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After paragraph 44, insert the following paragraph:

44a. Calls on the Commission to avoid disruption of trade for the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, and therefore urges the Commission to ensure that, if the negotiations on the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) cannot be completed before the end of 2007, arrangements will be made to avoid uncertainty for our ACP partners; stresses that this requires a guarantee that, regardless of the state of the EPA negotiations at that time, ACP terms and conditions of access to the EU market will remain equivalent to the current ones, as agreed in the Cotonou Agreement; calls on the Commission to clarify how such arrangements could be made in order to avoid uncertainty for exporters and importers; asks the Commission to draw up a possible GSP+ offer to ACP countries, if ACP countries so wish, as it could ensure that trade is not disrupted;

(Concerns all language versions)

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