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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Marietje Schaake**  
(PE582.110v01-00)

EU strategy towards Iran after the nuclear agreement  
(2015/2274(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Klaus Buchner**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that the Council's decision to lift all nuclear-related sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran as a result of implementation of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action provided the ***potential to reopen the Iranian market for European businesses***; recalls that Iran has a large, relatively highly educated population, ***needs investment and is a potential market for high-quality European goods***;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that the Council's decision to lift all nuclear-related sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran as a result of implementation of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action provided the ***increase in mutually beneficial trade with the European Union***; Recalls that Iran has a large, relatively highly educated population, ***one of the most diverse GDP compositions in the region, and would benefit from European investments and technology transfers in areas such as sustainable water management, pollution reduction, renewable energy and energy efficiency***;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that the Council's decision to lift all nuclear-related sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran as a result of implementation of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action ***provided*** the potential to reopen the Iranian market for European businesses; recalls that Iran has a large, relatively highly educated population, ***needs investment and is a potential market for high-quality European goods***;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that the Council's decision to lift all nuclear-related sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran as a result of implementation of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action ***allows a reengagement with Iran and will create opportunities and benefits for both sides, by providing*** the potential to reopen the Iranian market for European businesses; recalls that Iran has a large, relatively highly educated population,

needs investment and is a potential market for high-quality European goods;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Franck Proust**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that the Council's decision to lift all nuclear-related sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran as a result of implementation of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action provided the potential to reopen the Iranian market for European businesses; recalls that Iran has a large, relatively highly educated population, needs investment and is a potential market for high-quality European goods;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that the Council's decision to lift all nuclear-related sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran as a result of implementation of its commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action provided the potential to reopen the Iranian market for European businesses; recalls that Iran has a large, relatively highly educated **and, as the age pyramid shows, young** population, needs investment and is a potential market for high-quality European goods;

Or. fr

**Amendment 4**  
**Klaus Buchner**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Notes that European environmental technology and know-how in the areas of energy efficiency, water management and agricultural irrigation is at the global forefront; believes that the transfer and export of these technologies must be prioritized in the renewed trade efforts between the Islamic Republic of***

**Amendment 5**  
**Daniel Caspary**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that *while* several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties, *the delegation from the Commission did not include the Trade Commissioner;*

*Amendment*

2. Notes that several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties;

**Amendment 6**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Notes that *while* several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties, *the delegation from the Commission did not include the Trade Commissioner;*

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 7**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Notes that while several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties, the delegation from the Commission did not include the Trade Commissioner;

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Or. en

## **Amendment 8 Franck Proust**

### **Draft opinion Paragraph 2**

#### *Draft opinion*

2. Notes that while several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties, the delegation from the Commission did not include the Trade Commissioner;

#### *Amendment*

2. Notes that while several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties, the delegation from the Commission ***unfortunately*** did not include the Trade Commissioner;

Or. fr

## **Amendment 9 Victor Boştinaru**

### **Draft opinion Paragraph 2**

#### *Draft opinion*

2. Notes that ***while*** several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties, the ***delegation from the Commission did not include the Trade Commissioner***;

#### *Amendment*

2. Notes that several EU delegations to Iran have focused on trade and economic ties, the ***latest comprising EU High Representative/Vice President and seven Commissioners***;

Or. en

## **Amendment 10**

**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *Stresses that while implementing the JCPOA and while enhancing our trade and investment relations with Iran we have to take into consideration the regional dimension, to stimulate cooperation between countries in the region and play a constructive role to decrease perpetual rivalries between them;*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**David Borrelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to break Iran's self-chosen isolation;

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to break Iran's self-chosen isolation; ***in this regard, trade could be an important tool to strengthen the political dialogue and the development of bilateral relations between Iran and the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Klaus Buchner**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system *is a potential* way to break Iran's *self-chosen* isolation;

*Amendment*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system *can be a* way to break Iran's *international* isolation *and increase regional development, employment and stability in the wider region*;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to *break Iran's self-chosen isolation*;

*Amendment*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to *increase Iran's integration as a responsible member of the international community and the global economy*;

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to *break Iran's self-chosen isolation*;

*Amendment*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to *increase Iran's integration in the international community and the global economy*;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Marine Le Pen**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses that *trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to break Iran's self-chosen isolation*;

*Amendment*

3. Stresses that *the nuclear agreement with Iran makes it possible for European countries to cooperate fully with it, which will be of benefit to all*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 16**  
**Eleonora Forenza**  
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to break Iran's *self-chosen* isolation;

*Amendment*

3. Stresses that trade and renewed access to the global rules-based trading system is a potential way to break Iran's isolation;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Klaus Buchner**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Calls for coherence between the EU's trade policy and the principles of EU energy policy and believes that all current and future EU projects and investments in**

*Iran must be fully in line with EU long-term decarbonisation commitments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Klaus Buchner**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3b. Considers it of key importance to reduce the European Union's dependency on imported energy, in particular by increasing the promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Klaus Buchner**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3c. Supports the long-term goal of the EU as laid out in the European Commission Report "Towards an Energy Union" to move away from an economy driven by fossil fuels in light of Iran's commitment to increase the production and the export of oil and gas to the European Union;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Expresses concern about the high levels of corruption and trade-circumventing sanctions, which have *lead* to a grey economy; stresses, therefore, the need to fight corruption and increase transparency, and for a truly private sector to *develop* in Iran;

*Amendment*

4. Expresses concern about the high levels of corruption and trade-circumventing sanctions, which have *led* to a grey economy ***and represent a risk to European investments*** ; stresses, therefore, the need to fight corruption, ***to implement a credible banking system, with an independent central bank, to ensure the protection of the invested capital in compliance with FATF recommendations, in particular in relation to intellectual property rights*** and increase transparency, and for a truly private sector to *expand* in Iran;

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Marine Le Pen**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. ***Expresses concern about*** the high levels of corruption and trade-circumventing sanctions, ***which*** have *lead* to a grey economy; ***stresses, therefore, the need to fight corruption and increase transparency, and for a truly private sector to develop in Iran;***

*Amendment*

4. ***Notes that*** the high levels of corruption ***are a problem*** and ***that*** trade-circumventing sanctions have *led* to a grey economy; ***points out, however, that it is for the Iranian people and its leaders to solve that problem and that there must be no EU interference in the internal affairs of what is a sovereign country, since that has often led to major foreign-policy mistakes;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 22**  
**Fernando Ruas**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Expresses concern about the high levels of corruption and trade-circumventing sanctions, which have *lead* to a grey economy; stresses, therefore, the need to fight corruption and increase transparency, and for a truly private sector to develop in Iran;

*Amendment*

4. Expresses concern about the high levels of corruption and trade-circumventing sanctions, which have *led* to a grey economy; stresses, therefore, the need to fight corruption and increase transparency, and for a truly private sector *and market economy* to develop in Iran;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Richard Howitt**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Expresses concern about the high levels of corruption *and trade-circumventing sanctions*, which have *lead* to a grey economy; stresses, therefore, the need to fight corruption and increase transparency, and for a truly private sector to *develop* in Iran;

*Amendment*

4. Expresses concern about the high levels of corruption, which have *led* to a grey economy; stresses, therefore, the need to fight corruption and increase transparency, and for a truly private sector to *expand* in Iran;

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**David Campbell Bannerman, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Expresses concern about the high

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levels of corruption and *trade-circumventing sanctions*, which have *lead* to a grey economy; stresses, therefore, the need *to fight corruption and increase* transparency, and for a truly private sector to develop in Iran;

levels of corruption and *bureaucracy*, which have *led* to a grey economy; stresses, therefore, the need *for increased* transparency, and for a truly private sector to develop in Iran;

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Klaus Buchner**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran *must go hand in hand with* substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran *shall be conditional on* substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people; *recalls that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a signatory to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and calls upon Iran to honour its international commitments more consistently;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Eleonora Forenza**  
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human ***and labour rights, social and environmental international standards*** and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people ***and to ask Iran to ratify and fully implement all the 8 ILO core conventions***;

Or. en

**Amendment 27**

**Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

*Amendment*

5. ***Points out that EU trade policy helps to protect and promote the values upheld by the EU***; emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

Or. fr

**Amendment 28**

**David Campbell Bannerman, Jan Zahradil**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, **and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage** to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU **Member States** and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran; **and considers rapid evidence of improvements to human rights and fundamental freedoms to be of upmost importance for a renewal of commercial and investment ties** to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and **that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage** to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Marine Le Pen**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Emphasises that *a potential renewal of trade ties between the EU and Iran must go hand in hand with substantial improvements in respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Iran, and that the EU must use its position as an economic bloc as leverage to improve the living conditions and wellbeing of the Iranian people;*

*Amendment*

5. Emphasises that, *while human rights and fundamental freedoms are essential principles for European countries, there must be distrust of policies that may be perceived by others as imposing Western notions and, accordingly, regarded as cultural colonisation; hopes that the wellbeing of the Iranian people will improve;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**

**Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the regime, potentially creating problems for EU companies in Iran, and that increased trade could strengthen the economic, military and political power of certain unelected individuals;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the regime, potentially creating problems for EU companies in Iran, and that increased trade could strengthen the economic, military and political power of certain unelected individuals; *emphasises that it is important for Iran to develop an environment conducive to international investment and that that must take place with due regard for the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF);*

Or. fr

**Amendment 32**

**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that *some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the regime, potentially creating problems for EU companies in Iran, and that increased trade could strengthen the economic, military and political power of certain unelected individuals*;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that *the current EU mandate for the negotiations of a Trade and Cooperation Agreement with Iran is outdated; calls on the Commission to explore options for strengthening trade and investment ties with the aim to bring Iran closer to the WTO rules and protect European investment; stresses that a formal negotiation framework would allow the EU to fully use its leverage as the largest integrated market and economic bloc and create a forum for exchange and dialogue*;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the *regime, potentially creating problems* for EU companies in Iran, *and that increased trade could strengthen the economic, military and political power of certain unelected individuals*;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the *state. Ask the Commission to present the European Parliament a report after two years of the lifting of the sanctions on potential obstacles* for EU companies *operating* in Iran *and the impact this trade relations might have on the transparency and functioning of state institutions*;

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Franck Proust**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the regime, potentially creating problems for EU companies in Iran, **and** that increased trade **could** strengthen the economic, **military and political** power of **certain unelected individuals**;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the regime, potentially creating problems for EU companies in Iran; **states in this connection that it must be possible for** increased trade **to** strengthen the economic power of **the country and of any individual without wealth being monopolised**;

Or. fr

**Amendment 35**

**David Campbell Bannerman, Jan Zahradil**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that **some sectors** of the Iranian economy **are heavily** controlled by **the regime**, potentially creating problems for EU companies in Iran, and that increased trade **could strengthen the economic, military and political power of certain unelected individuals**;

*Amendment*

6. Notes that **up to 70%** of the Iranian economy **is state** controlled, potentially creating problems for EU **Member State** companies in Iran, and that increased trade, **on the condition of evidence of improvements to human rights, could enhance of the role of the private sector**;

Or. en

**Amendment 36**

**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Notes that some sectors of the Iranian economy are heavily controlled by the **regime**, potentially creating problems for EU companies in Iran, and that

*Amendment*

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increased trade could strengthen the economic, military and political power of certain unelected individuals;

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Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. *Emphasises that Iran faces many environmental challenges, including water scarcity and land degradation and that while taking advantage of the full potential of business cooperation, the EU should engage with Iran to enhance the protection of environment and promote environmentally sustainable development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6b. *Notes that the current EU mandate for negotiations of a Trade and Cooperation Agreement with Iran is outdated; calls on the Commission to explore options for strengthening trade and investment ties with the aim to bring Iran closer to the WTO rules and protect European investments; stresses that a formal negotiation framework would allow the EU to fully use its leverage as the largest integrated market and***

*economic bloc and create a forum for exchange and dialogue;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**

**David Campbell Bannerman, Jan Zahradil**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

**7. Calls on the EU to explore the possibility of restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would bring a further liberalisation of Iran's economy to drive growth, embed the country in the global rules-based system and provide a mechanism to hold the regime to account on commitments made;**

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 40**

**Marine Le Pen**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

**7. Calls on the EU to explore the possibility of restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would bring a further liberalisation of Iran's economy to drive growth, embed the country in the global rules-based system and provide a mechanism to hold the regime to account on commitments made;**

*Amendment*

**7. Notes that Iran, as a sovereign country, may decide whether or not to apply for membership of the WTO and that the EU must not seek to influence a sovereign country's choices;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 41**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the EU to **explore** the possibility of restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would bring a further liberalisation of Iran's economy **to drive growth**, embed the country in the global rules-based system and provide a mechanism to **hold the regime to account on commitments made**;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the EU to **support** the possibility of restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would bring a further liberalisation of Iran's economy, **will provide technical assistance on tariff structures, on public procurement, health and safety standards, rules of origin and intellectual properties rights**, embed the country in the global rules-based system and provide a mechanism to **support necessary economic reforms within Iran and drive growth**;

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the EU to explore the possibility of restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would **bring a** further liberalisation of Iran's economy to drive growth, embed the country in the global rules-based system and provide a mechanism to hold the **regime** to account on **commitments made**;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the EU to explore the possibility of restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would further liberalisation of Iran's economy to drive growth, embed the country in the global rules-based system and provide a mechanism to hold the **Islamic Republic of Iran** to account on **international commitments**;

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Richard Howitt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the EU to ***explore the possibility of*** restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would bring a further liberalisation of Iran's economy to drive growth, embed the country in the global ***rules-based*** system and provide a mechanism to ***hold the regime to account on commitments made;***

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the EU to ***support*** restarting Iran's accession talks with the World Trade Organisation, as membership of the WTO would bring a further liberalisation of Iran's economy to drive growth, embed the country in the global ***rules based*** system and provide a mechanism to ***support necessary economic reforms within Iran;***

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Tokia Saïfi, Franck Proust**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Emphasises also the importance for Iran to develop economic and trading relations with the actors in the region in order, with due regard for WTO rules, to form a cohesive economic and trading bloc; points out that the EU can provide its expertise and backing for developing and building up this regional dialogue;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 45**  
**Franck Proust**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. Takes the view that, although many contracts have been signed with EU firms, Iran is unable to honour its commitments because of a lack of liquidity, meaning that the process of opening up Iran is caught in a vicious circle;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 46**  
**Marine Le Pen**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran; calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability, including by granting waivers, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US;

8. Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran; calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability, including by granting waivers, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US; ***urges the Member States and the Commission to defend EU companies against the extraterritorial application of US law;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 47**  
**Franck Proust**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran; ***calls*** on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability, including ***by granting*** waivers, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US;

*Amendment*

8. Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran; ***regards it as intolerable that the EU should be dependent*** on the US Government to provide ***it with*** legal certainty and predictability, including ***through*** waivers, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US;

Or. fr

**Amendment 48**  
**Franck Proust**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran; calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability, including by granting waivers, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US;

*Amendment*

8. Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran; calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability ***for EU investment in Iran***, including by granting waivers ***immediately***, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US;

Or. fr

**Amendment 49**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Regrets that the *American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing* EU companies with US business activities *doing* business in Iran; calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability, *including by granting waivers, and asks the Commission to increase* dialogue and cooperation with the US;

*Amendment*

8. Regrets that the EU companies with US business activities *are reluctant to do* business in Iran *due to remaining American sanctions*; calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability *and asks the Commission and the EEAS to continue* dialogue and cooperation with the US; *including by granting waivers on a temporary basis until a final permanent solution is agreed on*;

Or. en

**Amendment 50**

**David Campbell Bannerman, Jan Zahradil**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. *Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran; calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability, including by granting waivers, and asks the Commission to increase* dialogue and cooperation with the US;

*Amendment*

8. *Notes that importantly some US sanctions are not affected by the nuclear deal and will remain in place, in particular sanctions related to human rights abuses, support for terrorism and testing of ballistic missiles, and asks EU Member States to increase* dialogue and cooperation with the US;

Or. en

**Amendment 51**

**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. ***Regrets that the American sanctions still in place restrict EU policy space, obstructing EU companies with US business activities doing business in Iran;*** calls on the US Government to provide legal certainty and predictability, including by granting waivers, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US;

8. ***Acknowledges, that non-nuclear related US-sanctions, linked to human rights and ballistic weaponry, remain in place.*** Calls on the US government to provide legal certainty and predictability, including by granting waivers, and asks the Commission to increase dialogue and cooperation with the US;

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Franck Proust**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8a. ***Takes the view that legal uncertainty surrounding investment in Iran, because of US extraterritorial laws and the fact that transactions are conducted in dollars, call for a change in approach to trading with Iran; calls for the euro to be the currency for transactions with Iran so as to prevent US authorities from imposing penalties as they have done in the past against some EU banks;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 53**  
**Victor Boştinaru**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8a. ***Notes that EU is aiming to a diversification of energy resources and that Iran is a key player on the international energy market and therefore***

*supports further cooperation with Iran in this field ; encourages Iranian oil and gas exports to Europe and enhancing the cooperation for the development of new technological solutions, renewable energies and energy efficiency;*

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Underlines the potential of an open and safe internet in Iran for the digital economy; reiterates its call for an effective European export controls regime to prevent ***certain*** technologies being misused for human rights violations and against the EU;

*Amendment*

9. Underlines the potential of an open and safe internet in Iran for the digital economy; reiterates its call for an effective European export controls regime to prevent ***dual-use goods and*** technologies being misused for human rights violations and against the EU;

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Klaus Buchner**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. Notes that the effective implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility guidelines is crucial if increased trade relations between the EU and Iran are to have a positive effect on Iranian society as a whole.

*Amendment*

10. Notes that the effective implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility ***and supply-chain due-diligence*** guidelines is crucial if increased trade relations between the EU and Iran are to have a positive effect on Iranian society as a whole.

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**10a. Calls for specific attention for the role of SMEs from Europe and Iran, when strengthening trade relations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Marietje Schaake**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**10b. Underlines the particular need for gender balanced and inclusive growth in Iran; Urges a particular focus on the role of women in Iran who face legal discrimination, as well as European women visiting Iran, given the requirement of wearing religious symbols which can deter women from traveling to Iran;**

Or. en