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Draft opinion
Ricardo Cortés Lastra
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Amendment 1
Maurice Ponga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Congratulates the ASEAN Member States on their spectacular economic progress in recent years; is nevertheless aware that economic and social inequalities continue to exist amongst and within the ASEAN countries and considers that there is still a need for a new EU strategy to promote development and combat inequality in these countries; believes that such a strategy should be based on the 2005 European Consensus on Development;

Amendment

1. Congratulates the ASEAN Member States on their spectacular economic progress in recent years; is nevertheless aware that economic and social inequalities continue to exist amongst and within the ASEAN countries and considers that there is still a need for a new EU strategy to promote development and combat inequality in these countries; believes that such a strategy should be based on the 2005 European Consensus on Development ***as well as on the principles laid down by the European Commission in its Agenda for Change¹***;

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Believes that such a strategy should be based in particular on the following principles: policy coherence for development, long-term aid effectiveness, priority for basic social needs, in particular health and education, and

¹ COM(2011)0637 final, 13.10.2011 **Increasing the impact of EU Development Policy: an Agenda for Change.**

participation by national stakeholders, including national parliaments, local authorities, and development NGOs and civil society;

Or. es

Amendment 3
Eva Joly, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Points out that, while the overall objective of EU-ASEAN cooperation in the period 2011-2013 is to contribute to ASEAN regional integration, i.e. by enabling the setting-up of the ASEAN Community by 2015, cross-sectoral programmes include, among others, negotiating Free Trade Agreements; against this background, reiterates that a "pro-growth strategy" should not be confused with a long term development strategy that entails the financing of long-term objectives, such as health, education, access to energy in rural areas, support of small farmers, etc.; in particular, urges the Commission, in a context where there is no automaticity between the promotion of an export-oriented growth, achieved through the liberalisation of trade, and the reduction of poverty, to ensure that programmes financed under the DCI have a direct link with the overriding objective of eradication of poverty, in line with Policy Coherence for Development, as enshrined in article 208 of the Lisbon Treaty;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Calls on the Commission to coordinate the principles and objectives of such a policy together with the traditional and emerging donors, particularly China and India, using the United Nations' millennium development goals and post-2015 millennium goals ***as its point of reference; appeals to the emerging donors to take up development responsibilities in the region in line with their role as emerging powers and to move towards the introduction of a tax on financial transactions to support development cooperation;***

Amendment

2. Calls on the Commission to coordinate the principles and objectives of such a policy together with the traditional and emerging donors, particularly China and India, using the United Nations' millennium development goals and post-2015 millennium goals ***as a starting point for dialogue;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2a (new)

Draft opinion

2a. Takes the view that in devising their long-term and medium-term development strategy the ASEAN countries ought to address without delay major social, urban and environmental challenges they face in regard to natural resource management, food security and climate change, and calls on the Commission to support the efforts of ASEAN countries in this respect;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 6
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Also notes that poverty continues to be a problem in these countries and that it mainly affects women, the poorly-skilled, rural areas and minority ethnic or religious groups; therefore sees a need *to improve the distribution of wealth and promote social justice at all levels, since inequality impedes economic growth and the attainment of the millennium goals and may give rise to social conflicts;*

Amendment

3. Also notes that poverty continues to be a problem in these countries and that it mainly affects women, the poorly-skilled, rural areas and minority ethnic or religious groups; therefore sees a need *for the EU to recognise and address such clusters of poverty on a regional basis in cooperation with governmental institutions and tailored on the essential requirements of the local environment;*

Or. en

Amendment 7
Maurice Ponga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Also notes that poverty continues to be a problem in these countries and that it mainly affects women, the poorly-skilled, rural areas and minority ethnic or religious groups; therefore sees a need to improve the distribution of *wealth* and promote social justice at all levels, since inequality impedes economic growth and the attainment of the millennium goals and may give rise to social conflicts;

Amendment

3. Also notes that poverty continues to be a problem in these countries and that it mainly affects women, the poorly-skilled, rural areas and minority ethnic or religious groups; therefore sees a need to improve the distribution of *income* and promote social justice at all levels, since inequality impedes economic growth and the attainment of the millennium goals and may give rise to social conflicts;

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses that the EU's actions in the region need to be prepared in collaboration with the authorities in the countries in question, in a way that is consistent with the new reality and the needs of the region and that at the same time takes into account the individual needs and situation of each country, such that EU aid contributes to balanced growth in the region;

Or. es

Amendment 9
Eva Joly, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Welcomes the fact that ASEAN Charter stresses the importance of the rule of law, good governance, democracy and constitutional government; regrets however that the Charter lacks mechanisms for dispute settlements and sanctions in case of human rights violations;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that the ASEAN countries should advance towards a new phase of inclusive economic and social development, with particular emphasis on promoting their peoples' human, social, labour and economic rights, in order to ensure fairer and more equal societies; to achieve this, considers that they should use their increased economic wealth to strengthen their social security and protection networks;

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Or. en

Amendment 11
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Considers that the ASEAN countries should advance towards a new phase of inclusive economic and social development, with particular emphasis on promoting their peoples' human, social, labour and economic rights, in order to ensure fairer and more equal societies; to achieve this, considers that they should use their increased economic wealth to strengthen their social security and protection networks;

Amendment

4. Considers that the ASEAN countries should advance towards a new phase of inclusive economic and social development, with particular emphasis on promoting their peoples' human, social, labour and economic rights, in order to ensure fairer and more equal societies; to achieve this, considers that they should use their increased economic wealth to strengthen their social security and protection networks; ***urges equally the EU to enhance its cooperation on human rights so as to contribute to making the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) effective for the promotion and protection of human rights;***

Amendment 12
Maurice Ponga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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4. Considers that the ASEAN countries should advance towards a new phase of inclusive economic and social development, with particular emphasis on promoting their peoples' human, social, labour and economic rights, in order to ensure fairer and more equal societies; to achieve this, considers that they should use their increased economic *income* to strengthen their social security and protection networks;

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Eva Joly, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges the EU to upgrade its assistance and cooperation to combat corruption, through, inter alia, encouraging the ratification and implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Also encourages the ASEAN states to ensure that their enterprises fully and effectively apply national and ILO labour standards and environmental rules ***and create a climate more favourable to the development and activities of trade unions***, as well as urging them to take action, in coordination with civil society and national and regional authorities, to defend ***human and labour rights***; calls on national and foreign enterprises operating in ASEAN countries to act in accordance with the principles of corporate social responsibility;

Amendment

5. Also encourages the ASEAN states to ensure that their enterprises fully and effectively apply national and ILO labour standards and environmental rules, as well as urging them to take action, in coordination with civil society and national and regional authorities, to defend ***human rights and labour laws***; calls on national and foreign enterprises operating in ASEAN countries to act in accordance with the principles of corporate social responsibility;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Takes the view that, in a context in which the economic development of these countries will in future focus less on exports and more on domestic consumption, efforts by ASEAN countries to combat poverty among marginalised and vulnerable social groups and to include them in society may provide these countries with huge development potential;

Amendment

Or. es

Amendment 16
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Urges the Commission to carry on helping ASEAN countries to continue to reduce disparities between countries and to accompany them along the path of political, economic and institutional integration at regional level, paying special attention to the LDCs (Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar), as well as to promote access to financing, via microcredits in particular, for vulnerable sections of the population, such as women and ethnic minorities, in the ASEAN countries;

Or. es

Amendment 17
Eva Joly, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Expresses its concern about the current global land-grab in Southeast Asia where in some specific countries (e.g. Cambodia, Indonesia, East Timor, Laos, Philippines, Malaysia) it represents a major development problem; underlines that even if the EU does not engage extensively in direct land-grabbing, it contributes to it in various ways, i.e. through banking and finance (via the increasing interest by financial capital on

farmland and agricultural investments globally) as well as its trade policy; for instance, points out that Cambodia, that can export their goods without tariffs under the EU's "Everything But Arms" (EBA) Agreement with LDCs, has seen an escalation of human rights abuses as a result of land concessions being granted for agro-industrial development linked to the export of agricultural goods to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Eva Joly, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Denounces equally the negative impact of EU biofuel policy on land-grabbing in South Asia, whereby EU Member States constitute a key driving force for the rapid expansion of oil palm production (especially in Indonesia and Malaysia), leading to dispossession and/or adverse incorporation of the rural poor into oil palm plantation; in contrast, deems essential to support, within the context of development aid, the rights to land resources of poor people in developing countries, following a right-based approach;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Eva Joly, Bart Staes
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Urges for the activation of the EU 2004 Land Policy Guidelines to counter land-grabbing; in particular, stresses that donors should engage in land policy which are geared towards the defence and strengthening of small-scale family agriculture;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Commission to strengthen measures intended to promote the development of the ASEAN countries' administrative capacities and that of their regional integration bodies and to promote improvements in their governance;

Or. es

Amendment 21
Maurice Ponga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the European Commission and the ASEAN countries to cooperate more fully on global problems such as sustainable management of resources and in particular of water, protecting

biodiversity or the challenges connected to climate change, such as the response to the natural disasters which frequently affect ASEAN countries;

Or. fr