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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Stresses that *trading partners should derive benefit from* the growing competition in the field of trade, *from investment by the private sector, including investment under* public-private partnerships, *and from the greater affluence of consumers;*

Amendment

1. Stresses that the growing *international* competition in the field of trade *could be harmful to the development of economies, and that* public-private partnerships *often have unfavourable consequences for states' public finances;*

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that anticompetitive practices and monopolies can constitute barriers to trade which distort trade and investment flows;

Amendment

2. Underlines that anticompetitive practices and *private* monopolies *are harmful to consumers and to the development of innovation, and that they* can constitute barriers to trade which distort trade and investment flows;

Or. fr

Amendment 3
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that anticompetitive practices

Amendment

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and monopolies can constitute barriers to trade which distort trade and investment flows;

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Or. de

Amendment 4
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Underlines that ***anticompetitive practices and monopolies can constitute barriers to trade which distort*** trade and investment ***flows***;

Amendment

2. Underlines that, ***in order to be effective, competition policy needs to regulate the conduct of international entities, businesses and governments in such a way as to prevent*** trade and investment ***from giving rise to anti-competitive, oligopolistic and monopolistic practices that are damaging to domestic competition;***

Or. it

Amendment 5
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to go even further ***in seeking an ambitious opening-up of international public procurement markets*** in order to eliminate the imbalance which exists with regard to the degree of opening-up of public procurement markets between the EU and other trading partners;

Amendment

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Amendment 6
Daniel Caspary

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to go even further in seeking an ambitious opening-up of international public procurement markets, in order to eliminate the imbalance which exists with regard to the degree of opening-up of public procurement markets between the EU and other trading partners, *and, to that end, to take account of Parliament's report on the Commission proposal for an international procurement instrument and the forthcoming revision thereof;*

Or. de

Amendment 7
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that public procurement awards must be subject to compliance with particular criteria, such as, for instance, social, ecological and employment-related criteria;

Or. de

Amendment 8
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the Commission to ensure the Union's trade and competition policy is compatible with the objectives of European industrial policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Feels that European competition policy should not hinder the emergence of major European champions in industry; calls, therefore, for trade and competition policies to work to promote the creation and competitiveness of large European industrial groups on the world stage;

Or. fr

Amendment 10
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Stresses that the European Union should make greater efforts to monitor the implementation of trade agreements in order to assess, inter alia, whether competition rules are being complied with **and** the obligations to which trading partners have committed themselves are

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being completely complied with and fulfilled;

being completely complied with and fulfilled *and whether there is genuine reciprocity*;

Or. it

Amendment 11
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses that trade and competition policy provisions must under no circumstances undermine safeguards for, and the maintenance of, public services and services of general interest;

Or. de

Amendment 12
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Underlines that a multilateral competition agreement is needed to eliminate the numerous persistent barriers to trade; calls therefore on the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to draft a multilateral agreement on competition rules;

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Or. fr

Amendment 13
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Underlines that a multilateral competition agreement is needed to eliminate the numerous persistent barriers to trade; **calls therefore on the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to draft** a multilateral agreement on competition rules;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission - given that the recently concluded Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement contains a chapter on competition policy - to use trade policy as a means of working towards establishing global competition policy rules in order to eliminate the numerous persistent barriers to trade; **regards the long-term goal of a multilateral agreement on competition rules as the ideal solution;**

Or. de

Amendment 14
Sander Loones

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment 15
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Amendment

5a. Encourages the Commission to conclude bilateral cooperation agreements with third countries on preserving competition, along the lines of the second-generation cooperation agreement of 2013 between the EU and Switzerland;

Or. nl

Draft opinion

6. **Supports** the competition policy initiatives of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the OECD and their efforts to improve worldwide cooperation in the field of competition policy;

Amendment

6. **Acknowledges** the competition policy initiatives of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the OECD and their efforts to improve worldwide cooperation in the field of competition policy;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Supports the competition policy initiatives of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the OECD and their efforts to improve worldwide cooperation in the field of competition policy;

Amendment

6. Supports the competition policy initiatives of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the OECD **and the ICN¹** and their efforts to improve worldwide cooperation in the field of competition policy;

¹***International Competition Network.***

Or. xm

Amendment 17
Sander Loones

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Encourages the Commission and the competition authorities of the Member States to participate actively in the

Amendment 18
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for all products imported from third countries to comply with the environmental, health and social standards applied by the Union and defended on the world market so as to preserve European industrial producers from unfair competition;

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to support developing countries in their efforts to promote fair competition;

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Or. fr

Amendment 20
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to support developing countries in their efforts to promote fair competition;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to support developing countries in their efforts to promote fair competition ***and to pay particular attention to ensuring that there is no discrimination against businesses that are smaller in size and have smaller budgets than those in developed countries;***

Or. it

Amendment 21
Sander Loones

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to support developing countries in their efforts to promote fair competition;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to support developing countries in their efforts to promote fair competition ***and to further develop technical cooperation with the competition authorities of the emerging economies;***

Or. nl

Amendment 22
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to support developing countries in their efforts to promote fair competition;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to support developing countries in their efforts to promote fair competition ***and ensure that appropriate safeguards are put in place;***

Or. it

Amendment 23
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Views with concern, in terms of consistency with development policy, the potential of large supermarkets, which dominate the international market and, because of that dominant position, disrupt supply chain competition;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Tiziana Beghin, David Borrelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Points out that internationalising competition policy is an extremely difficult task in view of the many disparities between anti-trust systems, both in formal terms and in terms of the effectiveness of the oversight exercised; calls on the Commission to help developing countries to fill the legal vacuum in this area, with due regard for their social and economic makeup, by establishing common principles and rules that can remove both public barriers and private restrictions;

Or. it

Amendment 25
Aldo Patriciello

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Notes that access to resources, including energy sources, on equal terms is of vital importance for fair competition on the global market;

Amendment

8. Notes that access to resources, including energy sources, on equal terms is of vital importance for fair competition on the global market; ***stresses the importance, in this connection, of more transparent information provision on the resources available;***

Or. it

**Amendment 26
Karoline Graswander-Hainz**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Notes that access to resources, including energy sources, on equal terms is of vital importance for fair competition on the global market;

Amendment

8. Notes that access to resources, including energy sources, on equal terms is of vital importance for fair competition on the global market; ***highlights in this connection the importance of affordable and sustainable energy and of security of supply in trade agreements;***

Or. de

**Amendment 27
Marine Le Pen**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8**

Draft opinion

8. Notes that ***access to resources, including energy sources, on equal terms is of vital importance for fair competition on the global market;***

Amendment

8. Notes that ***energy policy must remain the responsibility of the Member States;***

Amendment 28
Marine Le Pen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses that SMEs absolutely must receive support and access to funds so that they can become more competitive on the global market.

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Amendment 29
Aldo Patriciello

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses that SMEs absolutely must receive support and access to funds so that they can become more competitive on the global market.

Amendment

9. Stresses that SMEs absolutely must receive support and access to funds so that they can become more competitive on the global market; *points out that SME growth plays an important role in overall economic development and in ensuring fair competition.*

Amendment 30
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses that SMEs absolutely must receive support and access to funds so that

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they can become more competitive on the global market.

they can become more competitive on the global market **and generate jobs, growth and investment.**

Or. de

Amendment 31
Pablo Zalba Bidegain

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Stresses that SMEs **absolutely must** receive support and access to funds so that they can become more competitive on the global market.

Amendment

9. Stresses that SMEs, **micro-enterprises and innovative start-ups must by all means** receive support and access to funds so that they can become more competitive on the global market.

Or. en

Amendment 32
Karoline Graswander-Hainz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Highlights the fact that access to digital networks and infrastructure is important for fostering competition, and points out that more competition means more choice and lower prices for consumers, especially in the telecommunications field;

Or. de