Union;***

Or. fr

Amendment 63
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to do its utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to do its utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments; ***stresses that funding for capacity building should be recipient-driven and based on proper needs assessments;***

Or. en

Amendment 64
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Calls on the Commission to do its utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments;

Amendment

12. Calls on the Commission to do its utmost to support developing and least developed countries in the implementation of their commitments, ***taking into account the degree of flexibility they need in order to implement trade facilitation obligations;***

Or. es

Amendment 65
Helmut Scholz

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recommends that international organisations and the partners of developing and least developed countries collaborate closely in the implementation of category C provisions in order to implement them within the shortest possible time;

Amendment

13. Recommends that international organisations and the partners of developing and least developed countries collaborate closely in the implementation of category C provisions in order to implement them within the shortest possible time; ***points out that the financial means needed for implementation would exceed by far what has been pledged until today;***

Or. en

Amendment 66
Klaus Buchner

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

13. Recommends that international organisations ***and the partners of*** developing and least developed countries ***collaborate closely*** in the implementation of category C provisions ***in order to implement them within the shortest possible*** time;

Amendment

13. Recommends that international organisations ***collaborate closely with*** developing and least developed countries in the implementation of category C provisions ***which put the highest organizational and financial burden to developing countries so that such measures can be implemented in due*** time;

Or. en