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Amendment 1

Frank Engel

Motion for a resolution

Citation 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

having regard to the Commission communication of 25 June 2008 entitled "Think Small First" - A "Small Business Act" for Europe (COM(2008)0394),

Or. en

Amendment 2

Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment 3

Othmar Karas

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Amendment 4

Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Philippe Juvin, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

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D. whereas the Monti report on a new strategy for the single market emphasises that it is necessary to review the European standards process, maintaining the benefits of the current system and striking the right balance between the European and national dimensions,

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D. whereas the Monti report on a new strategy for the single market ***affirms that standardisation is key for the governance of the single market and*** emphasises that it is necessary to review the European standards process, maintaining the benefits of the current system and striking the right balance between the European and national dimensions,

Or. en

Amendment 5

Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution

Recital D a (new)

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Amendment

Da. whereas principle VII of the "Small Business Act" underlines the importance of promoting SME's participation and defence of SME's interests in standardisation,

Or. en

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Frank Engel

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Recital D a (new)

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*of promoting SME's participation and
defence of SME's interests in
standardisation,*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Recital D b (new)

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*Db. whereas the development of
European standards contributes to the
development of global standards, which
remains the ultimate goal,*

Or. en

Amendment 8
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

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*Dc. whereas European Standardisation
operates within - and in various relations
towards - the global ecosystem and relies
on specific structures and a dedicated set
of processes for standards development as
implemented by CEN and CENELEC on
the basis of the national delegation
principle and by ETSI on the basis of
direct membership,*

Or. en

Amendment 9

Damien Abad, Philippe Juvin, Catherine Soullie, Lara Comi

Motion for a resolution

Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

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Dd. whereas a modern and flexible European standardisation system is a crucial component for an ambitious and renewed European industrial policy;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas it is necessary to develop a strategic approach to European standardisation and review the current system in order for it to remain successful and respond to the needs of the forthcoming decade,

Or. en

Amendment 11

Heide Rühle

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Or. en

Amendment 12

Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution

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Or. en

Amendment 13

Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Philippe Juvin, Wim van de Camp

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3. ***Emphasises that*** the Commission's

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3. ***Asks*** the Commission ***to accompany the***

proposal for the review of the current legal framework on European standardisation ***must be accompanied by*** a strategy document establishing a comprehensive framework for action at European and national level, including concrete proposals for those improvements that cannot be implemented through the review of the legislation; stresses that such a strategy document should not be limited to the recommendations contained in the EXPRESS report;

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Or. en

Amendment 14
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Welcomes the Commission white paper on ‘Modernising ICT Standardisation in the EU – The Way Forward’ (COM(2009)0324); calls on the Member States and the Commission to implement the key recommendations outlined in the white paper in order to ensure the availability of relevant global ICT standards for implementation and use in EU policies and public procurement;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
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4. Endorses the Commission's intention to

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integrate in the legal framework of European standardisation the principles of the World Trade Organization's agreement on technical barriers to trade (transparency, openness, impartiality, consensus, **efficiency**, relevance and **consistency**) in order to reinforce their application within the European Standardisation System;

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Or. en

Amendment 16

Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Lara Comi, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. Holds the view that the integration of the WTO principles in the legal framework should not increase the number of recognised European standardisation organisations (ESOs) beyond the three existing ones, namely CEN, CENELEC, and the European Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI),

Or. en

Amendment 17

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4 b (new)

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4b. Considers that these principles could be complemented by additional attributes such as maintenance, availability, quality, neutrality and accountability; believes that all those principles need to be further detailed and defined, and a specific monitoring system must be introduced to ensure their implementation at national

and European level in the development of standards in support of EU policies and legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 19
Philippe Juvin

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Or. en

Amendment 20 **Heide Rühle**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Anja Weisgerber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

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Or. en

Amendment 22
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

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adequately represented in the standardisation process; considers, therefore, that a vital element is the addition of the principle of ‘balanced *and appropriate* representation’, given that it is of the utmost importance, whenever the public interest is concerned, to incorporate all stakeholder positions in a balanced manner *as regards participation by societal stakeholders and SMEs in NSBs, but also by ensuring appropriate representation within ESOs*, especially in the development of standards *designed* to support EU legislation and policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 23 **Christel Schaldemose**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 5**

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*have no commercial interest in the work,
e.g. consumer organisations;*

Or. da

Amendment 24

Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5

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5. Stresses, however, that these principles are not in themselves sufficient to ensure that ***all*** stakeholders – in particular those representing health and safety, consumer and environmental interests – are adequately represented in the standardisation process; considers, therefore, that it is ***important***, whenever the public interest is concerned, to ***take into account*** all stakeholder positions, especially in the development of standards intended to support EU legislation and policies;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Robert Rochefort

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

5a. Stresses that the European Union and Member States should make it possible to take greater account of the interests of SMEs and craft enterprises when drawing up standards by implementing the

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strategic measures contained in the 'Small Business Act', in accordance with its seventh principle: EU financial support, cutting the cost of access to standards, the systematic publication of abstracts of European standards, and the equitable composition of standardisation committees;

Or. fr

Amendment 26

Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Philippe Juvin, Wim van de Camp, Catherine Soullie

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5b. Stresses that SMEs, although they represent an essential part of the European market, they are not adequately involved in the standardisation system and cannot, therefore, exploit entirely the benefits derived from standardisation; believes that it is essential to improve their representation and participation in the system, especially in the technical committees at national level; asks the European Commission to identify, through its impact assessment in the context of the revision of the European Standardisation System, the best way to reach this aim, evaluating the necessary funding to help SMEs;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Anja Weisgerber

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. Recognises that service standards often respond to national specificities and that their development is related to the needs of the market; stresses, however, that the development of European service standards, as provided for in Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, **will** benefit further harmonisation in the services sector, increase the transparency, quality and competitiveness of European services and promote competition, innovation, the reduction of trade barriers and consumer protection;

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7. Recognises that service standards often respond to national specificities and that their development is related to the needs of the market, ***the interests of consumers and the public interest***; stresses, however, that the development of European service standards ***and the drawing-up by professional bodies of their own quality charters or labels***, as provided for in Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, ***may*** benefit further harmonisation in the services sector, increase the transparency, quality and competitiveness of European services and promote competition, innovation, the reduction of trade barriers and consumer protection;

Or. de

Amendment 28
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. Supports, therefore, the Commission's intention to include service standards in the legal framework of European standardisation, as this will ***not only*** ensure the notification of all national service standards that could potentially constitute technical barriers to trade in the internal market, ***but also provide a proper legal basis on which the Commission can request the European standardisation organisations (ESOs) – namely CEN, CENELEC and the European Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI) – to develop standards in the services sector;***

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8. Supports, therefore, the Commission's intention to include service standards in the legal framework of European standardisation, as this will ensure the notification of all national service standards that could potentially constitute technical barriers to trade in the internal market; ***stresses, at the same time, that moves towards new service standards should originate not with public authorities but with the relevant undertakings themselves, where such standards are actually needed by those undertakings;***

Or. de

Amendment 29
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

8. ***Supports, therefore, the Commission's intention to include service standards in the legal framework of European standardisation, as this will not only ensure the notification of all national service standards that could potentially constitute technical barriers to trade in the internal market, but also provide a proper legal basis on which the Commission can request the European standardisation*** organisations (ESOs) – namely CEN, CENELEC and the European Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI) – ***to develop standards in the services sector;***

Amendment

8. ***Suggests*** the Commission to ***challenge*** service ***business stakeholders to develop*** standards ***within*** the legal framework of European standardisation organisations (ESOs), namely CEN, CENELEC and the European Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI);

Or. en

Amendment 30
Anja Weisgerber, Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8

Motion for a resolution

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8. Supports, therefore, the ***efforts made by professional bodies to draw up quality charters and labels that apply alongside national and European law governing the professions, and the*** Commission's intention to include service standards in the legal framework of European standardisation ***in the case of services for which standardisation is possible and which do not have quality charters drawn up by professional organisations; stresses that there are definable and indefinable***

Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI) – to develop standards in the services sector;

services, whereby highly qualified intellectual and spiritual services are not definable in Europe's understanding of the law, and standardisation in this area can apply only to the framework conditions (technical and actual preconditions, etc); believes that service standards which meet these criteria may provide a proper legal basis on which the Commission can request the European standardisation organisations (ESOs) – namely CEN, CENELEC and the European Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI) – to develop standards in the services sector;

Or. de

Amendment 31
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
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8. Supports, therefore, the Commission's intention to include service standards **in** the legal framework of European standardisation, **as this will not only** ensure the notification of all national service standards that could potentially constitute technical barriers to trade in the internal market, but also provide a proper legal basis on which the Commission can request the European standardisation organisations (ESOs) – namely CEN, CENELEC and the European Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI) – to develop standards in the services sector;

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8. Suggests that the Commission encourage participants to develop service standards **within** the legal framework of European standardisation **organisations (ESOs) – namely CEN, CENELEC and the European Telecom Standards Institute (ETSI) – in order to** ensure the notification of all national service standards that could potentially constitute technical barriers to trade in the internal market **and ultimately to avoid as much as possible this fragmentation between different national standards; calls on the Commission to include service standards in the legal framework of European standardisation if the results obtained by ESOs on a voluntary basis prove to be insufficient, thus providing a legal basis that allows the Commission to ask ESOs** to develop standards in the services sector;

Or. fr

Amendment 32
Zuzana Roithová

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Believes that it is necessary to find an agreement between the Member States on establishing minimum European standards for products which affect the healthy development of the population (such as orthopaedically sound footwear for children). Such standards would ensure not only that the quality of goods manufactured in the EU is maintained, but also and above all that the quality of goods imported from third countries is significantly improved; calls therefore on the Commission and the European standardisation organisations, in the light of the findings of scientific studies showing that there is a link between orthopaedically unsound footwear and the increasing occurrence of orthopaedic defects amongst the populations of EU Member States, to establish European standards in this area;

Or. cs

Amendment 33
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

8a. Stresses that, in order to further strengthen consumer protection, the procedure for implementing standards relating to the General Product Safety Directive should be speeded up;

Amendment 34**Heide Rühle****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 9***Motion for a resolution*

9. Reaffirms that European standardisation in support of "New Approach" legislation has proved to be a successful and essential tool for completion of the single market; notes that the number of standardisation mandates **supporting** legislation in areas beyond those covered by the "New Approach" has increased in recent years, indicating that this model has been adopted across a broad range of EU policies; believes that it is desirable to **extend** the **use of** standards in other areas of Union legislation and policies beyond the single market, taking into account the specificities of the areas concerned, in accordance with the principles of better regulation;

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9. Reaffirms that European standardisation in support of 'New Approach' legislation has proved to be a successful and essential tool for completion of the single market; notes that the number of standardisation mandates **to which** legislation in areas beyond those covered by the 'New Approach' **refers** has increased in recent years, indicating that this model has been adopted across a broad range of EU policies; believes that it is desirable to **promote** the **reference to** standards in other areas of Union legislation and policies beyond the single market, taking into account the specificities of the areas concerned, in accordance with the principles of better regulation;

Or. en

Amendment 35**Cornelis de Jong****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 9***Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

Amendment 36
Damien Abad, Lara Comi

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Maintains that it is of the utmost importance to draw a clear line between legislation and standardisation in order to avoid any misinterpretation with regard to the objectives of the law and the desired level of protection; stresses that the European legislator must be highly vigilant and precise when defining the essential requirements in regulation, while the Commission must clearly and accurately define the objectives of the standardisation work in the mandates; stresses that the role of standardisers should be limited to defining the technical means of reaching the goals set by the legislator, *while* ensuring a high level of protection;

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10. Maintains that it is of the utmost importance to draw a clear line between legislation and standardisation in order to avoid any misinterpretation with regard to the objectives of the law and the desired level of protection; stresses that the European legislator must be highly vigilant and precise when defining the essential requirements in regulation, while the Commission must clearly and accurately define the objectives of the standardisation work in the mandates; stresses that the role of standardisers should be limited to defining the technical means of reaching the goals set by the legislator *as well as* ensuring a high level of protection;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10a. Reiterates that it is essential for European standards to be developed within a reasonable period of time, in particular in those areas where standards are needed quickly in order to meet the requirements of public policies and rapidly changing market conditions; invites, therefore, the European and national standards bodies to continue improving their efficiency and effectiveness, bearing in mind that the acceleration of the standardisation process must not take place to the detriment of the principles of openness, quality, transparency and consensus among all interested parties;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Edvard Kožušník, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

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10b. Believes that the standardisation process will be partly accelerated through a better consultation between the Commission and the ESOs prior to issuing a mandate, which will enable them to respond quicker, preferably within a two-month period, about their possibility to undertake a standardisation work;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Edvard Kožušník, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 10 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

10c. Notes the importance of the Directive 98/34 Committee as a forum between the European Commission and the Member States in the discussion of issues related to technical regulations and standardisation; considers that European Parliament representatives should be invited to the meetings of this Committee (or its successor body) which should be also, where appropriate, open to the observership of the European and national standardisation bodies and European-level stakeholder organisations, especially during the discussion of standardisation mandates;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

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11. Urges the Commission to ***develop and implement improved systems*** for coordinating standardisation policy and activities, which should cover ***all the public-policy*** aspects of the standardisation process, from the preparation and delivery of mandates, through the monitoring of technical committee work, ***ensuring that the standards produced meet the essential requirements of the respective legislation,*** to the ***formal adoption, publication and use*** of the standards;

11. Urges the Commission to ***challenge the ESOs (CEN, CENELEC, ETSI) to improve and monitor their processes*** for coordinating standardisation policy and activities, which should cover aspects of the ***whole*** standardisation process, from the preparation and delivery of mandates, through the monitoring of technical committee work ***as well as the assessment that mandated standards are consistent with EU policies and legislation which may exist in the concerned domain;***

calls on the Commission to revise and rationalise the process to deliver standardisation mandates to ESOs, so as to include a consultation phase with relevant stakeholders and a thorough analysis that justifies the need for a new standard setting activity, in order to insure the relevance of standard setting, avoid duplication and the proliferation of divergent standards and specifications;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 12

Motion for a resolution

12. Stresses the important role of the "New Approach consultants" in verifying that harmonised standards comply with the corresponding EU legislation; draws attention to the fact that such consultants are currently selected by, and operate within, the ESOs, which places a significant administrative burden on these organisations and, at times, causes concern among stakeholders about the impartiality and independence of the process; calls on the Commission, therefore, to assess the need for a review of the existing procedures; believes, furthermore, that the Commission should identify a procedure for ensuring that mandated standards comply with other EU policies and legislation beyond the scope of the "New Approach";

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Or. en

Amendment 42

Edvard Kožušník, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12a. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to check standards against delivery in a more thorough way in order to ensure that they meet the requirements of the mandate, in particular when the standards are used for the purposes of ‘New Approach’ legislation, while ensuring that no significant delay shall be added to the standards approval; intends to examine – in the context of the forthcoming review of the European Standardisation System – the possibility of extending to the Parliament the right, currently accorded to the Commission and Member States, to dispute a harmonised standard which does not appear to entirely satisfy the essential requirements of the corresponding legislation;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12b. Asks the Commission, for the sake of transparency, to make decisions on formal objections to standards public in a consolidated way, and make available an updated table of all actions in relation to formal objections; calls also on the Commission to present an annual report on the standardisation mandates and the progress on their fulfilment;

Amendment 44

Edvard Kožušník, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12c. Invites the ESOs to reinforce their existing appeal mechanisms which are meant to be used should a disagreement over a standard arise; notes that the current mechanisms may not always be effective as their composition reflects in practice the position of those that approved a standard; proposes, therefore, to enlarge the composition with the participation of external independent experts and/or European societal stakeholders that are currently associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs;

Amendment 45

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12d. Is aware that the current system of EU funding in support of European standardisation often leads to frustration in terms of rule changes, the large cost of auditing and delays in the authorisation of payments; stresses that there is an urgent need to reduce these costs and the high administrative burden that at times outweigh the benefits of the provided financial support, while respecting EU financial rules; considers that the

Commission and the ESOs could improve their cooperation in order to guarantee a stable and user-friendly framework for the EU financial contribution to European standardisation which will increase significantly the efficiency of the system;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Edvard Kožušník, Mitro Repo, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 12 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

12e. Expresses its support for the Keymark, a voluntary European certification mark, owned by CEN/CENELEC, which demonstrates compliance with European standards; stresses that the Keymark is a valuable alternative to the various national certification schemes that entail multiple testing and marking of products in several Member States and can therefore become a barrier to trade within the Internal Market and cause significant costs for small companies that may be reflected in higher prices for the consumer; encourages, therefore, national standards bodies, and other national certification bodies, to promote the Keymark as an alternative to national certification schemes; calls also for a pan-European information campaign in order to raise awareness amongst business and consumers about the benefits of the Keymark;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages European and national standardisation bodies, therefore, to promote and facilitate effective participation in the standardisation process by all interested parties, in particular representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), consumers (including people with disabilities and vulnerable consumers), environmentalists, workers and bodies representing other societal interests;

Amendment

14. Encourages European and national standardisation bodies, therefore, to promote and facilitate effective participation in the standardisation process by all interested parties, in particular representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), consumers (including people with disabilities and vulnerable consumers), environmentalists, workers and bodies representing other societal interests; ***this facilitation may, inter alia, involve better possibilities for providing assistance especially to parties that have no commercial interest in the standardisation process, e.g. consumer representatives;***

Or. da

Amendment 48
Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Philippe Juvin, Catherine Soullie, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Encourages European and national standardisation bodies, therefore, to promote and facilitate effective participation in the standardisation process by all interested parties, in particular representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), consumers (including people with disabilities and vulnerable consumers), environmentalists, workers and bodies representing other societal interests;

Amendment

14. Encourages European and national standardisation bodies, therefore, to promote and facilitate effective participation in the standardisation process by all interested parties, in particular representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) ***and all stakeholders representing the public interest such as*** consumers (including people with disabilities and vulnerable consumers), environmentalists, workers and bodies representing other societal interests;

Amendment 49
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. ***Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;***

Amendment

15. ***Criticises the fact that the representation of societal stakeholders on national technical committees remains weak and that since the 1990s very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level; calls therefore on the Commission to investigate the reasons for the low level of societal stakeholder participation at national level and, where appropriate and on the basis of the results, to draw up binding rules for the Member States which will give societal stakeholders access to the national standardisation process;***

Amendment 50
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as ***very limited*** progress ***has been*** made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as ***more*** progress ***needs to be*** made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political

support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders **and SMEs** at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase **SMEs and** societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Frank Engel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders **and SMEs** at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical

committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase **SMEs and** societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Mitro Repo, Catherine Stihler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited **progress** has been **made to increase** societal stakeholder participation **at national level**, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be **maintained** at least in the period to 2020;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees **in most Member States** remains weak; affirms that, as very limited **success** has been **achieved in increasing** societal stakeholder participation **in most Member States**, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be **kept and strengthened** at least in the period to 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

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recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited **progress** has been **made to increase** societal stakeholder participation **at national level**, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be **maintained** at least in the period to 2020;

recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders **and SMEs** at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees **in many Member States** remains weak; affirms that, as very limited **success** has been **achieved in increasing** societal stakeholder **and SMEs** participation **in these countries**, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be **kept and strengthened**, at least in the period to 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Anja Weisgerber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained **at least in the period to 2020**;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained, **so that they can play a more prominent role in providing advice to Member States and national stakeholder associations, thus ensuring the participation of stakeholders in national mirror committees involved in European standardisation projects; welcomes the efforts of the ESOs and NSBs in implementing the "Toolbox of 58**

*recommendations" of the Access Study
and the recommendations of the
EXPRESS report with regard to
improving access for all stakeholders;*

Or. en

Amendment 56
Robert Rochefort

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase **societal stakeholder** participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by **SMEs, craft enterprises and** societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase participation **by SMEs, craft enterprises and societal stakeholders** at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Christel Schaldemose

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ensure direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their

views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be ***maintained*** at least in the period to 2020;

views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, as very limited progress has been made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the European organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be ***reviewed and perhaps increased*** at least in the period to 2020;

Or. da

Amendment 58
Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ***ensure*** direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that, ***as very limited*** progress ***has been*** made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level, financial and political support for the ***European*** organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Amendment

15. Stresses the need, which has been recognised since the 1990s, to ***stimulate*** direct participation by societal stakeholders at European level in order to reflect their views more effectively, given that their representation on national technical committees remains weak; affirms that progress ***should be*** made to increase societal stakeholder participation at national level; ***considers that*** financial and political support for the ***national*** organisations established to represent such stakeholders needs to be maintained at least in the period to 2020;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Holds the view that these European organisations must obtain a stronger role within the ESOs; recommends that, without prejudice to the national delegation principle, all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations should, under the same conditions, be given a symbolic vote in the formal adoption of standards, which would not necessarily be counted in the voting result but would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders;

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Or. en

Amendment 60

Philippe Juvin, Damien Abad

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

16. Holds the view that **these European organisations** must **obtain** a **stronger** role **within the ESOs; recommends that, without prejudice** to the national delegation principle, **all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations should, under the same conditions, be given a symbolic vote in the formal adoption of standards, which would not necessarily be counted in**

16. Holds the view that **national standardisation bodies** must **play** a **key** role **in promoting and reinforcing the participation of SMEs and societal stakeholders in the standardisation process, given that according** to the "national delegation principle", **the position stated at European level by the national representatives results from the discussions that took place within the framework of the national standardisation bodies;**

the voting result but would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Holds the view that these European organisations ***must obtain a stronger role within the ESOs; recommends that, without prejudice to the national delegation principle, all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations*** should, ***under the same conditions***, be given a symbolic vote in the formal adoption of standards, which would not necessarily be counted in the voting result but would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders;

Amendment

16. Holds the view that these European organisations should be given a symbolic vote in the formal adoption of standards, which would not necessarily be counted in the voting result but would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders, ***on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level;***

Or. de

Amendment 62
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Holds the view that these European organisations must obtain a stronger role within the ESOs; recommends that,

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without prejudice to the national delegation principle, all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations should, under the same conditions, be given a *symbolic* vote in the formal adoption of standards, ***which would not necessarily be counted in the voting result but would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders;***

without prejudice to the national delegation principle, all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations should, under the same conditions, be given a vote in the formal adoption of standards;

Or. en

Amendment 63

Frank Engel

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Holds the view that these European organisations must obtain a stronger role within the ESOs; recommends that, without prejudice to the national delegation principle, all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations should, under the same conditions, be given a symbolic vote in the formal adoption of standards, which ***would not necessarily be counted in the voting result but*** would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders;

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16. Holds the view that these European organisations must obtain a stronger role within the ESOs; recommends that, without prejudice to the national delegation principle, all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations should, under the same conditions, be given a symbolic vote in the formal adoption of standards, which would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Holds the view that these European organisations must obtain a stronger role within the ESOs; ***recommends that, without prejudice to the national delegation principle, all such organisations should be given a vote in the ESO technical bodies, on condition that they are associate members or cooperating partners of the ESOs and have participated in the respective work item at technical level; considers also that such organisations should, under the same conditions, be given a symbolic vote in the formal adoption of standards, which would not necessarily be counted in the voting result but would serve as an indicator of the level of support for a given standard among all stakeholders;***

Amendment

16. Holds the view that these European organisations must obtain a stronger role within the ESOs;

Or. en

Amendment 65

Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes recent developments in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), in particular the model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories (industry, consumers, government, labour, NGO,

Amendment

deleted

SSRO (service, support, research and others)) that were identified;

Or. de

Amendment 66
Anja Weisgerber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Welcomes recent developments in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), in particular the model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories (industry, consumers, government, labour, NGO, SSRO (service, support, research and others)) that were identified;

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Or. en

Amendment 67
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17. Welcomes recent developments in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), in particular the model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories (industry, consumers, government, labour, NGO,

17. Recommends the ESOs to look at recent developments occurred within the ISO such as the particular model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories;

SSRO (service, support, research and others)) that were identified;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Robert Rochefort

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Welcomes recent developments in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), in particular the model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories (industry, consumers, government, labour, NGO, SSRO (service, support, research and others)) that were identified;

Amendment

17. Welcomes recent developments in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), in particular the model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories (industry, consumers, government, labour, NGO, SSRO (service, support, research and others)) that were identified; ***considers however that the industry category should be represented, where appropriate, by a second expert representing SMEs;***

Or. fr

Amendment 69
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. ***Welcomes*** recent developments in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), in particular the model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group

Amendment

17. ***Recommends that ESOs observe and, where necessary, take into account*** recent developments in the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), in particular the model used to develop the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility, in which national standards

only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories (industry, consumers, government, labour, NGO, SSRO (service, support, research and others)) that were identified;

bodies were entitled to nominate to the respective working group only one representative from each of six stakeholder categories (industry, consumers, government, labour, NGO, SSRO (service, support, research and others)) that were identified, *ensuring, where necessary, appropriate representation for weaker stakeholders, and taking care to avoid the unnecessary duplication of work already carried out at international level;*

Or. fr

Amendment 70

Philippe Juvin, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Believes that similar procedures, establishing a predetermined number of seats for the various stakeholder organisations, would constitute a significant improvement compared with the traditional process of standards development in support of EU policies and legislation; maintains that, despite the current difficulties in generalising the use of such a multi-stakeholder model, this approach should be explored by the ESOs without delay as an alternative for the drafting of standards in areas of public interest, in order to ensure a balanced decision-making process; proposes that the 98/34 Committee (or its successor) should decide, when considering a mandate, whether to use this alternative model if the standard in question makes it vital to secure broader stakeholder participation; stresses that such a model would not affect the national delegation principle, as the draft standard would continue to be examined by national mirror committees and

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adopted on a weighted vote by the national standards bodies (NSBs);

Or. en

Amendment 71
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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deleted

Or. de

Amendment 72
Anja Weisgerber

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

18. Believes that similar procedures, establishing a predetermined number of seats for the various stakeholder organisations, would constitute a significant improvement compared with the traditional process of standards development in support of EU policies and legislation; maintains that, despite the current difficulties in generalising the use of such a multi-stakeholder model, this approach should be explored by the ESOs without delay as an alternative for the drafting of standards in areas of public interest, in order to ensure a balanced decision-making process; proposes that the 98/34 Committee (or its successor) should decide, when considering a mandate, whether to use this alternative model if the standard in question makes it vital to secure broader stakeholder participation; stresses that such a model would not affect the national delegation principle, as the draft standard would continue to be examined by national mirror committees and adopted on a weighted vote by the national standards bodies (NSBs);

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Or. en

Amendment 73
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

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establishing a predetermined number of seats for the various **stakeholder organisations**, would constitute a significant improvement compared with the traditional process of standards development in support of EU policies and legislation; maintains that, despite the current difficulties in generalising the use of such a **multi-stakeholder** model, this approach should be explored by the ESOs without delay as an alternative for the drafting of standards in areas of public interest, in order to ensure a balanced decision-making process; proposes that the 98/34 Committee (or its successor) should decide, when considering a mandate, whether to use this alternative model if the standard in question makes it vital to secure broader stakeholder participation; stresses that such a model would not affect the national delegation principle, as the draft standard would continue to be examined by national mirror committees and adopted on a weighted vote by the national standards bodies (NSBs);

establishing ***an alternative model featuring*** a predetermined number of seats for the various **stakeholders** would constitute a significant improvement compared with the traditional process of standards development in support of EU policies and legislation; maintains that, despite the current difficulties in generalising the use of such a model, this approach should be explored by the ESOs without delay as an alternative for the drafting of standards in areas of ***exceptional*** public interest, in order to ensure a balanced decision-making process; proposes that the 98/34 Committee (or its successor) should decide, when considering a mandate, whether to use this alternative model if the standard in question makes it vital to secure broader stakeholder participation; ***invites the European Commission to propose a means through which it would ensure the participation of stakeholders in the alternative model is financed;*** stresses that such a model would not affect the national delegation principle, as the draft standard would continue to be examined by national mirror committees and adopted on a weighted vote by the national standards bodies (NSBs);

Or. en

Amendment 74 **Mitro Repo, Catherine Stihler**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 18**

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes that similar procedures, establishing a predetermined number of seats for the various **stakeholder organisations**, would constitute a significant improvement compared with the traditional process of standards

Amendment

18. Believes that similar procedures, establishing ***an alternative model featuring*** a predetermined number of seats for the various **stakeholders**, would constitute a significant improvement compared with the traditional process of

development in support of EU policies and legislation; maintains that, *despite the current difficulties in generalising the use of such a multi-stakeholder model, this approach* should be explored by the ESOs without delay as an alternative for the drafting of standards in areas of public interest, in order to ensure a balanced decision-making process; proposes that the 98/34 Committee (or its successor) should decide, when considering a mandate, whether to use this alternative model if the standard in question makes it vital to secure broader stakeholder participation; stresses that such a model would not affect the national delegation principle, as the draft standard would continue to be examined by national mirror committees and adopted on a weighted vote by the national standards bodies (NSBs);

standards development in support of EU policies and legislation; maintains that the use of such a model should be explored by the ESOs without delay as an alternative for the drafting of standards in areas of *exceptional* public interest, in order to ensure a balanced decision-making process; proposes that the 98/34 Committee (or its successor) should decide, when considering a mandate, whether to use this alternative model if the standard in question makes it vital to secure broader stakeholder participation; *invites the European Commission to propose means through which it would ensure the participation of stakeholders in the alternative model is financed*; stresses that such a model would not affect the national delegation principle, as the draft standard would continue to be examined by national mirror committees and adopted on a weighted vote by the national standards bodies (NSBs);

Or. en

Amendment 75 Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Believes that *similar procedures, establishing a predetermined number of seats for the various stakeholder organisations, would constitute a significant improvement compared with the traditional process of standards development in support of EU policies and legislation; maintains that, despite the current difficulties in generalising the use of such a multi-stakeholder model, this approach should be explored by the ESOs without delay as an alternative for the drafting of standards in areas of*

Amendment

18. Believes that *where there is a clear societal interest Member States should contribute with financial support in order to ensure that all stakeholders, including SMEs, can be represented*;

public interest, in order to ensure a balanced decision-making process; proposes that the 98/34 Committee (or its successor) should decide, when considering a mandate, whether to use this alternative model if the standard in question makes it vital to secure broader stakeholder participation; stresses that such a model would not affect the national delegation principle, as the draft standard would continue to be examined by national mirror committees and adopted on a weighted vote by the national standards bodies (NSBs);

Or. en

Amendment 76

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Commends the initiative of CEN and CENELEC to introduce a peer assessment process in order to evaluate the correct application by the NSBs of the WTO principles (and additional attributes) and to encourage continuous improvement and exchange of good practice; stresses that this project should serve as an effective tool for the strengthening of the NSBs and the improved participation of all relevant stakeholders at national level; believes that this project should involve all NSBs and be underpinned by independent audits; invites CEN and CENELEC to prepare and make publicly available a report on the results of the peer assessment process;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Asks the Commission and the ESOs to promote training programmes and to take all measures needed to enable weaker NSBs, which do not currently **run technical-committee secretariats**, to assume a more active role in the standardisation process;

Amendment

20. Asks the Commission and the ESOs to promote training programmes and to take all measures needed to enable weaker NSBs, which do not currently **participate in European standardisation work at a level commensurate with their economic structure** to assume a more active role in the standardisation process;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Asks the Commission and the ESOs to promote training programmes and to take all measures needed to enable weaker NSBs, which do not currently run technical-committee secretariats, to assume a more active role in the standardisation process;

Amendment

20. Asks the Commission and the ESOs to promote training programmes and to take all measures needed to enable weaker NSBs, which do not currently run technical-committee secretariats, to assume a more active role in the standardisation process; **considers that these programmes should target notably SMEs by raising the importance of standardisation as a strategic offering marketing tool;**

Or. en

Amendment 79
Damien Abad, Catherine Soullie, Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20

Motion for a resolution

20. Asks the Commission and the ESOs to promote training programmes and to take all measures needed to enable weaker NSBs, which do not currently run technical-committee secretariats, to assume a more active role in the standardisation process;

Amendment

20. Asks the Commission and the ESOs to promote training programmes and to take all measures needed to enable weaker NSBs, which do not currently run technical-committee secretariats, to assume a more active role in the standardisation process ***in order to enhance confidence in the Internal Market by ensuring a level-playing field; considers that these programmes should also target SMEs by raising the importance of standardisation as a strategic offering marketing tool;***

Or. en

Amendment 80
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20a. Stresses that national standards bodies in some Member States are encountering problems with the national legislative body, since in many cases the significance of standardisation and the correct use of standards in legislation is misinterpreted;

Or. el

Amendment 81
Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 20 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

20b. Recognises that limited resources in both national and European bodies may

hamper the effective involvement of these bodies in the standard-setting process;

Or. el

Amendment 82
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and, *where necessary*, providing financial support to weaker societal stakeholders in order to *facilitate* their participation;

Amendment

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and providing financial support to weaker societal stakeholders in order to *ensure* their *effective* participation;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Mitro Repo, Catherine Stihler

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and, *where necessary*, providing financial support to weaker societal stakeholders in order to *facilitate* their participation;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 84
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and, where necessary, providing financial support to weaker societal stakeholders in order to facilitate their participation;

Amendment

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and, where necessary, providing **training and** financial support to weaker societal stakeholders, **including SMEs**, in order to facilitate their participation;

Or. fr

Amendment 85
Robert Rochefort

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and, where necessary, providing financial support to weaker societal stakeholders in order to facilitate their participation;

Amendment

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and, where necessary, providing financial support to **SMEs, craft enterprises and** weaker societal stakeholders in order to facilitate their participation;

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Frank Engel

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

21. Urges Member States to ensure effective representation of all relevant stakeholders on national technical committees by establishing monitoring and reporting mechanisms and, where necessary, providing financial support to weaker societal stakeholders in order to facilitate their participation;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 87

Edvard Kožušník, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21a. Calls on the ESOs and Member States to provide periodically to the Commission a progress report on their actions to ensure balanced representation in the technical bodies responsible for the development of mandated standards, which should be based on specific reporting requirements; stresses that these reports should subsequently feed into a Commission report on the efforts undertaken by the European and national standardisation organisations and the results achieved;

Or. en

Amendment 88

Edvard Kožušník, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 21 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21b. Invites NSBs to provide free access to standardisation committees for the weaker stakeholders and develop tools to improve stakeholder involvement, including a free-of-charge easy-to-use online consultation mechanism for all new standards proposals; encourages NSBs to ensure communication beyond the system boundaries, especially for public enquiries on new standards, given that public enquiries are usually directed at the current participants of the system;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Othmar Karas

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Regrets that public authorities in ***most*** Member States show limited interest in participating in the standards-development process, notwithstanding the importance of standardisation as a tool to support legislation and public policies; urges Member States, and in particular market surveillance authorities, to send representatives to take part in all national technical committees mirroring the development of standards in support of EU policies and legislation; stresses that the presence of national authorities in the debate on standards development is crucial for the proper functioning of legislation in the areas covered by the "New Approach", and for the avoidance of ex-post formal objections to harmonised standards;

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Or. en

Amendment 90
Bendt Bendtsen

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 91
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 22 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22a. Calls on the Member States, in the interests of fair competition in the internal market, to follow the ISO Code of Ethics, in particular as regards the implementation of the requirements of ISO conformity assessment standards and guides (integrity, objectivity and impartiality);

Or. de

Amendment 92

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22b. Calls on NSBs to follow the ISO Code of Ethics in order to ensure that the impartiality of standards is not endangered from other activities such as certification or accreditation;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Anja Weisgerber, Andreas Schwab, Lara Comi, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 22 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

22c. Calls on national standard bodies (NSBs) to follow the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) Code of Ethics in order to ensure that the impartiality of standards is not endangered from other activities, such as certification.

Or. en

Amendment 94

Damien Abad, Catherine Soullie

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Reiterates that, although small and

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medium-sized enterprises form the backbone of the European economy, their involvement in standardisation is not always commensurate with their economic importance; emphasises that standards should be designed and adapted to take account of the characteristics and environment of SMEs, in particular small, micro and craft enterprises; welcomes recent initiatives taken by the European and national standardisation bodies to implement the recommendations in the study on SME access to European standardisation; stresses that further measures should be taken to ensure that SMEs can participate fully in the development of standards and have *adequate* access to them;

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Or. en

Amendment 95

Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

23. Reiterates that, although small and medium-sized enterprises form the backbone of the European economy, their involvement in standardisation is not always commensurate with their economic importance; emphasises that standards should be designed and adapted to take account of the characteristics and environment of SMEs, in particular small, micro and craft enterprises; welcomes recent initiatives taken by the European and national standardisation bodies to implement the recommendations in the study on SME access to European standardisation; stresses that further measures should be taken to ensure that SMEs can participate fully in the development of standards and have

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adequate access to them;

fully in the development of standards and have adequate access to them;

Or. en

Amendment 96
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Maintains that users' access to European standards developed in support of EU policies and legislation is an important issue that needs to be further examined; takes the view that different systems of price setting should be considered for private/industrial standards and for harmonised/mandated standards; calls, in particular, on NSBs to reduce costs ***through special rates and*** by offering bundles of standards at a reduced price, and to investigate additional ways of improving access, especially for SMEs;

Amendment

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Or. de

Amendment 97
Mitro Repo

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

24a. Reminds, however, that the purchase price of a standard corresponds only to a small proportion of the overall cost incurred by standards users who usually need to dedicate substantially more resources in order to transpose the required standard into their business process;

Amendment

Amendment 98
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 24 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24b. Recommends that a free-availability model be applied on a trial basis for a handful of key pieces of legislation; considers that this could offer safe judgements as to whether the use of the model could be further generalised or whether there is no feasible and sustainable alternative to the purchase of EU standards;

Or. en

Amendment 99
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25. Emphasises that standards should be comprehensible and easy to use so that they can be implemented better by users; considers it essential to reduce, where appropriate, the excessive number of cross-references between standards, and to address current difficulties in identifying the group of standards relevant to a given product or process; calls on the national and European standards bodies and trade associations to provide user-friendly guidelines for the use of standards;

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Amendment 100**Bendt Bendtsen****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 25***Motion for a resolution*

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Amendment

25. Emphasises that standards should be comprehensible and easy to use so that they can be implemented better by users; considers it essential to reduce, where appropriate, the excessive number of cross-references between standards, and to address current difficulties in identifying the group of standards relevant to a given product or process; calls on the national and European standards bodies and trade associations to provide user-friendly guidelines for the use of standards, ***free online abstracts and better online access to consultation drafts***;

Amendment 101**Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour****Motion for a resolution****Paragraph 25 a (new)***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

25a. Welcomes the ongoing initiative of the ESOs to draw up and publish on-line, without any access restriction, a summary of all their standards, and asks for the fast completion of this project; stresses, however, that this project should be also implemented at national level, in order to enable standards users to obtain information on the items covered by each standard in their own language via the web-site of NSBs;

Amendment 102

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25b. Underlines the importance of providing standards into all EU official languages in order to ensure proper understanding by users; calls on the Commission to further support, and simplify the financial arrangements for, the translation of harmonised standards;

Amendment 103

Konstantinos Poupakis

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 25 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

25c. Recognises that European standardisation is an important tool for promoting innovation, research and development, contributing to the EU's competitiveness and the completion of the internal market;

Amendment 104

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26a. Stresses the need to promote the inclusion of standardisation in academic curricula, education and lifelong learning programmes in order to raise awareness amongst current and prospective economic operators and policy makers about the importance and benefits of standards; encourages actions aimed to assess, quantify and communicate the economic and social benefits of standardisation;

Or. en

**Amendment 105
Bendt Bendtsen**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 b (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26b. Stresses the need to promote the inclusion of standardisation in education programmes and academic curricula in order to familiarise students with the strategic benefits of standardisation; encourages the development of studies and surveys to assess, quantify and communicate the economic and social benefits of standards;

Or. en

**Amendment 106
Jürgen Creutzmann**

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 26 c (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26c. Calls on the Member States, in

cooperation with NSBs, to increase awareness among SMEs of the economic advantages arising from the use of standards, through training and information campaigns;

Or. de

Amendment 107

Anja Weisgerber, Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26d. Calls on Member States and the European Commission to promote education about the role of standards and the benefits of using them at all levels, in economic and technical schools for instance; invites NSBs to enhance their cooperation with trade associations in order to provide plausible information to SMEs on the benefits provided by standards;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Lara Comi, Andreas Schwab, Wim van de Camp

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 26 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

26e. Believes that the European programmes for innovation and research can provide an important contribution to the standardisation process by devoting a chapter to "research and standardisation"; considers that such a measure would contribute financially to the system, while at the same time increasing the knowledge of the operators

involved;

Or. en

Amendment 109

Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Reaffirms that tackling climate change and other future global energy and environmental challenges implies developing and promoting clean technologies and green products; considers, therefore, that there is an urgent need to integrate environmental aspects into all relevant products and services, and that the European Standardisation System needs to develop an improved system to ensure such aspects are properly addressed when standards are developed; stresses the need to promote the active involvement in standardisation committees – at national and European level – of environmental organisations and public authorities responsible for environmental protection;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Edvard Kožušník, Mitro Repo, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 27 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27b. Points out that both intellectual property rights (IPRs) and standardisation encourage innovation and facilitate the dissemination of technology; emphasises that a correct balance should

be established between the interests of the users of standards and the rights of owners of intellectual property; calls on European and national standards bodies to be particularly vigilant when developing standards based on proprietary technologies, in order to allow broad access to all users; stresses the need to ensure that licenses for any essential IPRs contained in standards are provided on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory conditions; encourages owners of intellectual property to apply royalty-free policies in order to promote the broad implementation of the standards;

Or. en

Amendment 111
Jürgen Creutzmann

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

28. Recognises that fora and consortia contribute considerably to the standardisation system by providing specifications with global relevance, which are often more receptive to innovative technologies; points out that, most notably in the ICT sector, a number of fora and consortia have evolved into global organisations producing widely implemented specifications on the basis of open, transparent and consensus-based development processes; believes that the ESOs and fora/consortia must find ways of cooperating in planning their activities by transferring standards to the most appropriate level, international or European, in order to ensure coherence and avoid fragmentation or duplication; calls on the ESOs to develop and implement an improved mechanism for the adoption of fora/consortia specifications as European

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standards, **which** should not restrict the possibility of submitting **them** directly to international standards organisations in order to seek more global status;

standards, **whereby consensus on the part of all stakeholders must be guaranteed through the established procedures for consulting all parties concerned in accordance with the national delegation principle; stresses that this** should not restrict the possibility of submitting **fora/consortia specifications** directly to international standards organisations in order to seek more global status;

Or. de

Amendment 112
Robert Rochefort

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28

Motion for a resolution

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out in the World Trade Organization's agreement on technical barriers to trade: transparency, openness, impartiality, consensus, efficiency, relevance and consistency;

Or. fr

Amendment 113
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 28 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

28a. Recognises that interoperability is key to innovation and competitiveness, especially in the ICT sector, where fora and consortia play a fundamental role; points out that interoperability depends not only on standard/specification definitions but also on the implementation of such standard/specifications by users; acknowledges the important role played by user driven fora and consortia to achieve interoperability;

Or. en

Amendment 114
Heide Rühle

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

29. Emphasises the need to safeguard and enhance **Europe's** position in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness;

29. Emphasises the need to safeguard and enhance **European Countries'** position in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness;

Amendment 115
Damien Abad, Philippe Juvin

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Emphasises the need to safeguard and enhance *Europe's* position in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness;

Amendment

29. Emphasises *that the regulatory dialogue is an important aspect of the external dimension of the Internal Market and considers thus the* need to safeguard and enhance *the European standardisation system's* position in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness;

Amendment 116
Cornelis de Jong

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Emphasises the need to safeguard and enhance Europe's position in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness;

Amendment

29. Emphasises the need to safeguard and enhance Europe's position in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness, *whilst taking into account the legitimate interests of the development countries;*

Amendment 117
Bernadette Vergnaud

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29

Motion for a resolution

29. Emphasises the need to safeguard and enhance **Europe's** position in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness;

Amendment

29. Emphasises the need to safeguard and enhance **the position of Europe and all its Member States** in the international standardisation environment in order to promote the development of international standards with genuine global relevance, facilitate trade and increase European competitiveness;

Or. fr

Amendment 118
Edvard Kožušník, Lara Comi, Mitro Repo, Toine Manders, Malcolm Harbour

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 29 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

29a. Supports the secondment of two European standardisation experts to China and India with the aim to support the ESOs, promote European standards and provide feedback on the standardisation systems of these countries;

Amendment

Or. en