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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on International Trade

on implementation of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and
Peru
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that this report forms part of the assessment of the implementation of the trade agreement between the EU and Colombia and Peru after five years of its provisional implementation;
2. Stresses the importance of compliance with the environmental standards and provisions on working conditions and human rights set out in Title IX 'Trade and sustainable development' in the process as a whole;
3. Takes note of the many comments made by civil society representatives on 7 December 2016 and those reported in the Commission's third implementation report, published on 10 October 2017;
4. Recalls the destabilising domestic economic and political difficulties in the two Andean countries;
5. Deplores the fact that remarks, including those from some national parliaments, regarding an initial trade imbalance between signatories were not better received;
6. Regrets that the agreement has not kept its promises of 'win-win' results, particularly by not mitigating the impact of destabilising factors within the two Andean countries and by proving economically neutral in the EU in the volume of trade between the signatories;
7. Deplores the fact that efforts and commitments concerning working conditions, pollution, deforestation and respect for biodiversity have not borne fruit;
8. Regrets that activities in the secondary and tertiary sectors, particularly those linked to sustainable development, were not carried out in a manner consistent with regional dynamics;
9. Recommends that the three European countries that are yet to ratify the agreement exercise the highest degree of caution;
10. Asks the Council to entrust the Commission with a new mandate to review the agreement.