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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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The EU 2015 Report on Policy Coherence for Development
(2015/2317(INI))

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Amendment 1
Judith Sargentini

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Recalls Article 208 of the Lisbon Treaty, establishing reduction, and in the long term, eradication of poverty as the primary goal of Union development cooperation policy, and emphasizing that this goal has to be taken into account in all EU policies, including trade policy,

Or. en

Amendment 2
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Recalls that trade and finance is one of the five priority areas of policy coherence for development;

1. Recalls that trade and finance is one of the five priority areas of policy coherence for development; ***stresses that for PCD to be successful it requires the full commitment of all stakeholders involved both from the EU side and also from the partner countries.***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Pedro Silva Pereira, Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz, Sorin Moisă, Maria Arena, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Bernd Lange, Alessia Maria Mosca, Jude Kirton-Darling, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Victor Boştinaru

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Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls that trade and finance is one of the five priority areas of policy coherence for development;

Amendment

1. Recalls that trade and finance is one of the five priority areas of policy coherence for development, ***a concept enshrined in article 208 TFEU; recalls that all EU external policies, including trade and investment, must be aligned with Article 21 of the TEU and must not undermine sustainable development goals, human rights and gender equality; recalls the principles mentioned in article 24, paragraph 2 of the Council Regulation No 260/2009;***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Pedro Silva Pereira, Alessia Maria Mosca

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls likewise the EU's commitment to mainstream gender in all its policies and the importance of guaranteeing that men and women benefit equally from social changes, economic growth and the creation of decent jobs, doing away with discrimination and promoting respect for women's rights in the world

Or. en

Amendment 5

Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls for the establishment of an EU-Africa co-development partnership focusing on strategic issues such as energy, sustainable management of natural resources and innovation;

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Emphasizes that trade remains crucial for economic growth and sustainable development and has helped to lift hundreds of millions of people out of poverty; recognizes, however, that not all developing countries have enjoyed such gains and that least developed countries (LDCs) in particular remain marginalised in global trade;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Recalls that trade liberalisation *is* not *positive, per se, in terms of reducing poverty and could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by re-distribution through fair and progressive tax systems;*

2. Recalls that trade liberalisation *must* not *be an end to itself but must instead be regarded as a means of fostering the sustainable development of economies and societies;*

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that trade liberalisation is not positive, per se, in terms of reducing poverty and could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by *re-distribution through fair and progressive tax systems*;

Amendment

2. Recalls that trade liberalisation is not positive, per se, in terms of reducing poverty and could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by *an efficient use of resources for development based on an honest regulatory environment and the protection of private property*;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that trade *liberalisation is not* positive, *per se*, in terms of *reducing poverty and could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by re-distribution through fair and progressive tax systems*;

Amendment

2. Recalls that trade *has helped millions of people out of poverty; welcomes in that respect the positive impact that trade in general and particularly GSP has had in developing countries* in terms of *economic diversification; notes that not all developing countries have gained from trade liberalization and welcomes, for example, the Aid for Trade programmes conceived to help those countries tap into the full opportunities offered by trade agreements*.

Or. en

Amendment 10

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Recalls that trade liberalisation is not positive, per se, in terms of reducing poverty and could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by re-distribution through fair and progressive tax systems;

Amendment

2. Recalls that trade liberalisation is not positive, per se, in terms of reducing poverty and could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by re-distribution through fair and progressive tax systems; ***urges the EU to work towards the reinforcement of international fiscal cooperation, supporting the establishment of a new intergovernmental body under the auspices of the UN on international cooperation on tax matters and provide the resources necessary to allow the body to operate effectively;***

Or. en

Amendment 11

Pedro Silva Pereira, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Jude Kirton-Darling, David Martin, Sorin Moisă, Alessia Maria Mosca, Victor Boştinaru, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
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2. Recalls that trade ***liberalisation is not positive, per se, in terms of*** reducing poverty and ***could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by re-distribution through fair and progressive tax systems;***

Amendment

2. Recalls that ***the final outcome of the Addis Ababa conference and the SDG agenda describes trade as an important means of implementing the global sustainable development goals (SDGs); recalls that fair trade can play a positive role in*** reducing poverty and ***inequality;*** ***urges the EU to work towards the reinforcement of international fiscal cooperation as agreed by the G20 and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;***

Or. en

Amendment 12
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Recalls that trade liberalisation is not positive, per se, in terms of reducing poverty and could have negative effects on sustainable development if it is not accompanied by re-distribution through fair and progressive tax systems;

Amendment

2. Commends EU's efforts to promote trade as a tool for sustainable development, from the liberalization of access to its own huge market to the vast area of Aid for Trade; emphasizes that in order for the developing countries to take advantage of trade and investment opportunities, it is necessary to continue supporting domestic revenue mobilization (DRM) reforms in developing countries as to help improve their capacity to increase revenues and to tackle tax evasion and avoidance by supporting the design of efficient, effective, fair and transparent tax systems in line with principles of good governance

Or. en

Amendment 13
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Regrets that EU unilateral as well as bilateral trade measures, such as the GSP scheme, and in particular the GSP+ scheme, as well as free trade agreements with developing countries, including the EPAs, often do not meet policy coherence criteria in practice and lack satisfactory monitoring, once in force; underlines that these criteria should be much more

explicitly enshrined in the terms of reference for ex-ante and ex-post-sustainability impact assessments (SIAs) of these policy measures;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls that fair and properly regulated trade if aligned with SDGs could have potentialities for development; calls the Commission to strengthen the binding enforceability of SDGs and include comprehensive sustainable development chapters in all trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Pedro Silva Pereira, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Jude Kirton-Darling, David Martin, Sorin Moisă, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Victor Boştinaru, Bernd Lange

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes that the Commission, in its recent communication "Trade for All", reaffirms the principle of policy coherence for development and aims at 'a more responsible' trade and investment policy, namely by contributing to the SDGs and the inclusive growth in developing countries;

Amendment 16

Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Commends the EU for being the frontrunner in providing Duty-Free-Quota-Free access to all goods (except arms and ammunition) from LDCs through the Everything-But-Arms Initiative (EBA) as part of the EU's Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP);

Or. en

Amendment 17

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Stelios Kouloglou

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Notes that Brazil has introduced in the WTO working group on Trade, Debt and Finance a demand to deal with the effects of persistent currency exchange rate misalignments and the impact on the level of protection of ad valorem duties;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Pedro Silva Pereira, Maria Arena, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Jude Kirton-Darling, David Martin, Sorin Moisă, Alessia Maria Mosca, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Victor Boştinaru, Bernd Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Urges the Commission to align all EU trade-related instruments to the SDGs: free trade agreements, in particular the Economic Partnership Agreement with African countries, plurilateral and multilateral agreements under the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), Aid for Trade, EU Regulations, as well as international standards and code of conducts;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Urges the EU to continue efforts in proceeding with the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) as they have a specific development focus, including development cooperation as an essential element of implementation, and in line with the principles of PCD;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. Recognizes that one-third of total development aid (ODA) currently supports trade related needs; urges the EU to remain the global leader in providing support to Aid for Trade (AfT) programmes that are conceived to help developing countries reap the benefits of new trade deals;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. Calls on the Commission to ***take measures to prevent the*** potential negative effects of mega trade deals, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), on developing countries;

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ***commission independent and exhaustive studies on*** potential negative effects of mega trade deals, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), on developing countries, ***and to present ways and means to prevent them;***

Or. en

Amendment 22

Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to ***take measures to prevent the potential negative*** effects of ***mega*** trade ***deals***, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), on developing

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission to ***monitor the*** effects of trade ***and investments agreements***, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), on developing countries;

countries;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 24

Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to take measures to prevent the potential negative effects of mega trade deals, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), on developing countries;

Amendment

3. Notes that most available studies show the impact of TTIP on developing countries would likely be limited although positive, leading to more demand for their products, in fact reducing regulatory divergences and improving market access; Is confident that TiSA could have positive effects both on developed and developing countries by removing unnecessary barriers to trade in services and fostering

investment.

Or. en

Amendment 25

Pedro Silva Pereira, Jude Kirton-Darling, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, David Martin, Victor Boştinaru, Bernd Lange

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to *take* measures to *prevent* the potential *negative effects of mega trade deals, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), on developing countries;*

Amendment

3. Recalls that fair and properly regulated trade if aligned with SDGs could have potentialities for development; calls on the Commission to include strong and comprehensive sustainable development chapters, which are effectively implemented and enforced, in EU's trade and investment agreements; calls on the Commission to propose measures to ensure that the potential benefits of trade agreements trickle down to developing countries; welcomes the commitment of the Commission in the communication "Trade for All" to undertake in-depth analysis of the potential effects of new FTAs on LDCs;

Or. en

**Amendment 26
Davor Ivo Stier**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission to take measures to prevent the potential negative effects of mega trade deals, such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trade in

Amendment

3. Notes that most indicate that the possible effect of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) on developing countries would be positive;

Services Agreement (TiSA), on developing countries;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Recalls that tax avoidance and tax evasion by European companies, which carry out economic activities themselves or via subsidiaries in developing countries, have considerable negative effects on national income not only in Europe, but also in those countries, as pointed out by recent OECD and UNCTAD reports, and that monitoring schemes such as country-per-country-reporting should be promoted and more largely applied;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Eleonora Forenza, Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the Commission to step up efforts to advance in democratic multilateral fora on trade issues in where all countries are represented on equal footing and to position itself as the defender of the interest of developing countries on trade issues;

Amendment 29

Pedro Silva Pereira, Jude Kirton-Darling, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, David Martin, Maria Arena, Bernd Lange

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Regrets that the level of ambition displayed by successive TSD chapters in EU trade agreements has often not met the best standards; stresses the importance of ensuring proper monitoring and enforcement of the provisions contained in such chapters, and calls for the full involvement of civil society organisations and social partners in this respect, both in partner countries and in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Insists that tariff escalation is in open contradiction to the principle of policy coherence;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Welcomes the progress made since the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact and calls the EC to expand binding frameworks to other sectors; urges, in this regard, the EC to enhance corporate social responsibility and due diligence initiatives that complement the existing EU timber regulation, on the proposed EU regulation on conflict minerals, for other sectors; thereby ensuring the EU and its traders and operators live up to the obligation to respect human rights and the highest social and environmental standards;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Pedro Silva Pereira, Jude Kirton-Darling, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, David Martin, Victor Boștinăru, Maria Arena, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Recalls the European Commission's commitment to carry out Sustainability Impact Assessments (SIAs) on all trade negotiations; regrets that SIAs have not been carried out in a timely fashion; calls on the Commission to deliver on its commitment and to ensure that the impact of potential trade agreements on developing countries is properly taken into account;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Points at the ongoing legislative process concerning conflict minerals and insists that many more natural resources have to be included in similar binding schemes with the aim to increase EU policy coherence;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Calls for EU Aid for Trade and technical assistance to have an aim to empower poor producers, micro and small enterprises, women equality and women empowerment and cooperatives in order to boost their benefits from trading in local and regional markets;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Pedro Silva Pereira, Maria Arena, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Jude Kirton-Darling, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, David Martin, Victor Boştinaru, Bernd Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

3c. Welcomes the progress made since the establishment of the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact while acknowledges that important challenges remain and need to be addressed; calls on the Commission to expand binding frameworks to other sectors; urges, in this regard, the Commission to go beyond corporate social responsibility and propose a mandatory legal framework for due diligence initiatives that complement the existing EU timber regulation, for other sectors, thereby ensuring the EU and its traders and operators live up to the obligation to respect human rights and the highest social and environmental standards;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 d (new)

3d. Is of the opinion that special attention should be paid to globalised value chains, that labour and environmental conditions in these global value chains need clear regulation at all stages of assembling, and that CSR must be further developed in this respect,

Or. en

Amendment 37

Pedro Silva Pereira, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Jude Kirton-Darling, Maria Arena, Sorin Moisă, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, David Martin, Victor Boştinaru, Bernd Lange

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Calls the EU and its Member States to commit to increase Aid for Trade (AfT) support for developing countries, particularly least developed countries (LDCs), while addressing fair and ethical trade in the upcoming revision of its Aid for Trade strategy, as announced in the communication "Trade for All"; calls EU Aid for Trade and technical assistance to empower poor producers, micro and small enterprises, women-led enterprises and cooperatives in order to boost their benefits from trading in local and regional markets;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies do not undermine developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

4. Stresses the importance of safeguarding the right of countries to regulate and preserve an adequate balance between commitments and policy space; recalls that through GSP and the preferential market access provisions, the EU shows its firm commitment to promote sustainable development and human rights reducing poverty in beneficiary countries.

Or. en

Amendment 39

Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies do not undermine developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries, ***eventually proclaimed in agreement preambles, and avoid contradictions of this right with concrete policies spelled out in other parts of agreements***; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies do not undermine developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains, ***and asks the Commission to include an evaluation of this aspect into its regular reports on implementation of bilateral agreements***;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. ***Calls on the Commission to safeguard*** the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies ***do not undermine*** developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Amendment

4. ***Stresses the importance of safeguarding*** the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies ***further encourage*** developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies ***do not undermine developing countries'*** efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies ***support*** efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies do not undermine developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies do not undermine developing countries' ***strategic economic sectors and do not challenge partner countries*** efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Pedro Silva Pereira, Alessia Maria Mosca

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies do not undermine developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added in order to upgrade along the global value chains;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to safeguard the right of countries to regulate and preserve policy space in order to develop infant industries; urges the Commission to ensure that trade agreements and policies do not undermine developing countries' efforts to increase the domestic value added, in order to upgrade along the global value chains, ***and to create decent jobs locally, prioritising the contribution of women to economic development, especially in rural areas, as essential elements for endogenous development;***

Or. en

Amendment 44
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that trade agreements negotiated with partner countries, in particular neighbourhood countries, have the clear aim of fostering the economic and social development of those countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 45
Pedro Silva Pereira, Jude Kirton-Darling, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, David Martin, Sorin Moisă, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Nicola Danti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of the **WTO** Nairobi **Package** with regard to the elimination of agricultural export subsidies at multilateral level;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to monitor the implementation of the **WTO's Bali and Nairobi Packages, namely** with regard to the elimination of agricultural export subsidies at multilateral level, ***the decisions of specific benefit to the LDCs as well the Agreement on Trade Facilitation***;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. In this sense, stresses that capacity building and technical assistance should continue to be made available to developing and least developed countries, in order to enable them to benefit from a bigger share of the value added in global value chains;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Pedro Silva Pereira, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Jude Kirton-Darling, Maria Arena, David Martin, Sorin Moisă, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Recalls that EU investment policy, especially when involving public money,

must contribute to the realisation of the SDGs; recalls the need to enhance transparency and accountability of development finance institutions (DFIs), and public-private partnerships (PPPs) to effectively track and monitor the money flows, debt sustainability and the added value for sustainable development of their projects;

Or. en

Amendment 48

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Emphasises that efforts to strengthen the capacity of developing countries for mobilising private resources must of necessity be accompanied by measures to create environments that are favourable to responsible and sustainable entrepreneurship and investment, starting with the eradication of political corruption and with fair taxation, accompanied by firm action to fight tax fraud, tax evasion and tax havens;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Calls on the Commission to further lead efforts to support and facilitate universal access to medicines at

affordable prices, while striking a right balance with IP rights, and to take political action to raise visibility of public health and universal access to medicines in international trading relations; in this same direction, calls on the Commission to support the designation of a European Year of Health and Access to Medicines;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Stresses the importance of participation through broad and transparent consultations of ***civil society organisations and trade unions*** in the negotiation, implementation and monitoring of EU trade and investment agreements and policies;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of participation through broad and transparent consultations of ***all interested stakeholders, including from civil society*** in the negotiation, implementation and monitoring of EU trade and investment agreements and policies;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Pedro Silva Pereira, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza, Jude Kirton-Darling, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Maria Arena, David Martin, Sorin Moisă, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Victor Boştinaru

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6. Stresses the importance of participation through broad and transparent consultations of civil society organisations and trade unions in the negotiation, implementation and monitoring of EU

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of participation through broad and transparent consultations of civil society organisations and trade unions, ***both from the European Union member states and from third***

trade and investment agreements and policies;

countries, in the negotiation, implementation and monitoring of EU trade and investment agreements and policies;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Stresses the importance of participation through broad and transparent consultations of civil society organisations and trade unions in the negotiation, implementation and monitoring of EU trade and investment agreements and policies;

Amendment

6. Stresses the importance of participation through broad and transparent consultations of ***national parliaments***, civil society organisations and trade unions in the negotiation, implementation and monitoring of EU trade and investment agreements and policies;

Or. fr

Amendment 53
Jan Zahradil

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 54
Fernando Ruas

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Paragraph 7

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 55
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
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7. Calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to further promote the involvement and the empowerment of civil society organisations in, and through, trade negotiations and to develop a complaint mechanism to channel the voices of those whose human rights may be jeopardised by EU trade policies, taking adequate account of these complaints in the process of assessing the impact of EU trade agreements, as well as in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to ***develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;***

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to ***make sure that, before it starts negotiating a free-trade agreement, it always carries out an assessment of the agreement's impact on the economic and social development of the partner country concerned;***

Or. fr

Amendment 57
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to ***develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;***

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to ***ensure the promotion of democracy and human rights through EU trade policies; stresses that this will also be an important element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

7. Calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals; ***thus systematically building on and enlarging the EU focal points on OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises to non-OECD countries;***

Or. en

Amendment 59

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by **EU** trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

Amendment

7. Points to the fact that only 8% of the impact assessments of Commission proposals that could affect developing countries address the potential impact on these countries; calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism as a basis for sanctions to channel the voices of those whose human rights are jeopardised by trade policies ***stakeholders*** and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Pedro Silva Pereira, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, David Martin

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism ***as a basis for sanctions*** to channel the voices of those whose human rights ***are*** jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to develop a complaint mechanism to channel the voices of those whose human rights ***may be*** jeopardised by EU trade policies and which will form an essential element of the EU's role in the implementation of the sustainable development goals;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Calls on the Commission to take the Bangladesh Sustainability Compact as an example to exploit and further develop in the future for similar situations in other developing countries;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Fernando Ruas

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in its work towards an international treaty that would hold transnational corporations accountable for human rights abuses.

8. Stresses the fundamental role that the private sector plays in the fight against poverty and in that respect, welcomes the Commission's 2014 communication "A Stronger Role of the Private Sector in Achieving Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in Developing Countries";

Recalls that the EU is the World's leading actor in terms of National Action Plans for CSR; Encourages the continued efforts to consolidate CSR best practices.

Or. en

Amendment 63

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in its work towards an international treaty that would hold transnational corporations accountable for human rights abuses.

Amendment

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in its work towards an international treaty that would hold transnational corporations accountable for human rights abuses, *and recalls that the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights (the so called Ruggie principles "Protect, Repair, Redress") still fail to be fully implemented in EU policies.*

Or. en

Amendment 64

Lola Sánchez Caldentey, Stelios Kouloglou, Helmut Scholz, Eleonora Forenza

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in its work towards an international treaty that would hold transnational corporations accountable for human rights abuses.

Amendment

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to *follow UNCTAD's Comprehensive Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development recommendations to stimulate more responsible, transparent and accountable investments and to* actively engage with

the UN Human Rights Council in its work towards an international treaty that would hold transnational corporations accountable for human rights abuses.

Or. en

Amendment 65

Pedro Silva Pereira, Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Jude Kirton-Darling, David Martin, Sorin Moisă, Alessia Maria Mosca, Victor Boştinaru

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in its work towards an international treaty that would hold transnational corporations accountable for human rights abuses.

Amendment

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to ***promote the multilateral debate on investment treaties, to take into account UNCTAD's Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development recommendations to stimulate more responsible, transparent and accountable investments, as well as to*** actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in its work towards an international treaty that would hold transnational corporations accountable for human rights abuses.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Marielle de Sarnez

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in ***its*** work towards an international ***treaty*** that would ***hold transnational*** corporations ***accountable for human rights abuses.***

Amendment

8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to actively engage with the UN Human Rights Council in work towards an international ***framework*** that would ***make it easier for*** corporations ***to pursue corporate social responsibility strategies;***

Amendment 67
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Calls on the Commission to assess existing trade and investment agreements thoroughly in order to identify any areas which may negatively affect development, whether directly or as a side-effect and, especially, those provisions which may have an impact on universal access to goods and services of general interest, such as those related to health, education, water, combating hunger and energy poverty, and gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 68
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. In parallel to multilateral efforts to achieve compulsory Corporate Social Responsibility Schemes, urges EU Member States to draw up national business and human rights plans in order to deliver, without further delay, on the commitment made by the European Council in 2013 through the 'EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy';

Or. en

Amendment 69
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8c. In the same path, calls on the Commission to encourage EU and third country governments to use public procurement policy to promote the adhesion and respect by enterprises to international guidelines and principles of Corporate Social Responsibility, by considering the past record of companies as regards responsible business conduct in the award of public procurement contracts;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8d. Stresses the importance of using trade policies as a tool to further empower consumers, so that they may turn consumption into a political act, as well as a responsible and sustainable practice;

Or. en

Amendment 71
Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8e. Calls on the Commission to set up product traceability systems as well as an EU register of businesses involved in EU development projects, in order to make their actions more transparent and enable citizens to monitor the actions of EU businesses outside the EU, while at the same time facilitating the dissemination of experience on an international scale and, equally important, the visibility and positive image of EU businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8f. Further, calls on the Commission to promote the creation of coordination fora and joint meetings for international businesses, public authorities and civil society organisations, both in the EU and in third countries, in order to foster the exchange of good practices and the configuration of synergies conducive to inclusive growth and development;

Or. en