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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**  
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on the annual report on EU competition policy  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Sorin Moisă, Alessia Maria Mosca**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that fair competition in the area of trade, services and investment has a positive impact on the social and economic development *of Member States and of the EU's trade partners*;

*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that fair competition in the area of trade, services and investment has a positive impact on the social and economic development *for the EU and the EU's trade partners; calls upon the Commission and the Council to swiftly pursue their work on the modernisation of the trade defence instruments, which are needed to secure fair competition in the EU market and takes the view that trade agreements should systematically address the challenge of unfair trade practices by third countries such as those subsidies favouring particular interest groups at the expense of the common good, government interference and other anti-competitive practices*;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Michel Dantin, Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that fair competition in the area of trade, services and investment has a positive impact on the social and economic development of Member States and of the EU's trade partners;

*Amendment*

1. Emphasises that fair competition in the area of trade, services and investment has a positive impact on the social and economic development of Member States and of the EU's trade partners; *emphasises, however, the sensitive nature of the agricultural sectors and the need to take clear, effective steps to help producers stay competitive on the international markets and safeguard a European*

*production model based on respect for the environment and animals, food safety and quality and maintaining a balance between regions;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Daniel Caspary**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Emphasises that fair competition in the area of trade, services and investment has a positive impact on the social and economic development of Member States and of the EU's trade partners;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Michel Dantin, Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Calls on the Commission to work together with trade partners with a view to ensuring that their markets are more open to EU firms, particularly as regards energy, transport, telecommunications, public procurement and services, including services provided in the context of exercising regulated professions;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on the Commission to work together with trade partners with a view to ensuring that their markets are more open to EU firms, particularly as regards energy, transport, telecommunications, public procurement and services, including services provided in the context of exercising regulated professions; ***points out, however, that the agricultural sector should not be used as a bargaining chip in the EU's trade negotiations;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 5**  
**Sorin Moisă, Alessia Maria Mosca**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls on the Commission to include ambitious provisions on competition **and state aid in all trade agreements** and to carry out effective monitoring to ascertain whether those provisions are properly respected by the parties;

*Amendment*

3. Calls on the Commission to include, ***in all trade agreements***, ambitious provisions on competition; ***to address the risk that the provisions ensuring market access and non-discrimination for EU operators in third countries are undermined by anti-competitive practices of state owned enterprises of the same third countries***; and to carry out effective monitoring to ascertain whether those provisions are properly respected by the parties;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Adam Szejnfeld**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls on the Commission to include ambitious provisions on competition and state aid in all trade agreements and to carry out effective monitoring to ascertain whether those provisions are properly respected by the parties;

*Amendment*

3. Calls on the Commission to include ambitious provisions on competition and state aid in all trade agreements and to carry out effective monitoring to ascertain whether those provisions are properly respected by the parties; ***stresses that state aid should be permitted only in exceptional, justified cases that are regulated by law in order to prevent distortion of competition on the market***;

Or. pl

**Amendment 7**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls on the Commission to **include** ambitious **provisions** on competition and state aid in all **trade agreements** and to carry out effective monitoring to ascertain whether those **provisions** are **properly respected by the parties**;

*Amendment*

3. Calls on the Commission to **adopt** ambitious **strategies** on competition and state aid in all **Member States** and to carry out effective monitoring to ascertain whether those **strategies** are **being implemented**;

Or. el

**Amendment 8**  
**Daniel Caspary**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls on the Commission to include ambitious provisions on competition and state aid in all trade agreements and to carry out effective monitoring to ascertain whether those provisions are properly respected by the parties;

*Amendment*

*(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. de

**Amendment 9**  
**Sander Loones**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Encourages the Commission to conclude bilateral cooperation agreements with third countries on the enforcement of competition rules, along**

*the lines of the second-generation cooperation agreement of 2013 between the EU and Switzerland;*

Or. nl

**Amendment 10**  
**Sander Loones**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the Commission's active participation in multilateral competition organisations such as the International Competition Network, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the UN Conference for Trade and Development, and the World Trade Organization;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes the Commission's active participation in multilateral competition organisations such as the International Competition Network, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the UN Conference for Trade and Development, and the World Trade Organization; *stresses that global cooperation on the enforcement of competition rules helps resolve inconsistencies and improve the outcomes of enforcement, and helps businesses to reduce their compliance costs;*

Or. nl

**Amendment 11**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. *Welcomes* the Commission's *active* participation in multilateral competition organisations such as the International Competition Network, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the UN Conference for Trade and Development, and the World Trade Organization;

*Amendment*

6. *Notes* the Commission's participation in multilateral competition organisations such as the International Competition Network, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the UN Conference for Trade and Development, and the World Trade Organization, *and stresses the need to*

*strengthen the economies of southern European Member States through such participation;*

Or. el

**Amendment 12**  
**Michel Dantin, Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6a. Welcomes the fact that the WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi brought progress in the efforts to reduce export subsidies in order to guarantee undistorted competition on international agricultural markets; takes the view, nonetheless, that the European Union should make fewer unilateral concessions in multilateral negotiations in order to safeguard its competitiveness on international markets;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 13**  
**Michel Dantin, Franck Proust, Tokia Saïfi**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*6b. Points out that the most recent common agricultural policy reforms represented the EU's contribution to the overhaul of the international trading system; takes the view that the EU, unlike its international competitors, does not exploit the full margin for manoeuvre available to it to support its domestic farming industry, in particular the blue*

*box or the ‘de minimis’ clause in the amber box provided for under the WTO agreements;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 14**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Calls on the Commission to support efforts to set up a comprehensive, user-friendly database containing provisions on competition *collated from free trade agreements*, which could be run by the WTO secretariat;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission to support efforts to set up a comprehensive, user-friendly database containing provisions on competition, which could be run by the WTO secretariat;

Or. el

**Amendment 15**  
**Sorin Moisă, Alessia Maria Mosca**

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Reiterates that equal access to natural resources, including energy sources, has a fundamental impact on fair and equal competition on the global market.

*Amendment*

8. Reiterates that equal access to natural resources, including energy sources, has a fundamental impact on fair and equal competition on the global market *and calls upon the Commission to include in trade agreements provisions that improve access to such resources, including provisions on anti-competitive practices of state-owned enterprises and on non-discrimination and transit.*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Notis Marias**

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Reiterates that equal access to natural resources, including energy sources, has a fundamental impact on fair and equal competition on the global market.

*Amendment*

8. Reiterates that equal access to natural resources, including energy sources, has a fundamental impact on fair and equal competition on the global market ***and the economy of EU Member States.***

Or. el