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AMENDMENT 1 - 107

Draft opinion
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EU flagship initiative on the garment sector
(2016/2140(INI))

Amendment 1
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas 60 million people worldwide work in the textile and clothing sector and the sector creates many jobs, particularly in developing countries;

Or. de

Amendment 2
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ab. whereas this industry is particularly closely intertwined internationally and supply chains are therefore particularly complex and as a result isolated national initiatives quickly reach their limits;

Or. de

Amendment 3
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ac. whereas textile manufacturers in developing countries are constantly exposed to aggressive purchasing practices by the international wholesale

and retail trade, which is also due to fierce global competition;

Or. de

Amendment 4
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Recital A d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ad. whereas the scope for entrepreneurial influence is limited, in particular in performing the tasks of sovereign States, but the governments of the producing countries should rather create the economic and legal framework conditions in order thereby to carry out their control functions;

Or. de

Amendment 5
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Recital A e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ae. whereas international treaties are an essential part of combating labour and social protection abuses in third countries and companies are required to base their entrepreneurial activities on these principles;

Or. de

Amendment 6
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei,

Agnes Jongerius, Siôn Simon, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Believes that the responsible management of the global supply chain in the garment sector can contribute to economic growth, decent job creation, poverty reduction, the strengthening of human and labour rights as well as to the transition from the informal to the formal economy; however, failures in the supply chain can contribute to decent work deficits for working conditions such as in the areas of occupational safety and health, wages, working time; is concerned that those decent work deficits are pronounced in a significant number of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) linked to global support chains, where, with the aim to attract investment and to create jobs, there are exemptions from labour laws and taxes, as well as restrictions on trade union activities and collective bargaining;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Siôn Simon, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Notes that the garment industry is one of the most precarious for workers both within and outside Europe; calls on the flagship initiative, therefore, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those

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most vulnerable to exploitation;

most vulnerable to exploitation, *especially children; in this sense, considers it vital to guarantee the ratification and implementation of ILO conventions 182 on worst forms of child labour and 138 on the minimum age for admission to employment and work; calls on the Commission to learn from the experience of the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) and The Global Alliance to Eradicate Forced Labour, Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Child Labour;*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Notes that the garment industry is one of the most precarious for workers both within and outside Europe; calls on the flagship initiative, therefore, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable to exploitation;

Amendment

1. Notes that the garment industry is one of the most precarious for workers both within and outside Europe; calls on the flagship initiative, therefore, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable to exploitation; *highlights the importance of a gender-specific approach considering the high rate of female employment in the industry;*

Or. en

Amendment 9
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the garment industry is one of the most precarious for workers both within and outside Europe; calls on the flagship initiative, **therefore**, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable to exploitation;

Amendment

1. Notes that the garment industry is one of the most precarious for workers both within and outside Europe; calls on the flagship initiative to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions, **the ILO tripartite declaration of principles concerning multinational enterprises and social policy** and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable **and exposed** to exploitation;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Sven Schulze

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the garment industry **is one of the most precarious for workers both within and outside Europe**; calls on the flagship initiative, therefore, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable to exploitation;

Amendment

1. Notes that **there are inadequate working conditions in** the garment industry **both within and particularly outside Europe, particularly as regards protection of the health and safety of workers**; calls on the flagship initiative, therefore, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable to exploitation;

Or. de

Amendment 11

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that *the garment industry is one of the most precarious for workers both within and outside Europe*; calls on the flagship initiative, therefore, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable to exploitation;

Amendment

1. Notes that *there are many cases of precarious forms of work in the garment industry both within and outside Europe*; calls on the flagship initiative, therefore, to put ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda at its core, with particular focus on those most vulnerable to exploitation;

Or. hr

Amendment 12

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Silvia Costa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to provide incentives for enterprises to enter into CSR commitments and an obligation of diligence for enterprises and groups of enterprises, i.e. an obligation to take proactive measures to identify and prevent any violation of human or environmental rights, corruption or tax evasion, including in their subsidiaries and supply chains, to be included in EU flagship initiative on the garment sector;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that globalisation has forced the garment sector to relocate to countries with low pay and low standards of worker protection, thereby causing restructuring in the garment industry in Europe and the loss of tens of thousands of jobs;

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that ratification and implementation of ILO conventions and the Decent Work Agenda must be a binding clause in both bilateral and multilateral trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that the garment industry creates jobs for a wide range of skillsets, from low-skilled workers to highly specialised roles;

Or. sk

Amendment 16

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Silvia Costa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Points out the need to provide for the garment sector a notion of CSR including new areas such as the organisation of work, equal opportunities and social inclusion, anti-discrimination measures, the development of lifelong education and training; emphasises that CSR should cover, for example, quality of work, equal pay and career prospects and the promotion of innovative projects so as to assist the shift towards a sustainable economy;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. *Notes* that voluntary initiatives ***are*** not adequately ***addressing issues such as*** health and safety, wages, social security ***and working time;***

2. ***Stresses*** that voluntary initiatives ***do*** not adequately ***ensure respect for fundamental labour rights, including*** health and safety, wages, social security, ***working time, freedom of association and collective bargaining and have proven large ineffective in the fight against forced and child labour; stresses the need for legally-binding action, which should set ratification and implementation of ILO Conventions and the Decent Work agenda as minimum standards, with sanctions for those retail sellers that fail to ensure respect for those rights along the supply chain and support for developing countries in the application of***

those standards; highlights the importance of grievance mechanisms in identifying labour right violations in the supply chain;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Siôn Simon, Arne Lietz

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2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time; ***therefore believes that any initiative should go beyond compliance and responsible management supply chains and support the capacities of public authorities including the strengthening of labour administration and labour inspection systems as well as ensuring that national laws and regulations are in conformity with ILO Core Conventions. Action undertaken should also strengthen Minimum Wage setting mechanisms in accordance with relevant ILO conventions***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

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2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as

health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

health and safety, wages, social security and working time; ***stresses, however, that these voluntary initiatives should be paid for by the companies (both subcontractors and contractors) and States concerned;***

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Jérôme Lavrilleux

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time ***and cannot therefore guarantee at present EU citizens decent work and well-being at work;***

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. ***Notes that*** voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security ***and*** working time;

Amendment

2. ***Emphasizes the need to move beyond*** voluntary initiatives, ***as they*** are not adequately addressing issues such as ***child labour***, health and safety, wages, social security, working time ***and integration of people with disability;***

Or. en

Amendment 22
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time, ***therefore the possibility to use regulatory measures should be investigated***;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives ***are not adequately*** addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives ***by the textile industry make an important and effective contribution on the ground in*** addressing issues such as health and safety, ***living*** wages, social security and working time;

Or. de

Amendment 24
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing ***workers' protection, freedom of association and***

and working time;

issues such as health and safety, wages,
social security and working time;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Amendment

2. Notes that *in many cases* voluntary initiatives are not adequately addressing issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Or. hr

Amendment 26

Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives *are not adequately addressing issues such as* health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives *make a welcome contribution to improving* health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Or. sk

Amendment 27

Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives ***are not adequately addressing*** issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Amendment

2. Notes that voluntary initiatives ***alone cannot fully address*** issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses that governments of the producing countries must be able to implement international standards and relevant legislation, as they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and improvement efforts to be pursued under the flagship initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Proposes the creation of a uniform EU-wide label for 'fair clothing', modelled on the EU eco-label, to support existing initiatives and assist better informed customers in their purchasing decisions;

Or. de

Amendment 30

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Siôn Simon, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and women's empowerment;

Amendment

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and women's empowerment, ***since women represent a large share of the workforce in the global supply chain of the garment sector; therefore believes that the initiative should actively promote non-discrimination and gender equality including remuneration along the lines provided for by ILO conventions 100 and 111;***

Or. en

Amendment 31

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and women's empowerment;

Amendment

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and women's empowerment; ***points out however that a large number of European women are currently untrained and unemployed, and that taking care of its fellow citizens should be the EU's priority;***

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which *contributes* to economic and social development and women's empowerment;

Amendment

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training *and lifelong learning*, which *contribute* to economic and social development and women's empowerment; *encourages the EU to use initiatives to promote the education of workers in the field of labour rights, as well as to raise awareness of legal assistance mechanisms for when those rights are violated;*

Or. hr

Amendment 33
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and *women's empowerment;*

Amendment

3. Encourages the EU initiative *on the garment sector* to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and *encourages all initiatives to focus on raising awareness of core labour rights and on training workers and employers about social dialogue and collective bargaining;*

Or. en

Amendment 34
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and women's empowerment;

Amendment

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training, ***including training as micro-entrepreneurs***, which contributes to economic and social development and women's empowerment;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and women's ***empowerment***;

Amendment

3. Encourages the EU initiative to promote skills training which contributes to economic and social development and ***the enhancement of women's role in the societies of third countries***;

Or. de

Amendment 36
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Underlines that the abovementioned initiative should contribute to the empowerment of women, who comprise the majority of the garment workforce and yet are overwhelmingly underrepresented in higher skilled and management positions; recognises that this would improve economic development and women's social empowerment, which would benefit the wider family and

society;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Believes the current flagship initiative does not go far enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment

deleted

Or. fr

Amendment 38

Marian Harkin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Believes the current flagship initiative *does not go far enough in improving* the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment

4. Welcomes the Commission's proposed objectives of better collaboration between stakeholders, awareness raising among European consumers, supporting developing countries to endorse and implement international labour and environmental standards, and fostering companies' responsible management and transparency of supply chains; believes the current flagship initiative *can go further to improve* the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment 39
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. **Believes** the current flagship initiative does not go far enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment

4. **Considers** the current flagship initiative, **as presented by the Commission**, does not go far enough in improving the garment sector **and notes that the preliminary findings of a Commission study on garment supply chains identified gender equality, workers' rights, environment and supply chain transparency as the main gaps**; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy **and to put forward concrete proposals to address these gaps**;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Believes the **current flagship initiative** does not go far enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment

4. Believes the **conference report on the High-level Conference on Responsible Management of the Supply Chain in the Garment Sector from 25 April 2016** does not go far enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment 41
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. **Believes** the current flagship initiative does not go far enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment

4. **Regrets that** the current flagship initiative does not go far enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Believes the current flagship initiative **does not go far** enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Amendment

4. Believes the current flagship initiative **is not targeted** enough in improving the garment sector; calls on the Commission to release as a matter of urgency the report it commissioned identifying gaps in current policy;

Or. de

Amendment 43
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges the Commission to present, as soon as possible, the EU flagship initiative on responsible management of the supply chain in the garment sector, promised as part of the European Year for Development 2015, which should take into account existing national initiatives such as those in Germany or the Netherlands; believes the EU has the ability and duty to be a global supporter of supply chain responsibility in response to the tragic events like the Rana Plaza collapse, in Bangladesh, and unprecedented interest of EU citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Welcomes and supports initiatives from the voluntary sector which require participating suppliers to adopt an ecological, ethical and sustainable approach;

Or. sk

Amendment 45
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Believes that access to information in the garment sector is often the most important obstacle to tackling human and social and labour rights violations in the global supply chain and that a mandatory reporting system is needed which provides information linking all the actors within the value chain of a single product, from the production place to the retailers; considers that new EU legislation is necessary to create a legal obligation of due diligence for EU companies outsourcing production to third countries, including measures to secure traceability and transparency, in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;*

Or. en

Amendment 46

Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Calls on the Member States to support voluntary initiatives from suppliers aimed at improving working conditions for workers in the textile industry and the sustainability of textile production;*

Or. sk

Amendment 47

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. *Believes that any action resulting from the flagship initiative should help foster multi-stakeholder initiatives such as the ILO/IFC Better Work Programme which combines a tripartite approach with factory compliance and the creation of worker-management dialogue at national level or ACCORD, created in Bangladesh, which is legally binding, includes trade unions and foresees not only inspections of factories but also remediation;*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. *Calls on the Commission to issue a report that maps current initiatives and their contribution to improving conditions for workers in the garment industry;*

Or. sk

Amendment 49
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Siôn Simon, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Stresses that trade unions must be able to operate independently and freely to

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promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining; ***in this sense the actions resulting from the Garment Initiative should promote social dialogue and collective bargaining at all levels (local, national and international) paying special attention to the ratification and implementation of ILO conventions 87 and 98 on freedom of association and collective bargaining. Workers' representatives should be included in the due diligence process set-up at the company level;***

Or. en

Amendment 50
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Stresses that trade unions must be able to operate independently and freely to promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

Amendment

5. Stresses that trade unions must be able to operate independently and freely to promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining; ***underlines the fundamental right of workers to freedom of association, collective bargaining and industrial action;***

Or. en

Amendment 51
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses *that* trade unions *must be able* to operate independently and freely to *promote and protect workers' rights*, particularly *health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue* and collective bargaining;

Amendment

5. Stresses *the need to promote the existence of employers' organisations and trade unions and to enable them* to operate independently and freely *in order to ensure the introduction of a collective bargaining agreement system which allows workers' rights, particularly in the area of the protection of health and safety at work* and collective bargaining *in a social dialogue*;

Or. de

Amendment 52
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that trade unions must be able to operate independently and freely to promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

Amendment

5. Stresses that trade unions must be able to operate independently and freely to promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, *with access to factories to educate workers on their rights and their safety* and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that *trade unions* must be able to operate independently and freely to

Amendment

5. Stresses that *independent and representative workers' organisations*

promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

must be able to operate independently and freely to promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses that trade unions must be able to operate independently and freely to promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

Amendment

5. Stresses that trade unions must be able to operate independently and freely *within their competences* to promote and protect workers' rights, particularly health and safety, and that they are a necessary partner in social dialogue and collective bargaining;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Silvia Costa, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Believes that compliance with applicable law and collective labour agreements is a sine qua non of corporate social responsibility; also believes that socially responsible behaviour must of necessity translate into proper relations with trade unions, in particular respect for trade union rights, a continuous flow of information to workers and their representative organisations, and their involvement in company decision-taking;

Amendment 56
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses also the need to strengthen the capacity building of rule-of-law structures in the producing countries, which should be consistently promoted and required within the framework of European development and foreign policy;

Or. de

Amendment 57
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Believes health and safety for all workers should be ensured through factory-level Occupational Safety and Health policies and action plans drawn up in writing with the involvement of workers;

6. Believes health and safety **protection** for all workers should be ensured through **international standards, national law implementation and collective bargaining, including at a factory level, and through** factory-level Occupational Safety and Health policies and action plans drawn up in writing, **implemented and monitored** with the involvement of workers;

Or. en

Amendment 58
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Believes health and safety for all workers should be ensured through factory-level Occupational Safety and Health policies and action plans drawn up in writing with the involvement of *workers*;

Amendment

6. Believes health and safety for all workers should be ensured through factory-level Occupational Safety and Health policies and action plans drawn up in writing with the involvement of *workers' representatives*;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinationals, enterprises are accountable in their supply chain;
notes also that enterprises should develop procedures that enable them to identify and mitigate the impact of their entrepreneurial activities on human rights and working conditions wherever European enterprises, which are often only contractors in producing countries, are able to do so; calls on the Commission to act to provide assistance in this area;
stresses in this context the need to set different standards for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) owing to their relatively scarcer financial and human resources than for multinational corporations; stresses that the different size and performance of textile enterprises stand in the way of introducing a binding legal obligation of due diligence;

Amendment 60

Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recognises existing efforts on management and worker training in health and safety, labour law and gender equality as fundamental to improving workers' rights, *and calls on the flagship initiative to develop a dedicated platform for sharing best practice on management/worker training;*

Amendment

7. Recognises existing efforts on management and worker training in health and safety, labour law and gender equality as fundamental to improving workers' rights;

Or. fr

Amendment 61

Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recognises existing efforts on management and worker training in health and safety, labour law and gender equality as fundamental to improving workers' rights, and calls on the flagship initiative to develop a dedicated platform for sharing best practice on *management/worker* training;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 62

Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. *Notes the importance of increasing gender balance in management positions as the predominance of men at the management level is one reason behind the high rate of sexual harassment experienced by women workers;*

Or. en

Amendment 63
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Notes that price is *still the determining* factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, *often at the expense of* workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to *develop* a *fair and stable pricing mechanism which guarantees* that *a decent proportion of sales revenue is paid* to the worker in the *form of a living wage*;

8. Notes that price is *an important* factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers *and can have an impact on* workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to *promote a successful social partnership in the producing countries so that sales' proceeds are distributed as far as possible* to the workers in *order to meet the basic needs of workers and their families*;

notes that neither an internationally recognised definition nor a uniform calculation method for living wages exists so far;

stresses, therefore, the need for collective bargaining agreements to prevent negative wage cost competition;

Or. de

Amendment 64
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to develop a fair and stable pricing mechanism which guarantees that a *decent proportion of sales revenue is paid to the worker in the form of a living wage*;

Amendment

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to develop **and implement** a fair and stable pricing mechanism which guarantees that a **workers earn a living wage; stresses the importance of compulsory minimum wage-setting procedures, which should guarantee a decent living; highlights the importance to regulate also piece-rate mechanisms, so as to ensure that workers can earn a decent wage without working over-time**;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to develop a fair and stable pricing mechanism which guarantees that a decent proportion of sales revenue is paid to the worker in the form of a living wage;

Amendment

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare **and decent wages**; calls for the EU to work with **all relevant** stakeholders to develop a fair and stable pricing mechanism which guarantees that a decent proportion of sales revenue is paid to the worker in the form of a living wage, **and to raise consumer awareness of the potential consequences of a demand for ever-lower prices**;

Amendment 66
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to *develop a fair and stable pricing mechanism which guarantees that a decent proportion of sales revenue is paid to the worker in the form of a living wage*;

Amendment

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to *enforce existing law and to make sure that workers are paid at least minimum wages or at least a living wage especially in third countries where there is lack of adequate legislation*;

Or. en

Amendment 67
Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; *calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to develop a fair and stable pricing mechanism which guarantees that a decent proportion of sales revenue is paid to the worker in the form of a living wage*;

Amendment

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; *stresses that introducing national preference in procurement, as well as better information on the origin of goods could raise consumers' awareness and encourage them to make their choice on the basis of production conditions and quality of the goods*;

Or. fr

Amendment 68
Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to develop a fair and stable **pricing** mechanism which guarantees **that a decent proportion of sales revenue is paid to the worker** in the form of a living wage;

Amendment

8. Notes that price is still the determining factor in the buying practices of brands and retailers, often at the expense of workers' welfare; calls for the EU to work with stakeholders to develop a fair and stable mechanism which guarantees **the regular payment of workers' salaries** in the form of a living wage;

Or. hr

Amendment 69
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Emphasises the positive influence trade agreements may have on workers' labour conditions and encourages the EU to include provisions in its trade agreements for improving the lives of persons working in manufacturing;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. *Calls for the EU and national States to do everything within their power to completely eliminate the importation into the European single market of garments produced by child labour;*

Or. de

Amendment 71
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. *Calls for more awareness-raising among European consumers regarding the production of textile products, for the initiation of consumer awareness through product labelling and for the promotion of traceability and due diligence mechanisms;*

Or. en

Amendment 72
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. *Encourages the EU to support developing countries in the adoption and implementation of international standards and conventions;*

Or. en

Amendment 73
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Emphasises the importance of independent labour inspections in early warning and prevention, yet notes that *factors such as audit fatigue* can undermine their effectiveness; recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections, such as sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the importance of independent labour inspections in early warning and prevention, yet notes that *audits reflecting only the current state of affairs at the time they are conducted* can undermine their effectiveness; recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections, such as sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

stresses, in this connection, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinationals, which determine the accountability of enterprises along their supply chain;

Or. de

Amendment 74
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

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countries with corruption issues;

the EU to support, both financially and technically, the development of labour inspectorates in developing countries in line with relevant ILO standards;

Or. en

Amendment 75
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Emphasises the importance of independent labour inspections in early warning and prevention, yet notes that factors such as audit fatigue can undermine their effectiveness; recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections, such as sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the importance of independent labour inspections in early warning and prevention, *as well as in enforcement of national rules and regulations of safety and health at the workplace*, yet notes that factors such as audit fatigue can undermine their effectiveness; recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections, such as *converging audit standards and methods and* sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 77

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. ***Emphasises the importance of*** independent labour inspections ***in*** early warning and prevention, yet notes that factors such as audit fatigue can undermine their effectiveness; recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections, such as sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

Amendment

9. ***Stress that*** independent labour inspections ***are essential for*** early warning and prevention, yet notes that factors such as audit fatigue can undermine their effectiveness; ***believes that the ratification and implementation of ILO convention 181 is key to detect the abuses;*** recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections, such as sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

Or. en

Amendment 78

Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Emphasises the importance of independent labour inspections in early warning and prevention, yet notes that factors such as audit fatigue can undermine their effectiveness; recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections, such as sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the importance of independent labour inspections in early warning and prevention, yet notes that factors such as audit fatigue can undermine their effectiveness; recommends further research on ways of improving audits and inspections *in producer countries*, such as sending different labour inspectors each time, which can lead to more stringent standards, especially in countries with corruption issues;

Or. fr

Amendment 79

Jean Lambert

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Notes that since the rise of social auditing in the apparel and footwear supply chain more than twenty years ago, the number of social audit standards and methods has increased dramatically, some with only minor differences. With brands and retailers each applying their own slightly different standards, manufacturers are allocating valuable resources to manage a steady stream of audits; therefore recommends accelerating and supporting existing industry efforts to converge audit standards and methods in consultation with stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 80

Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Emphasises the importance of training new labour inspectors to international conventions and standards, local labour laws and appropriate inspection techniques;

Or. en

Amendment 81
Marian Harkin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; ***believes, however, that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory*** due diligence ***and*** supply chain ***transparency***; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; ***considers that new EU legislation is necessary to create a legal obligation of corporate Human Rights*** due diligence ***for EU garment companies outsourcing production to third countries, including binding measures to secure traceability and transparency, which would oblige companies wishing to operate on the European market to provide information about the entire*** supply chain ***of their products***; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Amendment

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, ***including all sub-contractors in the formal and informal economy***, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available; ***calls for a common framework for the collection of data on social, environmental and labour performance***;

Or. en

Amendment 83

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. ***Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency; recommends that regulation*** should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Amendment

10. ***Recommends that regulation containing these recommendations*** should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives ***at national, European and international level***, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Amendment 84
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, **and** commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, **however**, that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Amendment

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain **with the implementation, among others, of an information system using a public online database linking the actors along the supply chain to provide the needed traceability**; commends existing efforts to this effect; believes that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Or. en

Amendment 85
Sven Schulze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the EU is **best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory** due diligence and supply chain transparency; recommends that **regulation**

Amendment

10. Believes that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the EU is **the appropriate level for supporting and further developing the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for**

should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Multinationals with regard to due diligence and supply chain transparency ***as part of global initiatives of the OECD, G 7 and G 20***; recommends that ***guidelines*** should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, and that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Or. de

Amendment 86
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. ***Believes*** that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation ***on*** mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, ***and that*** information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available.

Amendment

10. ***Stresses*** that responsibility should extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the EU is best placed to develop a common framework through legislation ***establishing*** mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency ***and traceability***; recommends that regulation should come in addition to and in support of voluntary initiatives, ***which should involve local and global unions and be both transparent and enforceable; calls for*** information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available;

Or. en

Amendment 87
Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

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extend throughout the entire supply chain, and commends existing efforts to this effect; believes, however, that the *Member States are* best placed to develop a common framework through legislation on mandatory due diligence and supply chain transparency, *and with this in mind, encourages Member States to step up cooperation*; recommends that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available;

Or. fr

Amendment 88

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Believes that consumers play a key role in corporate social responsibility, as demonstrated by the Rana Plaza collapse; stresses that greater information on where products originate and the conditions in which they are produced play a key role in assuring decent working conditions in the global supply chain of the garment sector; calls on the Commission to present a proposal for harmonisation of CSR requirements, including a mandatory framework for social reporting and for companies and managers to take responsibility for the consequences of abuses or misdemeanours, and setting a framework for European agreements on CSR;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Calls on the Commission, notably its DG Justice, to put forward proposals for better facilitating the access to justice in the EU Courts for the most extreme, egregious cases of human or labour rights violations by European-based businesses or their subsidiaries, subcontractors or business partners, as recommended by the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Business and Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Agnes Jongerius

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Stresses that working conditions in the garment industry within some European Union Member States have also repeatedly been found to be precarious on issues such as health and safety, wages, social security and working time; asks therefore that the flagship initiative should also be implemented at an intra-EU level and that inspections are duly carried out and sanctions enforced.

Or. en

Amendment 91
Jean Lambert

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. *Recalls that traceability and transparency of the supply chain is key to achieving sustained change; calls for consumers to be provided with trustworthy and clear information about the extent to which workers' rights, in particular their right to free association, have been respected and about sustainability;*

Or. en

Amendment 92
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. *Calls on efficient and well-targeted initiatives which will improve the situation in the garment sector in Member States, make it more competitive and innovative in order to boost employment;*

Or. en

Amendment 93
Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. *Encourages Member States to create incentives to boost production in Europe, where labour standards are high;*

Or. fr

Amendment 94
Tiziana Beghin, Laura Agea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Believes that the new Flagship Initiative should bear in mind the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Or. en

Amendment 95
Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Stresses the importance of informing consumers about possibilities for recycling textiles and sustainability in the garment sector;

Or. sk

Amendment 96
Elena Gentile, Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Silvia Costa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Considers that the lack of respect for international social standards in the garment sector represents a kind of social and environmental dumping harming both businesses and workers; points out

that the lacking observance of strict environmental provisions by European businesses in the third countries must be put on the same footing of the observance of workers' rights, as such a lack jeopardises the health of workers and destroys rural and fishing areas depriving local population of any development chance;

Or. en

Amendment 97

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. Welcomes the existence of Sustainable Development Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns and calls on the Commission to streamline it in all its initiatives regarding the garment sector; in this sense, and taking into account the experience of the "child labour free" label calls on the creation of a "fair working conditions" label which assures these working standards and whose access requirements are guaranteed to both multinational companies and SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 98

Jean Lambert

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. *Congratulates the Commission on contributing to the Zero Vision Fund, and encourages continuing investment into improving workers' safety, however notes that the fund and the majority of existing initiatives do not adequately address the issue of fair wages, the right to organise or discrimination in the workplace;*

Or. en

Amendment 99
Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. *Condemns all instances of child labour and stresses, in this connection, the importance of registers of responsible suppliers; condemns and draws attention to the practice of abusing subcontractors through inferior and unlawful labour standards;*

Or. sk

Amendment 100
Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. *Calls on the Commission to publish the report it commissioned on the rules, regulations and laws already present in this field at EU level;*

Amendment 101
Danuta Jazłowiecka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10b. *Calls for national and European initiatives to encourage consumers to buy products made locally;*

Or. en

Amendment 102
Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. *Notes that the Everything But Arms (EBA) initiative has played an important role in the economic development of many countries related to the garment sector and has contributed to improving material conditions for millions of people, in particular women; is convinced, however, that without a sound conditionality in the area of human and labour rights, EBA and the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) risk exacerbating low standards in worker protection and undermining decent work; calls on the Commission to strengthen human rights, labour and environmental conventions under the GSP; stresses that countries that make good progress in social and labour standards should be rewarded by preserving full market access for their products;*

Amendment 103

Jean Lambert

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. Notes the particular situation of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) which, in some countries, are exempt from local labour laws, forbid union activity, and do not provide legal redress to workers which raises questions as to their compliance with ILO standards; calls for greater transparency in EPZs through monitoring and reporting;

Or. en

Amendment 104

Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion

Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. Stresses the importance of a garment industry founded on innovations and higher added-value products in the Member States; calls on the Commission to provide financial support and to simplify financing under EU programmes for SMEs in the garment industry, as well as to support material research;

Or. sk

Amendment 105

Dominique Martin, Mara Bizzotto, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10c. Recommends that information gathered as a result of EU action should be publicly available; asks the Commission to provide the European Parliament with a regular report on progress in implementing the initiative and the results achieved.

Or. fr

Amendment 106

Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto, Javi López, Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato, Brando Benifei, Agnes Jongerius, Siôn Simon, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10d. Encourages the European Commission to continue to include the ratification of core ILO standards, health and safety inspection and freedom of association in discussions with countries linked to the global supply chain on the garment sector on continued preferential trade;

Or. en

Amendment 107
Jana Žitňanská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10d. Supports SMEs in the Member States that make a significant contribution to preserving and enhancing

*European cultural heritage in the
garment industry;*

Or. sk