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AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1
Keith Taylor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. to support the opening of negotiations on a DCFTA as soon as ***possible*** so that Georgia can be more closely integrated with its largest trading partner, ***this being necessary in order to sustain Georgia's economic growth and overcome the economic crisis and damage caused by the war with Russia over South Ossetia and Abkhazia in 2008;***

Amendment

1. to support the opening of negotiations on a DCFTA as soon as ***the pre-conditions set by the Commission are met***, so that Georgia can be more closely integrated with its largest trading partner;

Or. en

Amendment 2
George Sabin Cutaş

Draft opinion
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Amendment 3
George Sabin Cutaş

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment 4
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Draft opinion
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Or. en

Amendment 5
George Sabin Cutaş

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. to encourage Georgia's progress in perfecting its legislation, improving the efficiency of its institutions and ensuring high quality-control standards for its products in order to comply with the requirements set out by the European Commission;

Or. en

Amendment 6
George Sabin Cutaş

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. to accelerate the process of validating the preconditions for a DCFTA set out in the EU-Georgia Action Plan, ***which entail excessive costs to the Georgian economy and cause trade diversion;***

3. to ***recommend the allocation of the necessary financial resources in order to ensure the continuation of the legislative and institutional reforms of adapting to the DCFTA*** and to accelerate the process of validating the preconditions for a DCFTA set out in the EU-Georgia Action Plan;

Or. en

Amendment 7
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Amendment 8
Cristiana Muscardini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – subparagraph 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

to stress how important it is for the EU that Georgia guarantees the proper disposal of toxic and radioactive waste on its territory as a prerequisite for facilitating trade, especially with regard to agriculture in order to protect food safety;

Or. it

Amendment 9
George Sabin Cutaş

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. to *set up the negotiating mandate to allow greater flexibility on issues such as Georgian agricultural exports and to* include sequential commitments covering key trade-related chapters such as non-tariff barriers, trade facilitation, rules of origin and investments, and to complete actions in areas covered by the Action Plan;

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Keith Taylor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. to encourage Georgia to pursue **pro-business** reforms, to improve its tax collection capacity and its contractual dispute settlement mechanism, to continue investing in its infrastructure and to fight existing inequalities, particularly in rural areas.

Amendment

5. to encourage Georgia to pursue **a sustainable development strategy of economic** reforms, to improve its tax collection capacity and its contractual dispute settlement mechanism, to **ensure labour relations according to ILO standards, to** continue investing in its infrastructure, **especially with regard to public services,** and to fight existing inequalities, particularly in rural areas.

Or. en

Amendment 11
Juozas Imbrasas

Draft opinion
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Amendment 12
Rolandas Paksas

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Amendment 13
George Sabin Cutaş

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5 a. To ensure, through the negotiation of the Association Agreement, the implementation of fair trade, sustainable development, human rights, labour standards, and good governance in Georgia; to guarantee, in particular, that Georgian labour laws fulfil core ILO conventions, in particular conventions 87 and 98, and that child labour is eliminated.

Or. en

