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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 10**

**Draft opinion**  
**Kriton Arsenis**  
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on the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly  
(2014/2017(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Maurice Ponga**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. To recognise that, although significant progress has been made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), most African countries are off-track in meeting the MDGs;

*Amendment*

1. To recognise that significant ***and substantial*** progress has been made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - ***including halving the number of people without sustainable access to improved sources of drinking water, reducing significantly the proportion of urban slum dwellers, obtaining remarkable gains in the fight against malaria and tuberculosis and visible improvements in all health areas as well as in the access to primary education; to deplore however the fact that*** most African countries are off-track in meeting the MDGs;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Maurice Ponga**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. To stress that food is not merely a commodity and that access to food is a universal human right, and to underline the UNGA's responsibility to contribute to global food security by allowing and supporting developing countries to increase and diversify their own production, with an emphasis on small-scale, environmentally sustainable and organic farming and on the free use of local seed varieties, in order to become

*Amendment*

7. To stress that food is not merely a commodity and that access to food is a universal human right, and to underline the UNGA's responsibility to contribute to global food security by allowing and supporting developing countries to increase and diversify their own production, with an emphasis on small-scale, environmentally sustainable and organic farming and on the free use of local seed varieties, in order to become

more food-secure and meet demand on their local markets; to call, in this connection, for increased efforts to combat land-grabbing practices *by international corporations* and to secure respect for the right to land of local populations and indigenous peoples;

more food-secure and meet demand on their local markets; to call, in this connection, for increased efforts to combat land-grabbing practices and to secure respect for the right to land of local populations and indigenous peoples;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Kriton Arsenis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. To underline that policy coherence for development is an essential principle to be followed in post-2015 framework, paying particular attention to the possible conflicts between development and international trade and investment agreements, *agriculture, fisheries and energy policies*;

*Amendment*

9. To underline that policy coherence for development is an essential principle to be followed in post-2015 framework, paying particular attention to the possible conflicts between development *and agriculture, fisheries and energy policies* and international trade and investment agreements, *with a particular emphasis on the investor-state dispute settlement clause that threatens to lock countries into low regulatory frameworks*;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Maurice Ponga**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. To agree, before the UNGA session, on a **50** % reduction target for EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, which is fully consistent with the objective of

*Amendment*

15. To agree, before the UNGA session, on a **40** % reduction target for EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, which is fully consistent with the objective of

limiting global warming to 2°C and with the EU's target to reduce its emissions by 95% compared to 1990 levels by 2050, thus enabling the EU to exercise leadership in combating climate change at international level; to use the opportunity provided by the UNGA session to call on other important emitters of greenhouse gases to radically cut their emissions and on all countries to help minimise global emissions, respecting the 2°C objective as well as humanitarian and development rights and needs;

limiting global warming to 2°C and with the EU's target to reduce its emissions by **80 - 95%** compared to 1990 levels by 2050, thus enabling the EU to exercise leadership in combating climate change at international level; to use the opportunity provided by the UNGA session ***ahead of the Paris COP 21*** to call on other important emitters of greenhouse gases to radically cut their emissions and on all countries to help minimise global emissions, respecting the 2°C objective as well as humanitarian and development rights and needs;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Filip Kaczmarek**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Draft opinion*

15. To ***agree***, before the UNGA session, ***on a 50 % reduction target for EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, which is fully consistent with the objective of limiting global warming to 2°C and with the EU's target to reduce its emissions by 95% compared to 1990 levels by 2050, thus enabling*** the EU to exercise leadership in combating climate change at international level; to use the opportunity provided by the UNGA session to call on other important emitters of greenhouse gases to radically cut their emissions and on all countries to help minimise global emissions, respecting the 2°C objective as well as humanitarian and development rights and needs;

*Amendment*

15. To ***work closely with other partners in various forums*** before the UNGA session ***to be ready to bring ambitious low carbon pathways, for a global response in order to meet global 2°C objective, and to*** enable the EU to exercise leadership in combating climate change at international level; to use the opportunity provided by the UNGA session to call on other important emitters of greenhouse gases to radically cut their emissions and on all countries to help minimise global emissions, respecting the 2°C objective as well as humanitarian and development rights and needs;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Kriton Arsenis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Peace and security***

***17a. To work towards a ceasefire and stopping the bloodshed in Syria; to try to achieve the respect of the humanitarian principles and access to the affected populations in Syria which according to estimations will amount to nearly three-quarters of the country's 22 million people in 2014 and to ensure that the removal, transfer and destruction of chemical weapons from Syria is done in a fully transparent manner respecting the environmental regulations in place and to ensure that the operation will not result in any effluents, chemicals or byproducts being released into the air or sea;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Kriton Arsenis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Peace and security***

***17b. To condemn attacks on aid workers and assets, interference into relief activities and large-scale looting of supplies in South-Sudan which severely hamper the efforts to reach civilian populations in need;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Kriton Arsenis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Peace and security***

***17c. To condemn the dangers faced by the humanitarian actors and widespread violations of human rights in the Central African Republic;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Kriton Arsenis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***The EU at the UN***

***17d. To continue the fruitful cooperation in support of multilateralism and global governance and to highlight the importance of the Strategic Partnership between EU and UNDP which celebrated its 10th year in February 2014;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Kriton Arsenis**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 17e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***The EU at the UN***

***17e. To spread awareness that 2015 will be declared the European Year for Development which will create an unprecedented momentum to raise public***

*knowledge in Europe of the global challenges and the importance of the commonly agreed new development goals.*

Or. en