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AMENDMENTS

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Gender Equality in EU Trade Agreements
(2017/2015(INI))

Amendment 1
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5; whereas trade and trade liberalisation have **very** different impacts on women and men, ***which can result in fundamental shifts in gender roles, relationships and inequalities;***

Amendment

A. whereas the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5; whereas trade and trade liberalisation ***can*** have different impacts on women and men;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

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Recital A

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Amendment

A. whereas the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is ***not only mainstreamed across all the*** United Nations' Sustainable Development ***Goals (SDG) but is also a standalone goal;*** whereas trade and trade liberalisation have very different impacts on women and men, which can result in fundamental shifts in gender roles, relationships and inequalities;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Charles Goerens, Thierry Cornillet

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A. whereas the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls *is* United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5; whereas trade and trade liberalisation have very different impacts on women and men, which can result in fundamental shifts in gender roles, relationships and inequalities;

Amendment

A. whereas the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls ***have been*** United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 ***since 2015***; whereas trade and trade liberalisation have very different impacts on women and men, which can result in fundamental shifts in gender roles, relationships and inequalities;

Or. fr

Amendment 4
Charles Goerens, Thierry Cornillet

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Recital A a (new)

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Aa. having regard to the shortcomings in international law regarding respect for gender equality;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Thierry Cornillet, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Louis Michel

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Recital A a (new)

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Amendment

Aa. whereas national authorities have a duty to put in place appropriate mechanisms to ensure that women can benefit more fully in their own right from

the positive effects of trade liberalisation;

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas comprehensive, binding sustainable development provisions are now part of all EU FTA negotiations, projecting key principles of global governance through the whole agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

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Recital A b (new)

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Ab. whereas the empowerment of women, the promotion of their rights and the safeguarding of their access to resources can accelerate development; whereas trade agreements without this particular focus have the potential to further disadvantage women due to their already disadvantaged position in society or increase inequality and endanger people's livelihoods in general;

Or. en

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Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

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Recital B c (new)

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Bc. whereas the adoption of new trade agreements with other countries and/or regions of the world can lead to employment shifts and losses of formerly acquired export-oriented jobs; whereas this affects women in particular as export-related sectors are often female-dominated;

Or. en

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Thierry Cornillet, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Louis Michel

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B. whereas current EU trade policy lacks a gender equality perspective, as well as obligations to enforce women's rights conventions; whereas including a gender perspective in trade and investment policies is an essential element of an integrated sustainable development policy framework that combines social and economic measures to ensure fairer and beneficial outcomes for all;

B. whereas Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) lays down that 'in all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women'; whereas Articles 207 and 208 TFEU lay down that the Union's common commercial policy and policy in the field of development cooperation 'shall be conducted in the context of the principles and objectives of the Union's external action', and whereas these principles as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union are: democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity, the principles of equality and solidarity, and respect for the

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B. whereas *current* EU trade policy *lacks a gender equality perspective, as well as obligations to enforce women's rights conventions; whereas including a gender perspective in trade and investment policies is an essential element* of an integrated sustainable development policy framework that combines social and economic measures to ensure fairer and beneficial outcomes for all;

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B. whereas *the* EU trade policy *should be regarded as an important part* of an integrated sustainable development policy framework that combines social and economic measures to ensure fairer and beneficial outcomes for all;

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Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

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Amendment

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Lola Sánchez Caldentey

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Recital B a (new)

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Ba. whereas EU trade policy lacks an environmental justice perspective, as well as obligations to comply with international and EU climate commitments; whereas the environmental effects of EU trade policy are unequally distributed between women and men and particularly affect women, further hindering the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Maria Noichl

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Recital A a (new)

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Aa. whereas trade policies affect women in the Global South differently than women in the Global North;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

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Recital B b (new)

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Bb. *whereas more than 40% of agricultural work in the Global South is done by women, whereas women farmers are mostly small-scale or subsistence farmers who do not have the necessary access to information, credit, land or networks to successfully compete in a global market;*

Or. en

Amendment 15
Maria Noichl

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Recital B d (new)

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Bd. *whereas countries in the Global South rely on revenues made from import tariffs for their national budgets; whereas an increase of value added tax (VAT), in order to counterbalance this loss of revenue, represents an additional financial hurdle to women and their families;*

Or. en

Amendment 16
Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

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Recital B a (new)

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Ba. *whereas women are working more often than men in low-paid, low-valued and precarious positions in all sectors and will thus most probably benefit to a lower*

degree from trade liberalisation processes than men; whereas women, seen in a lower bargaining position, are often misused as a competitive advantage in a global economy;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Florent Marcellesi

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the EU and the Member States to ensure that the objectives of the SDGs, in particular Goal 5 on gender equality, the Gender Action Plan 2016-2020 (GAP II), the Strategic engagement for equality between women and men 2016-2019, *and Aid for Trade* are fully reflected and implemented in EU foreign policies;

Amendment

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Or. en

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Florent Marcellesi

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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1a. Notes with concern that many difficulties remain to assess the relationship between trade and gender, due to a number of factors, including a lack of data; stresses the need to better understand the gender dynamics

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associated to trade agreements, which requires to use sex-disaggregated statistics in every single sector of the economy concerned;

Or. en

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Florent Marcellesi
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1b. Stresses that data used in trade impact assessment should be sector-based since the impacts of trade liberalisation vary from one sector to the other; notes that it could impact women negatively in sectors such as agriculture and food processing; in this respect, although they predominate in world food production (50 to 80%), women own less than 20% of land, hence, increasing commercial demands on and for land are also creating challenges for poor women to gain or retain secure and equitable land access;

Or. en

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Lola Sánchez Caldentey

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Paragraph 9 b (new)

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9b. Recalls the need to increase coherence among different but closely interlinked policies, such as trade, development, foreign affairs, employment,

migration and gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Anna Záborská

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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1a. Supports the Commission's commitment to address gender issues as part of the Aid for Trade strategy and reinforce the focus on the role of women in trade inclusiveness, including in the context of the upcoming WTO Ministerial Conference in December;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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1b. Regrets that the European Commission's strategy "Trade for All" does not include a clear gender perspective and calls on the Commission to update the strategy in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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1a. Calls for a development-centred and gender-sensitive trade policy which guarantees negotiations on equal terms between trade partners;

Or. en

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Paragraph 8 a (new)

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8a. Highlights the importance of including strong gender equality and women empowerment considerations in the future EU strategy on Trade for All;

Or. en

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Anna Záborská

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2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to boost coherence between, on the one hand, trade and investment policies and, on the other hand, international conventions and commitments to human rights, development and **gender** equality;

2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to **further** boost coherence between, on the one hand, trade and investment policies and, on the other hand, international conventions and commitments to human rights, development and equality **between women and men**;

Or. en

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Lola Sánchez Caldentey

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2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to boost coherence between, on the one hand, trade and investment policies and, on the other hand, international conventions and commitments to human rights, development and gender equality;

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2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to boost coherence between, on the one hand, trade and investment policies and, on the other hand, international conventions and commitments to human rights, development and gender equality; ***underlines that the existing mechanisms (under, for example, the SDGs, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Trade Policy Review Mechanism) and tools (such as the Sustainability Impact Assessments (SIAs), the Gender Trade Impact Assessments (GTIAs) and the Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIAs)) must be used to monitor the gender impacts of trade and investments policies and agreements;***

Or. en

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Maria Noichl, Norbert Neuser

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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2a. Underlines the importance of Sustainability Impact Assessments (SIAs) including a gender indicator for both trading partners and calls on the European Commission to support Least Developed Countries, financially and

through capacity-building, in their respective analyses;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Anna Záborská

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3. *Emphasises the need for gender analysis and perspectives* to be integrated systematically into trade and investment policies, and into the trade-related capacity building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis and monitoring, with a view to overcoming the potentially negative *gender* impacts of different trade measures and instruments;

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3. *Welcomes the effort of the Commission for* analysis to be integrated systematically into trade and investment policies, and into the trade-related capacity building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis and monitoring, with a view to overcoming the potentially negative impacts of different trade measures and instruments *on women*;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Thierry Cornillet, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

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3. Emphasises the need for gender analysis and perspectives to be *integrated systematically into trade and investment policies, and into the trade-related capacity building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations*, through ex-ante analysis and monitoring, *with a view to overcoming the potentially*

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3. Emphasises the need for gender analysis and perspectives to be *taken into account more fully and more systematically*, through ex-ante analysis and monitoring;

negative gender impacts of different trade measures and instruments;

Or. fr

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Louis Michel

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3. Emphasises the need for gender analysis and perspectives to be integrated systematically into trade and investment policies, and into the trade-related capacity building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis *and monitoring, with a view to overcoming the potentially negative gender impacts of different trade measures and instruments;*

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3. Emphasises the need for gender analysis and perspectives to be integrated systematically into trade and investment policies, and into the trade-related capacity building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis;

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

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3. Emphasises the need for gender analysis and perspectives to be integrated *systematically* into trade and investment policies, and into the trade-related capacity building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis and monitoring, with a view to overcoming the potentially

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negative gender impacts of different trade measures and instruments;

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Or. en

Amendment 32

Maria Noichl, Norbert Neuser

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3. Emphasises the need for gender analysis and perspectives to be integrated systematically into trade and investment policies, and into the trade-related capacity building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis, monitoring **and ex-post assessments**, with a view to overcoming the potentially negative gender impacts of different trade measures and instruments; ***underlines that ex-post assessments should analyse changes in land distribution, food security, job shifts and/or losses and possible migration flows from a gender-perspective;***

Or. en

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building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis and monitoring, with a view to overcoming the potentially negative gender impacts of different trade measures and instruments;

building programmes of international finance institutions, donors and intergovernmental organisations, through ex-ante analysis and monitoring, with a view to overcoming the potentially negative gender impacts of different trade measures and instruments; ***stresses that a comprehensive analysis of the gender effects of trade should not be limited to employment effects, but should also have a focus on impacts on consumption and on effects on public services provision;***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Calls on the Commission to introduce mandatory ex-post assessments; stresses that these should be evaluating trade agreements' effects on countries and regions that are not part of the respective trade agreements as well;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Florent Marcellesi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Recalls that a gender analysis should not only be limited to employment effects, but encompass public provision of

social services; notes in this respect that the reduction of tax revenue of developing countries through tariff cuts could have a negative impact on the rights of women, as it could result in reducing the capacity of states to fund social services;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Calls on the Commission, in order to fight gender-based inequalities regarding social and economic rights, to ensure that UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 16 and article 17 are fully respected in EU's trade partner countries;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Charles Goerens, Thierry Cornillet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Emphasises the need for mandatory periodical assessments to be made of the progress and failures in gender equality both in the European Union and in developing countries;

Or. fr

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Lola Sánchez Caldentey

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Paragraph 3 b (new)

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3b. Stresses the need for a coherent and comprehensive integration, within EU trade policy, of SDG Target 13.B on the promotion of women focused mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

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4. Reiterates its concerns about the possible privatisation of basic services resulting from trade and investment agreements, and highlights that the issue of public provision of social services is especially salient for gender equality, given that changes in access to such services, and their quality, creates a gender-uneven distribution of unpaid care work;

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Or. en

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Florent Marcellesi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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4. ***Reiterates its concerns about the possible privatisation of basic services resulting from trade and investment agreements***, and highlights that the issue of public provision of social services is especially salient for gender equality, given that changes in access to such services, and their quality, creates a gender-uneven distribution of unpaid care work;

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4. ***Stresses the risk that a reduction of state capacity to uphold human rights could have a disproportionate effect on the more vulnerable groups, including women; urges the EU to ensure that trade and investment treaties do not lead to the privatisation of public services, that could lead to gender inequality***; and highlights that the issue of public provision of social services is especially salient for gender equality, given that changes in access to such services, and their quality, creates a gender-uneven distribution of unpaid care work;

Or. en

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4. Reiterates ***its concerns about*** the possible privatisation of basic services resulting from trade and investment agreements, ***and highlights that the issue of public provision of social services is especially salient for gender equality, given that changes in access to such services, and their quality, creates a gender-uneven*** distribution of unpaid care work;

Amendment

4. Reiterates ***that*** the possible privatisation of basic services resulting from trade and investment agreements ***should not impede the*** access to such services, ***reduce*** their quality, ***or become a factor influencing the*** distribution of unpaid care work ***in families between women and men***;

Or. en

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4. Reiterates its concerns about the possible privatisation of basic services resulting from trade and investment agreements, and highlights that the issue of public provision of social services is especially salient for gender equality, given that changes in access to such services, and their quality, creates a gender-uneven distribution of unpaid care work;

Amendment

4. ***Reiterates the paramount importance of ensuring access to quality social services to all;*** reiterates its concerns about the possible privatisation of basic services resulting from trade and investment agreements, and highlights that the issue of public provision of social services is especially salient for gender equality, given that changes in access to such services, and their quality, creates a gender-uneven distribution of unpaid care work; ***underlines, therefore, that services and goods such as water and sanitation, education and health care (including women's access to sexual and reproductive health and rights) should always and universally be ensured;***

Or. en

Amendment 43
Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Emphasises the need for governments to maintain their ability to allocate resources to the achievement of women's rights and gender equality in order to guarantee an inclusive and sustainable future for societies;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

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5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on gender equality; ***underlines the need to ensure that neither trade and investment mechanisms nor intellectual property rights endanger the capacity of individual governments to change their laws to include measures to promote gender equality or stronger labour and consumer rights;***

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5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on gender equality;

Or. en

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Anna Záborská

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5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on ***gender*** equality; ***underlines the need to ensure that neither*** trade and investment

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5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on equality ***between women and men***; ***underlines that*** trade and investment ***can play a positive***

mechanisms nor intellectual property rights endanger the capacity of individual governments to *change their laws to include measures to promote gender equality or stronger labour and consumer rights;*

role in enhancing the capacity of individual governments to promote equality *between women and men, empowerment of women, and stronger labour and consumer rights;*

Or. en

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Thierry Cornillet, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

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5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on gender equality; underlines the need to ensure that neither trade and investment mechanisms nor intellectual property rights endanger the capacity of individual governments to change their laws to include measures to promote gender equality *or stronger labour and consumer rights;*

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5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on gender equality; underlines the need to ensure that neither *the EU's* trade and investment mechanisms nor *European* intellectual property rights endanger the capacity of individual governments *of developing countries* to change their laws to include measures to promote gender equality;

Or. fr

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Lola Sánchez Caldentey

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5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on gender equality; underlines the need to ensure that neither trade and investment mechanisms nor intellectual property rights endanger the capacity of individual governments to change their laws to include measures to promote gender equality or stronger labour and consumer rights;

5. Stresses the paramount importance of respecting, in accordance with SDG target 17.15, partner countries' democratic policy space to regulate and take suitable decisions for their own national context, respond to the demands of their populations, and fulfil their human rights obligations and other international commitments, including those on gender equality; underlines the need to ensure that neither trade and investment mechanisms nor intellectual property rights endanger the capacity of individual governments to change their laws to include measures to promote gender equality or stronger labour and consumer rights; ***underlines, in this regard, the need to recognise the risks inherent in Trade agreement mechanisms such as Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) or Investment Court System (ICS) which could endanger the capacity of individual governments to change their laws to include measures to promote gender equality boosting social services, labour standards and consumer rights-related regulations;***

Or. en

Amendment 48
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. Recalls the need to avoid the potential negative impact that trade deals Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) clauses might have on women's health and women's food sovereignty, namely through restrictions to access to medicines and through the seeds privatisations;

Or. en

Amendment 49
Florent Marcellesi
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

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5a. Stresses the importance to adapt trade policies to support national efforts in order to comply with the Paris Agreement, bearing in mind that women are the first victims of climate change;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Anna Záborská

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6. **Stresses the need** to enhance the participation of women **and gender experts** in trade policy-making and negotiation processes at all levels, and **the fact that multi-stakeholder mechanisms should be established to reorient** the trade agenda **in support of a pro-poor and gender-aware** development framework;

6. **Supports the systemic effort of EU negotiators** to enhance the participation of **the civil society in both the EU and its partner countries by giving it a formal role in monitoring the implementation of the sustainable development provisions of trade agreements; welcomes the aim to extend this oversight to all provisions of FTAs; underlines the need to promote the participation of women as stakeholders** in trade policy-making and negotiation processes at all levels, and **to strengthen the link between** the trade agenda **and the** development framework;

Or. en

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Thierry Cornillet, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Louis Michel

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6. Stresses the need to enhance the participation of women *and gender experts in trade policy-making and negotiation processes* at all levels, *and the fact that multi-stakeholder mechanisms should be established to reorient the trade agenda in support of a pro-poor and gender-aware development framework*;

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6. Stresses the need to enhance the participation of women *in decision-making* at all levels, *particularly in trade policy-making and negotiation processes, so as to ensure greater gender awareness*;

Or. fr

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Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

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6. Stresses the need to enhance the participation of women and gender experts in trade policy-making and negotiation processes at all levels, *and the fact that multi-stakeholder mechanisms should be established to reorient the trade agenda in support of a pro-poor and gender-aware development framework*;

Amendment

6. Stresses the need to enhance the participation of women and gender experts in trade policy-making and negotiation processes at all levels, *whereas free trade has brought new possibilities and empowerment to women in developing countries*;

Or. en

Amendment 53

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

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Paragraph 7

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7. *Insists that all EU trade agreements should include binding clauses on women's rights, gender equality and gender mainstreaming, with an appropriate body appointed, or an explicit mechanism established, to monitor compliance;*

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Or. en

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Thierry Cornillet, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

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7. *Insists that all EU trade agreements should include binding clauses on women's rights, gender equality and gender mainstreaming, with an appropriate body appointed, or an explicit mechanism established, to monitor compliance;*

7. *Insists that in its foreign policy the Union should promote effective rules to promote and strengthen its principles, and should establish mechanisms to monitor compliance;*

Or. fr

Amendment 55

Anna Záborská

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7. *Insists that all EU trade agreements should include binding clauses on women's rights, gender equality and gender mainstreaming, with an appropriate body appointed, or an explicit mechanism established, to monitor*

7. *Insists that as a general rule, the trade agreements can improve the respect for human rights, and the equality between men and women; stresses the necessity to monitor and evaluate the impact of EU trade agreements on*

compliance;

women's *economic empowerment;*

Or. en

Amendment 56

Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

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7. Insists that all EU trade agreements should include *binding* clauses on women's rights, gender equality and gender mainstreaming, with an appropriate body appointed, or an explicit mechanism established, to monitor compliance;

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7. Insists that all EU trade agreements should include *enforceable* clauses on women's rights, gender equality and gender mainstreaming, with an appropriate body appointed, or an explicit mechanism established, to monitor compliance;

Or. en

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Anna Záborská

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Paragraph 8

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8. Acknowledges *that* the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP), and in particular the GSP+ system, *could be improved by linking* economic incentives *to the effective adoption and constant monitoring of the implementation of* core human and labour rights conventions, in particular on *gender-related* issues;

Amendment

8. Acknowledges *the positive impact of* the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP), and in particular the GSP+ system; *notes that the* economic incentives *have been linked with compliance with the* core human and labour rights conventions, in particular on issues *of equal treatment of women and men*;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Thierry Cornillet, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Acknowledges that the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP), and in particular the GSP+ system, could be improved by linking economic incentives to the effective adoption and ***constant monitoring of the implementation of core human and labour rights conventions, in particular on gender-related issues;***

Amendment

8. Acknowledges that the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP), and in particular the GSP+ system, could be improved by linking economic incentives to the effective adoption and implementation of core human rights conventions;

Or. fr

Amendment 59

Jan Zahradil

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Welcomes the progress made in recent years with the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact, the EU Timber Regulation and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, ***and calls on the Commission to expand binding frameworks on due diligence obligations to other sectors in order to ensure that the EU and its traders and operators live up to the obligation to respect human rights and the highest social standards, including the ones related to gender equality.***

Amendment

9. Welcomes the progress made in recent years with the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact, the EU Timber Regulation and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 60
Maurice Ponga, Bogdan Brunon Wenta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Welcomes the progress made in recent years with the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact, the EU Timber Regulation and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, and calls on the Commission to **expand binding frameworks on** due diligence obligations to other sectors in order to ensure that the EU and its traders and operators **live up to the obligation to** respect human rights and the highest social standards, including the ones related to gender equality.

Amendment

9. Welcomes the progress made in recent years with the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact, the EU Timber Regulation and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, and calls on the Commission to **consider expending** due diligence obligations to other sectors in order to ensure that the EU and its traders and operators respect human rights and the highest social standards, including the ones related to gender equality.

Or. en

Amendment 61
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Welcomes the progress made in recent years with the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact, the EU Timber Regulation and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, and calls on the Commission to **expand binding** frameworks on due diligence obligations to other sectors in order to ensure that the EU and its traders and operators live up to the obligation to respect human rights and **the highest social standards**, including the ones related to **gender** equality.

Amendment

9. Welcomes the progress made in recent years with the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact, the EU Timber Regulation and the EU Conflict Minerals Regulation, and calls on the Commission to **consider expanding** frameworks on due diligence obligations to other sectors in order to ensure that the EU and its traders and operators live up to the obligation to respect human rights and **dignity**, including the ones related to equality **between men and women**.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Stresses that women in the Global South often lack access to affordable health care and medicines, a situation which could be exacerbated by a strong protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Lola Sánchez Caldentey

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Calls for the implementation of gender equality-focused training for EU staff and EU trade negotiators as they play a crucial role in gender and trade related issues;

Or. en

Amendment 64
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9b. Stresses that women who work in subsistence agriculture face additional

hurdles to maintain food sovereignty because of strong Protection of New Varieties of Plants via the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention) in trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Maria Noichl, Arne Lietz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9c. Underlines that EU agricultural imports may undercut traditional small-scale farms and thereby may endanger women's livelihoods;

Or. en