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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report

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containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, amending the Agreement in order to extend the provisions of the Agreement to bilateral trade in textiles, taking account of the expiry of the bilateral textiles Agreement
(2016/2226(INI))

Amendment 1

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Citation 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Protocol (No 1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union,*

Or. el

Amendment 2

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Citation 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to Protocol (No 2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality,*

Or. el

Amendment 3

Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas in 2013 the Government of Uzbekistan authorised the ILO to monitor

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the cotton harvest, whereas since 2013 the ILO has **annually** undertaken monitoring, initially focused on child labour and later extended to **also cover** forced labour and **decent work**;

the cotton harvest, whereas since 2013 the ILO has undertaken **several** monitoring, initially focused on child labour and later extended to forced labour and **recruitment conditions**;

Or. en

Amendment 4

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. *whereas the final ILO report on the 2016 cotton harvest in Uzbekistan will be available at the end of this year;*

Or. en

Amendment 5

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

G. whereas according to the ILO, awareness of forced labour in Uzbekistan is still at an early stage, **but recent ILO surveys nonetheless show that a vast majority of workers participate voluntarily when invited to pick cotton and that people who refuse to pick cotton are only rarely fined**;

G. whereas according to the ILO, awareness of forced labour in Uzbekistan is still at an early stage,

Or. el

Amendment 6

Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Recital G

Motion for a resolution

G. whereas according to the ILO, awareness of forced labour in Uzbekistan is still at an early stage, but **recent ILO** surveys ***nonetheless show that a vast majority of workers participate voluntarily when invited to pick cotton and that people who refuse to pick cotton are only rarely fined;***

Amendment

G. whereas according to the ILO, awareness of forced labour in Uzbekistan is still at an early stage, but ***nonetheless surveys carried out by the ILO indicate that most workers pick cotton voluntarily and have the possibility to refuse to do so;***

Or. en

Amendment 7

Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the eradication of forced labour is an ongoing process which needs to be supported by the EU and the international community;

Amendment

H. whereas the eradication of forced labour is an ongoing process which needs to be supported by the EU and the international community, ***including with the participation of human rights and labour rights civil society organisations;***

Or. en

Amendment 8

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the **eradication** of forced labour **is** an ongoing process which needs to be supported by the EU and the international community;

Amendment

H. whereas the **abolition** of forced **and child** labour **in Uzbekistan is still** an ongoing process which needs to be **further** supported by the EU and the international community;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Recital H

Motion for a resolution

H. whereas the eradication of forced labour is an ongoing **process** which **needs** to be supported by the EU and the international community;

Amendment

H. whereas the eradication of forced labour is an **objective and requires** ongoing **efforts** which **need** to be supported by the EU and the international community;

Or. el

Amendment 10
Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution
Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the Government of Uzbekistan has **presented various** Action Plans, **has taken measures to raise awareness (including the organisation of round tables), has set up a feedback mechanism in order to eradicate child labour, and is changing the recruitment process in the country for picking cotton;**

Amendment

I. whereas the Government of Uzbekistan has **adopted** Action Plans **to change the recruitment process for picking cotton, and together with employers' organizations and trade unions, promoted awareness raising and developed feedback mechanisms to prevent forced and child labour;**

Amendment 11

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Recital I

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the Government of Uzbekistan has presented various Action Plans, has taken measures to raise awareness (***including the organisation of round tables***), has set up a feedback mechanism in order to eradicate child labour, and is changing the recruitment process in the country for picking cotton;

Amendment

I. whereas the Government of Uzbekistan has presented various Action Plans, has taken measures to raise awareness, has set up a feedback mechanism in order to eradicate child labour, and is changing the recruitment process in the country for picking cotton;

Or. el

Amendment 12

Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Recital J

Motion for a resolution

J. whereas, ***in contrast to the ILO's observations***, NGOs are still reporting breaches of human rights in the country, in particular in the field of the cotton harvest where, according to them, massive forced mobilisation of students and public employees at cotton harvest time is reported, as well as violations of freedom of association and expression;

Amendment

J. whereas NGOs are still reporting breaches of human rights in the country, in particular in the field of the cotton harvest where, according to them, massive forced mobilisation of students and public employees at cotton harvest time is reported, as well as violations of freedom of association and expression, ***in particular arrests and violent harassment and interrogations of citizens reporting on the harvest***;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital J a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ja. whereas the Uzbek authorities have imprisoned thousands people on politically motivated charges to enforce their repressive rules, targeting human rights and opposition activists, journalists, religious believers, artists, and other perceived critics;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital J b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Jb. whereas authorities also regularly persecute and harass human rights defenders and civil society activists and block international rights groups and media outlets from operating in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Recital J c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Jc. *whereas obligations to respect democracy, principles of international law and human rights and the principles of market economy, as defined in Article 2 of the PCA, remain largely unfulfilled by Uzbekistan;*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Godielieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Recital K

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

K. *whereas the sudden death of President Karimov **has given rise to temporary political uncertainty regarding** the continuity of the ongoing process of improving labour conditions in the cotton fields in Uzbekistan;*

K. *whereas the sudden death of President **Islom** Karimov **should not have any impact on** the continuity of the ongoing process of improving labour conditions in the cotton fields in Uzbekistan;*

Or. en

Amendment 17

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

2. ***Welcomes the progress that has been made in Uzbekistan, achieving the almost total eradication of child labour;***

deleted

Or. el

Amendment 18
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Welcomes the progress that has been made in Uzbekistan, achieving the almost total *eradication* of child labour;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the progress that has been made in Uzbekistan, achieving the almost total *abolition* of child *and forced* labour;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Appreciates the fact that the Government of Uzbekistan is also pursuing the eradication of forced labour in cooperation with the ILO, *but realises that this is a complex process, requiring, among other things, reform of employment policies;*

Amendment

3. Appreciates the fact that the Government of Uzbekistan is also pursuing the eradication of forced labour in cooperation with the ILO *and that progress have been made, stresses however that the trend has been irregular and that more indirect and subtle ways of involuntary work seem to prevail;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Appreciates the fact that the Government of Uzbekistan is also pursuing

Amendment

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the eradication of forced labour *in cooperation with the ILO, but realises* that this *is a complex* process, *requiring, among other things*, reform of employment policies;

the eradication of forced labour *and stresses* that this process *requires the* reform of employment policies;

Or. el

Amendment 21
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Appreciates the fact that the Government of Uzbekistan is also pursuing the *eradication* of forced labour in cooperation with the ILO, but realises that this is a complex process, requiring, among other things, reform of employment policies;

Amendment

3. Appreciates the fact that the Government of Uzbekistan is also pursuing the *abolition* of forced labour in cooperation with the ILO, but realises that this is a complex process, requiring, among other things, reform of employment policies;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Klaus Buchner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

3a. Points out that the substantial progress made since 2013 on the question of child labour in Uzbekistan is mainly the result of the diplomatic efforts of the EU and, in particular, of Parliament's resolution of 2011 that put the agreement on hold and led to the active involvement of the ILO and the World Bank;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Is of the opinion that *because of these efforts by the Government of Uzbekistan Parliament should give* consent to the EU-Uzbekistan Textiles Protocol;

Amendment

4. Is of the opinion that *the Parliament should wait for the final ILO report on the 2016 cotton harvest in Uzbekistan to be available before giving* consent to the EU-Uzbekistan Textiles Protocol;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Considers that this changeover period will also give Parliament an overall picture of the political transition process in Uzbekistan;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises that continued *pressure*

Amendment

5. Recognises that continued *dialogue*

on the Government of Uzbekistan *from the Union*, the ILO and the World Bank will still be needed to achieve *this goal*; reserves the right to call on the Commission and the Council to activate Articles 2 and 95 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement so as to take all necessary general and specific measures if the commitment to the abolition of forced labour is not lived up to;

and cooperation between the Government of Uzbekistan, *the EU*, the ILO and the World Bank will still be needed to achieve *the full abolition of child and forced labour in Uzbekistan*; reserves the right to call on the Commission and the Council to activate Articles 2 and 95 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement so as to take all necessary general and specific measures if the commitment to the abolition of *child and* forced labour is not lived up to;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

5. Recognises that continued pressure on the Government of Uzbekistan from the Union, the ILO and the World Bank will still be needed to achieve this goal; reserves the right to call on the Commission and the Council to activate Articles 2 and 95 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement so as to take all necessary general and specific measures if the commitment to the abolition of forced labour is not lived up to;

Amendment

5. Recognises that continued pressure on the Government of Uzbekistan from the Union, the ILO and the World Bank will still be needed to achieve this goal; reserves the right to call on the Commission and the Council to activate Articles 2 and 95 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement so as to take all necessary general and specific measures if the commitment to the abolition of forced labour is not lived up to, *and if there are no democratic reforms and substantial improvement of the human rights situation*;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission and the EU Delegation in Tashkent to contribute through policy dialogue and assistance programmes to structural reform in Uzbekistan, including increased remuneration for cotton pickers, mechanisation, and greater budgetary transparency on revenue from the cotton harvest;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission and the EU Delegation in Tashkent to contribute through policy dialogue and assistance programmes to structural reform in Uzbekistan, including increased remuneration for cotton pickers, mechanisation, and greater budgetary transparency on revenue from the cotton harvest, ***and aimed at weaning off the country from the cotton monoculture and decreasing its dependence on its exports by diversifying the economy, which could gradually alleviate the disastrous environmental situation, with regard, in particular, to what is left of the Aral Sea and its tributaries;***

Or. en

Amendment 28
Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission and the EU Delegation in Tashkent to contribute through policy dialogue and assistance programmes to ***structural reform*** in Uzbekistan, including increased remuneration for cotton pickers, ***mechanisation***, and greater budgetary transparency on revenue from the cotton harvest;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission and the EU Delegation in Tashkent ***also*** to contribute through policy dialogue and assistance programmes to ***better working conditions*** in Uzbekistan, including increased remuneration for cotton pickers and greater budgetary transparency on revenue from the cotton harvest;

Or. el

Amendment 29

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Reiterates *the Union's commitment to further and deepen bilateral relations, which include trade, as well as all areas related to democratic principles*, respect for human and fundamental rights and the rule of law; *calls on the Government of Uzbekistan to create more space for independent civil society*;

Amendment

7. Reiterates *that a promotion and deepening of relations between the European Union and Uzbekistan presuppose* respect for human and fundamental rights and the rule of law;

Or. el

Amendment 30

Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Reiterates the Union's commitment to further and deepen bilateral relations, which include trade, as well as all areas related to democratic principles, respect for human and fundamental rights and the rule of law; calls on the Government of Uzbekistan to create more space for independent civil society;

Amendment

7. Reiterates the Union's commitment to further and deepen bilateral relations, which include trade, as well as all areas related to democratic principles, respect for human and fundamental rights and the rule of law; calls on the Government of Uzbekistan to create more space for independent civil society *and to take more into consideration concerns of Uzbek and international NGOs*;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Reiterates the Union's commitment to further and deepen bilateral relations, which include trade, as well as all areas related to democratic principles, respect for human and fundamental rights and the rule of law; ***calls on*** the Government of Uzbekistan to ***create more space for independent civil society***;

Amendment

7. Reiterates the Union's commitment to further and deepen bilateral relations, which include trade, as well as all areas related to democratic principles, respect for human and fundamental rights and the rule of law; ***urges*** the Government of Uzbekistan to ***meet its commitments under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture***;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to monitor the political transition in Uzbekistan and to provide Parliament regularly with information on this process;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Klaus Buchner

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7b. Calls on the EU High

Representative, the EEAS and EU Member States to use the transition process as an opportunity to immediately put in motion a strategy with the aim of pressing Uzbekistan for concrete, measurable human rights improvements over the coming months; underlines that concrete improvements should include the conditions laid out by EU Foreign Ministers in 2010, which are: 1) releasing all imprisoned human rights defenders and prisoners of conscience; 2) allowing unimpeded operation of non-governmental organisations in the country; 3) cooperating fully with all relevant UN Special Rapporteurs; 4) guaranteeing freedom of speech and the media; 5) ending the practice of forced labour; and 6) fully aligning its election processes with international standards;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Shares the view that the Decent Work Country Programme should be extended beyond 2016 and should be deepened so as to consider the modernisation of the Uzbek economy, employment policy, occupational health and safety and labour inspection, *also taking gender equality into account;*

Amendment

8. Shares the view that the Decent Work Country Programme should be extended beyond 2016 and should be deepened so as to consider the modernisation of the Uzbek economy, employment policy, occupational health and safety and labour inspection, *in this regard welcomes the Uzbek Governmental Decree №909 (dated 16 November 2015) which is aimed to improve labour conditions, employment and social protection of workers in the agricultural sector during 2016-2018;*

Or. en

Amendment 35

Edouard Ferrand, Marine Le Pen, Georg Mayer, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Shares the view that the Decent Work Country Programme should be extended beyond 2016 and should be deepened so as to consider the modernisation of the Uzbek economy, employment policy, occupational health and safety and labour inspection, *also taking gender equality* into account;

Amendment

8. Shares the view that the Decent Work Country Programme should be extended beyond 2016 and should be deepened so as to consider the modernisation of the Uzbek economy, employment policy, occupational health and safety and labour inspection *and the still dramatic water consumption and environmental aspects* into account;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Notis Marias

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Shares the view that the Decent Work Country Programme should be extended beyond 2016 and should be deepened so as to consider the modernisation of the Uzbek economy, employment policy, occupational health and safety and labour inspection, also taking gender equality into account;

Amendment

8. Shares the view that the Decent Work Country Programme should be extended beyond 2016 and should be deepened so as to consider improvements in employment policy, occupational health and safety and labour inspection, also taking gender equality into account;

Or. el

Amendment 37

Edouard Ferrand, Marine Le Pen, Georg Mayer, Franz Obermayr, Matteo Salvini

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to provide Parliament regularly with detailed information on the situation in Uzbekistan, in particular with regard to the eradication of child and forced labour; decides to continue to monitor developments in Uzbekistan and to organise a regular dialogue with the ILO, the Commission, the EEAS and other stakeholders aimed at the total eradication of forced labour in Uzbekistan;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to provide Parliament regularly with detailed information on the situation in Uzbekistan, in particular with regard to the eradication of child and forced labour; ***asks for the creation of a detailed study on the current situation of the abolishment of forced labour in order to support decision-building within the European Parliament and its commissions***; decides to continue to monitor developments in Uzbekistan and to organise a regular dialogue with the ILO, the Commission, the EEAS and other stakeholders aimed at the total eradication of forced labour in Uzbekistan;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Tokia Saïfi

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to provide Parliament regularly with detailed information on the situation in Uzbekistan, in particular with regard to the eradication of child and forced labour; decides to continue to monitor developments in Uzbekistan and to organise a regular dialogue with the ILO, the Commission, the EEAS and other stakeholders aimed at the total eradication of forced labour in Uzbekistan;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to provide Parliament regularly with detailed information on the situation in Uzbekistan, in particular with regard to the eradication of child and forced labour; decides to continue to monitor developments in Uzbekistan and to organise a regular dialogue with the ILO, the Commission, the EEAS and other stakeholders aimed at the total eradication of forced labour ***and child labour*** in Uzbekistan;

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 9

Motion for a resolution

9. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to provide Parliament regularly with detailed information on the situation in Uzbekistan, in particular with regard to the **eradication** of child and forced labour; decides to continue to monitor developments in Uzbekistan and to organise a regular dialogue with the ILO, the Commission, the EEAS and other stakeholders aimed at the total **eradication of** forced labour in Uzbekistan;

Amendment

9. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to provide Parliament regularly with detailed information on the situation in Uzbekistan, in particular with regard to the **abolition** of child and forced labour; decides to continue to monitor developments in Uzbekistan and to organise a regular dialogue with the ILO, the Commission, the EEAS and other stakeholders aimed at the total **abolition of child and** forced labour in Uzbekistan;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Daniel Caspary

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to **submit to Parliament a legislative proposal** for an effective traceability mechanism in the garment sector;

Amendment

11. ***In view of the "EU flagship initiative on responsible management of the supply chain in the garment sector"***, calls on the Commission to ***analyse feasible solutions*** for an effective traceability mechanism in the garment sector;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament *a legislative proposal for an effective traceability mechanism in the garment sector*;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament *as soon as possible a proposal for an EU Garment Initiative*;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Maria Arena, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Emmanuel Maurel, David Martin, Joachim Schuster

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament a legislative proposal for an effective *traceability mechanism* in the garment sector;

Amendment

11. Calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament a legislative proposal for an effective *supply chain transparency* in the garment sector;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Tokia Saïfi, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Calls on the Commission to submit the EU Garment Initiative as soon as possible; notes that in 2013 the Commission launched the Sustainability Compact with Bangladesh, the ILO and the USA, and stresses that this type of initiative can serve as a basis for devising new actions, in partnership with third countries, in order to pursue the objectives of improving working conditions, health and safety at work in the garment sector in third countries;

