AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Danuta Maria Hübner
(PE648.463v01-00)

Recommendations on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
(2020/2023(INI))
1. Recalls its resolution of 15 January 2020 on implementing and monitoring the provisions on citizens’ rights in the Withdrawal Agreement\(^1\), reiterating that the full implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement remains an overriding priority;

\(^1\) Texts adopted, P9_TA(2020)0006.

1. Recalls its resolution of 15 January 2020 on implementing and monitoring the provisions on citizens’ rights in the Withdrawal Agreement\(^1\), reiterating that the full implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement remains an overriding priority; **stresses that the full implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, including the Protocol on Northern Ireland, is a prerequisite and a basic element for a future partnership between the EU and the UK;**

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1. Recalls its resolution of 15 January 2020 on implementing and monitoring the provisions on citizens’ rights in the Withdrawal Agreement\(^1\), reiterating that the full implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement remains an overriding priority; as well as mutual protection for Union citizens and also for the ressortissants of the United Kingdom;

1 Texts adopted, P9_TA(2020)0006.

Amendment 4
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

1. Recalls its resolution of 15 January 2020 on implementing and monitoring the provisions on citizens’ rights in the Withdrawal Agreement\(^1\), reiterating that the full implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement remains an overriding priority; and the main precondition for a
1. Recalls that the COVID-19 pandemic, the sanitary crisis it caused within Europe and its devastating social and economic consequences, further highlights our geographical proximity and economic interconnectedness;

2. Recalls that compliance with treaties constitutes a fundamental principle of any legal order and, in particular, the international legal order; stresses that stability and trust in relations between the European Union and the UK depend on both parties respecting the principles that the Withdrawal Agreement is binding upon them, and that it must be implemented in good faith;
Amendment 7
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Recalls that compliance with treaties constitutes a fundamental principle of any legal order and, in particular, the international legal order; stresses that stability and trust in relations between the European Union and the UK depend on both parties respecting the principles that the Withdrawal Agreement is binding upon them, and that it must be implemented in good faith;

Amendment 8
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Recalls that compliance with treaties constitutes a fundamental principle of any legal order and, therefore, invites the Commission and the Council to pursue the objectives provided in Article 21 TEU, with a special attention to the safeguard of values, fundamental rights and interests, security, independence and integrity of the Union as a whole, the strengthening of international security, the preservation and improvement of the quality of the environment and the sustainable management of global natural resources; stresses that stability and trust in relations between the European Union and the UK depend on both parties respecting the principles that the Withdrawal Agreement is binding upon them, and that it must be implemented in good faith;

Or. en
the Withdrawal Agreement is binding upon them, and that it must be implemented in good faith; the Withdrawal Agreement and the EU-UK Political Declaration is binding upon them, and that it must be implemented in good faith;

Amendment 9
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment 10
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2 a. Is concerned about the process of application of the European Union Settlement Scheme; notes in this regard that according to the latest EU Settlement Scheme Statistics, for February 2020, published by the UK Home Office on 19 March 2020, the total number of applications received up to 29 February
2020 was more than 3.3 million (3,343,700), and that, of the total number of applications concluded, 58% were granted settled status and 41% were granted pre-settled status;

Amendment 11
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

2 b. Considers the number of cases granted pre-settled status to be proportionally high in comparison to the number of cases granted settled status; urges the UK Home Office to be flexible in accepting evidence provided by applicants that they have been in the country for the five years required; is also concerned that applicants are not issued any physical proof of the status they have been granted;

Amendment 12
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Calls on the parties to ensure the strict implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland; warns that the EU-UK Joint Committee as established under Article 164 of the Withdrawal Agreement cannot be used as a forum for
 renegotiating the terms of that Protocol or any other part of the Withdrawal Agreement;

Amendment 13
Pedro Silva Pereira
Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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expresses, in this regard, concern at the UK Government public statements showing lack of political will to fully comply with its legal commitments under the Withdrawal Agreement, namely regarding border controls in the Irish Sea;

Amendment 14
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison on behalf of the ID Group
Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

4. Takes note of the first meeting of the EU-UK Joint Committee on 30 March 2020, which focused on the state of play of the implementation of the Withdrawal
Agreement, and in particular of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and of the part on citizens’ rights; stresses that following this meeting the European Commission stated that there is ‘an urgent need to present a detailed timetable and proceed with the necessary measures, such as preparing for the introduction of customs procedures for goods entering Northern Ireland from Great Britain, and ensuring that all necessary sanitary and phytosanitary controls as well as other regulatory checks can be carried out in respect of goods entering Northern Ireland from outside the EU’;
ensuring that all necessary sanitary and phytosanitary controls as well as other regulatory checks can be carried out in respect of goods entering Northern Ireland from outside the EU’;

Amendment 16
Mairead McGuinness
Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment 17
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment 18
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

4 a. Recalls that important decisions are due to be taken by the EU-UK Joint Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland before the end of the transition period, and in particular under Article 5 of the Protocol; hopes that priority will be given to the work of the six Specialised
Committees provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement on the key areas for the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, and in particular of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland;

Amendment 19
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. The Withdrawal Agreement should provide European and British citizens who are lawfully residents, the same rights to live, work and travel as before; it should ensure that European and British citizens will be provided with all the necessary information with regard to their rights and to the steps that need to be undertaken to continue living, working and traveling in the country of residence;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Paulo Rangel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Urges both parties to reach a joint decision to extend the transition period beyond 31 of December 2020, at the latest, by June; underlines the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemics on negotiations, while reiterating the need to ensure a smooth transition and all the
necessary institutional arrangements, such as a technical office of the European Commission in Belfast;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

4 b. The agreement should ensure that EU companies in sectors like agriculture, IT and the machinery and equipment industry will be provided with all the information and steps to be undertaken to continue accessing the UK market;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

5. Expects Parliament to be fully and immediately informed of all the discussions held and decisions taken by the Joint Committee; recalls in this respect the obligations stemming from Council Decision (EU) 2020/135 of 30 January 2020 on the conclusion of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof, which provides that

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Parliament must be in a position to exercise fully its institutional prerogatives throughout the Joint Committee proceedings;


Amendment 23
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5 a. Regrets in this regard that the European Parliament does not have full access to the UK negotiation documents, foremost the UK draft legal text; stresses the importance of full transparency in the negotiation process and urges the Task Force for the Relations with the UK to advocate for the publication of the full negotiation positions to ensure that the Parliament can effectively and informedly follow the partnership negotiations;

Amendment 24
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. Recalls, in this context, the commitment made by the President of the European Commission to Parliament’s
plenary on 16 April 2019 that the Commission will closely involve Parliament and take utmost account of Parliament’s views in the work of the Joint Committee, and that nothing can be decided without taking full account of Parliament’s position;

Amendment 25  
Danuta Maria Hübner  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Recalls, in this context, the commitment made by the President of the European Commission to Parliament’s plenary on 16 April 2019 that the Commission will closely involve Parliament and take utmost account of Parliament’s views in the work of the Joint Committee, and that nothing can be decided without taking full account of Parliament’s position;

Amendment

6. Emphasises that, according to Article 218(10) TFEU, Parliament has the right to obtain comprehensive information covering all stages of the implementation of international agreements concluded by the EU, which covers the Withdrawal Agreement; recalls, in this context, the commitment made by the President of the European Commission to Parliament’s plenary on 16 April 2019 that the Commission will closely involve Parliament and take utmost account of Parliament’s views in the work of the Joint Committee, and that nothing can be decided without taking full account of Parliament’s position;

Amendment 26  
Maria Grapini  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 6
6. Recalls, in this context, the commitment made by the President of the European Commission to Parliament’s plenary on 16 April 2019 that the Commission will closely involve Parliament and take utmost account of Parliament’s views in the work of the Joint Committee, and that nothing can be decided without taking full account of Parliament’s position; which is the result of several public consultations and dialogues with civil society, experts and national parliaments;

Or. en

**Amendment 27**
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

**Draft opinion**

6 a. Considers that the devolved administrations should be fully informed and included in the decisions related to the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement and in the decisions taken by the Joint Committee;

Or. en

**Amendment 28**
Pedro Silva Pereira

**Draft opinion**
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**
6 a. Recalls that the future partnership can only be concluded with the full involvement and final consent of the European Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

7. Recalls that important decisions are due to be taken by the EU-UK Joint Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland before the end of the transition period, and in particular under Article 5 of the Protocol; hopes that priority will be given to initiating the work of the six Specialised Committees provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement on the key areas for the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, and in particular of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

7. Recalls that important decisions

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are due to be taken by the EU-UK Joint Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland before the end of the transition period, and in particular under Article 5 of the Protocol; hopes that priority will be given to initiating the work of the six Specialised Committees provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement on the key areas for the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, and in particular of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland;

Amendment 31
Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Recalls that important decisions are due to be taken by the EU-UK Joint Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland before the end of the transition period, and in particular under Article 5 of the Protocol; hopes that priority will be given to initiating the work of the six Specialised Committees provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement on the key areas for the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, and in particular of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland;

Amendment

7. Recalls that important decisions are due to be taken by the EU-UK Joint Committee on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland before the end of the transition period, and in particular under Article 5 of the Protocol; hopes that priority will be given to initiating the work of the six Specialised Committees provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement on the key areas for the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement; welcomes the first meeting of the Specialised Committee on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland on 30 April 2020;

Amendment 32
Pedro Silva Pereira
8. Is concerned about the process of application of the European Union Settlement Scheme; notes in this regard that according to the latest EU Settlement Scheme Statistics, for February 2020, published by the UK Home Office on 19 March 2020, the total number of applications received up to 29 February 2020 was more than 3.3 million (3 343 700), and that, of the total number of applications concluded, 58 % were granted settled status and 41 % were granted pre-settled status; is concerned that citizens with pre-settled status do not have access to benefits unless they also prove their right to reside; recalls that the success of the future relationship between the EU
and the UK depends also on the correct implementation of the provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement concerning the rights of European citizens in UK;

Amendment 34
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

8. Is concerned about the process of application of the European Union Settlement Scheme; notes in this regard that according to the latest EU Settlement Scheme Statistics, for February 2020, published by the UK Home Office on 19 March 2020, the total number of applications received up to 29 February 2020 was more than 3.3 million (3 343 700), and that, of the total number of applications concluded, 58% were granted settled status and 41% were granted pre-settled status;

Amendment
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Amendment 35
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion
9. Considers the number of cases granted pre-settled status to be proportionally high in comparison to the number of cases granted settled status;

Amendment
deleted

9. Considers the number of cases deleted

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urges the UK Home Office to be flexible in accepting evidence provided by applicants that they have been in the country for the five years required; is also concerned that applicants are not issued any physical proof of the status they have been granted;

Amendment 36
Pedro Silva Pereira
Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

9. Considers the number of cases granted pre-settled status to be proportionally high in comparison to the number of cases granted settled status; urges the UK Home Office to be flexible in accepting evidence provided by applicants that they have been in the country for the five years required; is also concerned that applicants are not issued any physical proof of the status they have been granted;

Amendment 37
Victor Negrescu
Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

9 a. Calls on the European Commission to check whether the rights of EU citizens from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups have been respected in the process of gaining access to a
settled or pre-settled status; reiterates the importance that full access to the rights and information regarding the new status should be made available to all citizens independently of their social, ethnic or financial status;

Amendment 38
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion Amendment

9 a. Recalls its commitment to monitor EU-27 implementation of part two of the Withdrawal agreement and reiterates that a consistent and generous approach in protecting the rights of UK citizens resident in the EU-27 is essential;

Amendment

9 b. Reiterates the importance of guaranteeing equal market opportunities for all EU citizens with companies in UK and calls on the Commission to assess the situation in UK and offer immediate support to those EU entrepreneurs in need of support;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 39
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 40
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

10. Reiterates that Parliament will remain vigilant about the implementation of all the provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement and the EU-UK Political Declaration;

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Amendment 41
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

11. Welcomes the draft text of the Agreement on the New Partnership with the United Kingdom published by the European Commission on 18 March 2020 (‘draft text of the Agreement’), which proposes a comprehensive agreement for a deep and close partnership, an overarching institutional framework and robust rules-based and enforceable dispute resolution provisions, including the ongoing management and supervision of the agreement, as well as dispute settlement, enforcement and compliance arrangements; considers that the approach of the draft text of the Agreement proposed by the European Commission avoids a proliferation of bilateral agreements, which would inevitably lead to shortcomings due to the inherent complexity and incompleteness

Amendment

11. Is concerned that the draft text of the Agreement on the New Partnership with the United Kingdom published by the European Commission on 18 March 2020 (‘draft text of the Agreement’), which proposes one-sided specific arrangements contrary to standard international practice in free trade agreements, such as automatic compliance with EU rules on labour, environmental protection and state aid, as well as unconditional accession to the UK’s natural resources, is undermining the UK’s sovereignty and does not demonstrate due respect for the UK’s democratic decision to withdraw from the EU, thus imperilling friendly political and economic relations between European nation states;
of such a system;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

11. Welcomes the draft text of the Agreement on the New Partnership with the United Kingdom published by the European Commission on 18 March 2020 (‘draft text of the Agreement’), which proposes a comprehensive agreement for a deep and close partnership, an overarching institutional framework and robust rules-based and enforceable dispute resolution provisions, including the ongoing management and supervision of the agreement, as well as dispute settlement, enforcement and compliance arrangements; considers that the approach of the draft text of the Agreement proposed by the European Commission avoids a proliferation of bilateral agreements, which would inevitably lead to shortcomings due to the inherent complexity and incompleteness of such a system;

Amendment
11. Welcomes the draft text of the Agreement on the New Partnership with the United Kingdom published by the European Commission on 18 March 2020 (‘draft text of the Agreement’), which is broadly in line with its negotiating mandate and the European Parliament’s resolution and proposes a comprehensive agreement for a deep and close partnership, an overarching institutional framework and robust rules-based and enforceable dispute resolution provisions, including the ongoing management and supervision of the agreement, as well as dispute settlement, enforcement and compliance arrangements; considers that the approach of the draft text of the Agreement proposed by the European Commission avoids a proliferation of bilateral agreements, which would inevitably lead to shortcomings due to the inherent complexity and incompleteness of such a system;

Or. en

Amendment 43
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)
11 a. Calls for the inclusion in the future agreement of ambitious provisions concerning the movement of persons in line with the degree of future cooperation in other sectors; recalls that cooperation on asylum and migration policies will have to ensure the full respect of International Humanitarian Law, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and with the European Convention of Human Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11 a. Believes that the draft text of the Agreement provides for a robust, coherent and flexible governance system, providing for dispute settlement mechanisms ensuring effective, rapidly actionable and dissuasive remedies, based on WTO and FTA practice, which are entirely commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the wide-ranging partnership envisaged;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 b (new)
11 b. Welcomes the provisions of the draft text of the Agreement aiming to preserve the autonomy of the EU legal order, including the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union as the ultimate organ for interpreting of EU law;

Amendment 46
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

12. Insists that any agreement on a new relationship between the EU and the UK must be coherent and adapted to the geographical proximity of both parties, on the one hand, and to the high level of interconnectedness of both parties’ economies; rejects in this regard any ‘cherry-picking’ of various elements from different legal and trade frameworks applicable in the context of relations between the EU and various other third countries;

Amendment 47
Paulo Rangel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

12. Insists that any agreement on a new relationship between the EU and the UK must be based on a friendly partnership between independent and sovereign equals; rejects any attempts by the EU to undermine the UK’s sovereignty and apply different standards to the UK than to other EU’s political and economic partners;
relationship between the EU and the UK must be coherent and adapted to the geographical proximity of both parties, on the one hand, and to the high level of interconnectedness of both parties’ economies; rejects in this regard any ‘cherry-picking’ of various elements from different legal and trade frameworks applicable in the context of relations between the EU and various other third countries;

further recalls that the integrity of the single market must be respected;

Amendment 48
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maïte Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12

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Amendment

12. Insists that any agreement on a new relationship between the EU and the UK must be coherent and adapted to the geographical proximity of, and crossborder local cooperation between both parties, on the one hand, and to the high level of interconnectedness of both parties’ economies; rejects in this regard any ‘cherry-picking’ of various elements from different legal and trade frameworks applicable in the context of relations between the EU and various other third countries;

Amendment 49
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)
12 a. Calls to study the possibility of creating a new status for European citizenship, an explicit legal guarantee of EU citizenship status, without differences or inequalities, a guarantee for equal treatment;

Or. en

Amendment 50
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12 a (new)

12 a. Recalls that the scope and depth of the future EU-UK partnership will depend on ensuring a proper level playing field;

Or. en

Amendment 51
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

13. Rejects failure to achieve a comprehensive agreement by resorting to several sectoral agreements due to a lack of time for concluding the negotiations; reiterates that it is still possible to extend the transition period in accordance with Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic risks having a negative impact on the timeline planned for the conclusion of the agreement; warns that a deleted
strict adherence to this calendar under challenging circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period;

Amendment 52
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

13. Rejects failure to achieve a comprehensive agreement by resorting to several sectoral agreements due to a lack of time for concluding the negotiations; reiterates that it is still possible to extend the transition period in accordance with Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic risks having a negative impact on the timeline planned for the conclusion of the agreement; warns that a strict adherence to this calendar under challenging circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period;

Amendment 53
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

13. Accepts the possibility to resort to several sectoral agreements due to a lack of time for concluding the negotiations; reiterates that there is no need to extend the transition period in accordance with Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement;
time for concluding the negotiations;
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 is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic risks having a negative impact on the timeline planned for the conclusion of the agreement; warns that a strict adherence to this calendar under challenging circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period;

Amendment 54
Paulo Rangel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13

Draft opinion

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Amendment

13. Rejects failure to achieve a comprehensive agreement by resorting to several sectoral agreements due to a lack of time for concluding the negotiations as such duplication would promote inefficiencies in the future implementation of the Agreement; reiterates that it is still possible to extend the transition period in accordance with Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic risks having a negative impact on the timeline planned for the conclusion of the agreement; warns that a strict adherence to this calendar under challenging circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period; regrets in this regard the announced refusal by the United Kingdom to any extension of the transition period;
Draft opinion

Paragraph 13

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Amendment

13. Rejects failure to achieve a comprehensive agreement by resorting to several sectoral agreements due to a lack of time for concluding the negotiations; calls for extending the transition period in accordance with Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic is having a negative impact on the timeline planned for the conclusion of the agreement making extremely difficult to reach an agreement by the deadline originally set, considering that only 2 of the 5 meetings initially planned took place so far; warns that a strict adherence to this calendar under challenging circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period;

Or. en
circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period; circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period; 

*insists that it is in the interest of both negotiating parties to avert a 'hard Brexit' and to avoid an additional economic disaster on top of the Covid-19 crisis;*

Or. en

### Amendment 57
Mairead McGuinness

**Draft opinion**
**Paragraph 13**

13. Rejects failure to achieve a comprehensive agreement by resorting to several sectoral agreements due to a lack of time for concluding the negotiations; reiterates that it is still possible to extend the transition period in accordance with Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic risks having a negative impact on the timeline planned for the conclusion of the agreement; warns that a strict adherence to this calendar under challenging circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the transition period;

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Or. en

### Amendment 58
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison on behalf of the ID Group

**Draft opinion**
**Paragraph 14**
14. Takes note of the document published by the UK Government on 27 February 2020 entitled ‘The Future Relationship with the EU – The UK’s Approach to Negotiations’; welcomes the proposal of the UK Government for ‘governance arrangements that are appropriate to a relationship of sovereign equals’; rejects, however, a piecemeal approach, as suggested by the UK Government, based on excluding sectors such as subsidies, competition policy, trade and labour, trade and environment, and taxation from the Agreement’s dispute resolution mechanism, while proposing separate agreements with specific governance mechanisms in areas such as law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, nuclear cooperation, or political dispute resolution mechanisms in areas related to data exchange for law enforcement purposes, and operational cooperation between law enforcement authorities;

Amendment 59
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 14

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approach, as suggested by the UK Government, based on excluding sectors such as subsidies, competition policy, trade and labour, trade and environment, and taxation from the Agreement’s dispute resolution mechanism, while proposing separate agreements with specific governance mechanisms in areas such as law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, nuclear cooperation, or political dispute resolution mechanisms in areas related to data exchange for law enforcement purposes, and operational cooperation between law enforcement authorities;

of transparency; points out that the UK’s proposals fall short from its commitments under the Withdrawal Agreement and the Political Declaration; rejects, however, a piecemeal approach, as suggested by the UK Government, based on excluding sectors such as subsidies, competition policy, trade and labour, trade and environment, and taxation from the Agreement’s dispute resolution mechanism, while proposing separate agreements with specific governance mechanisms in areas such as law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, nuclear cooperation, or political dispute resolution mechanisms in areas related to data exchange for law enforcement purposes, and operational cooperation between law enforcement authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 14

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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governance mechanisms in areas such as law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, nuclear cooperation, or political dispute resolution mechanisms in areas related to data exchange for law enforcement purposes, and operational cooperation between law enforcement authorities; welcomes the provisions of the document published by the UK Government concerning the participation of the UK to the Union Programmes, particularly the possible participation to the Erasmus+ program; calls for the establishment of a complete and permanent, rather than time-limited and partial, participation to this program, given the important role that it played in recent years in fostering cooperation and deepening mobility and academic exchanges within the younger generations of our continent; stresses also on the importance of the participation of the UK in other programs, especially Horizon Europe, that will be crucial in the development of the cooperation in the field of scientific research, which would be extremely beneficial to ensure a better response to threats such as the recent COVID-19 pandemic;

Amendment 61
François Alfonsi on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

14 a. Reiterates that citizens' rights will remain an absolute priority and calls for the continuation of the citizens’ rights guaranteed under the Withdrawal Agreement for both EU and UK citizens
and their families;

Amendment 62
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 15

15. Insists that an overarching framework with a horizontal governance system should be envisaged for the future relation with the UK as a whole; recalls that the UK, as a former Member State, has developed important institutional cooperation and dialogue structures with the EU that should facilitate making such horizontal arrangements operational;

Amendment 63
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 15

15. Insists that an overarching framework with a horizontal governance system should be envisaged for the future relation with the UK as a whole, keeping in mind the specific interests of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales; recalls that the UK, as a former Member State, has developed important institutional cooperation and dialogue structures with the EU that should facilitate making such
horizontal arrangements operational;

Amendment 64
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 16

Draft opinion

16. Notes, moreover, that in line with the EU’s standard practice in the conclusion of Free Trade Agreements (FTA), the draft text of the Agreement provides for exceptions and tailored dispute resolution mechanisms in certain areas, including diplomatic means for the interpretation and application of the Foreign Policy, Security and Defence part of the draft text of the Agreement, thus offering sufficient flexibility within a single and coherent overarching framework; welcomes the fact that any supplementing agreements that may be concluded at a later stage will form an integral part of the overall bilateral relation governed by the Agreement, including its institutional provisions as provided for in Part Five of the draft text of the Agreement;

Amendment 65
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 16

Draft opinion

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Amendment 66
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 17

17. **Believes that the draft text of the Agreement provides for a robust, coherent and flexible governance system, providing for dispute settlement mechanisms ensuring effective, rapidly actionable and dissuasive remedies, based on WTO and FTA practice, which are entirely commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the wide-ranging partnership envisaged;**
Draft opinion
Paragraph 17

17. Believes that the draft text of the Agreement provides for a robust, coherent and flexible governance system, providing for dispute settlement mechanisms ensuring effective, rapidly actionable and dissuasive remedies, based on WTO and FTA practice, which are entirely commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the wide-ranging partnership envisaged;

Amendment 68
Maria Grapini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 17

17. Believes that the draft text of the Agreement provides for a robust, coherent and flexible governance system, providing for dispute settlement mechanisms ensuring effective, rapidly actionable and dissuasive remedies, which are entirely commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the wide-ranging partnership envisaged;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 18

17. Believes that the draft text of the Agreement provides for a robust, transparent, coherent and flexible governance system, providing for dispute settlement mechanisms ensuring effective, rapidly actionable and dissuasive remedies, based on WTO and FTA practice, which are entirely commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the wide-ranging partnership envisaged;

Or. en
18. Welcomes the provisions of the draft text of the Agreement aiming to preserve the autonomy of the EU legal order, including the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union as the ultimate organ for interpreting of EU law;

Amendment

18. Is concerned that the provisions of the draft text of the Agreement referring to the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union as the ultimate organ for interpreting of EU law are undermining the UK’s sovereignty and do not reflect a relationship between sovereign equals;

Amendment 70
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Amendment 71
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi
ultimate organ for interpreting of EU law; regrets in this regard that the UK mandate rejects any jurisdiction of a foreign court, including the CJEU;

Amendment 72
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 19 a (new)

Amendment

19 a. Welcomes the human rights commitments foreseen in the draft Agreement, including the respect of the European Convention of Human Rights; stresses the necessity to formalise these commitments, including the abidance by the European Court of Human Rights; reiterates that future judicial and police cooperation between the Union and the UK should depend on such formalised commitments;

Amendment 73
Charles Goerens, Sophia in 't Veld, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Gilles Boyer, Pascal Durand, Guy Verhofstadt, Sandro Gozi

Draft opinion
Paragraph 19 b (new)

Amendment

19 b. Stresses the need to include clear provisions as to the upholding of a rules-based international order, the rule of law and the promotion of democracy;
Amendment 74
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 20

Draft opinion

20. Welcomes the proposal to establish a Parliamentary Partnership Assembly for Members of the European Parliament and of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, with the right to receive information from the Partnership Council and submit recommendations to it;

Amendment

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 75
François Alfonsi
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 20

Draft opinion

20. Welcomes the proposal to establish a Parliamentary Partnership Assembly for Members of the European Parliament and of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, with the right to receive information from the Partnership Council and submit recommendations to it; suggests, having regard to their devolved competences and specific challenges, that this Joint Parliamentary Partnership Assembly also includes representatives from the devolved Parliaments and Assemblies of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales;

Amendment

Or. en
Amendment 76
Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion
Paragraph 20 a (new)

Draft opinion

20 a. Highlights the importance of interparliamentary cooperation between EU and UK parliamentarians; recognises the positive contribution of UK parliamentarians in EU interparliamentary fora prior to the UK's withdrawal from the EU; looks forward to continuing parliamentary relations with the Parliament of the United Kingdom;

Or. en

Amendment 77
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 21

Draft opinion

21. Considers that formal arrangements, such as the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly and the participation of civil society in the implementation of the Agreement through the proposed domestic advisory groups and Civil Society Forum, can contribute substantially to the legitimacy and transparency of the implementation of the future Agreement and the future development of the partnership; believes, however, that the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly should be entitled to receive mandatory periodical reports on the implementation of the Agreement and supplementing agreements;

deleted

Or. en
21. Considers that formal arrangements, such as the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly and the participation of civil society in the implementation of the Agreement through the proposed domestic advisory groups and Civil Society Forum, can contribute substantially to the legitimacy and transparency of the implementation of the future Agreement and the future development of the partnership; believes, however, that the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly should be entitled to receive mandatory periodical reports on the implementation of the Agreement and supplementing agreements;

22. Considers that clearer details on the functioning of the Civil Society Forum should be provided, in particular on the way the dialogue and consultation between the Forum and the Council Partnership will be organised;
Amendment 80
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 23

23. Demands that, above and beyond any role in the context of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, Parliament is given a formal role in the regulatory cooperation arrangements provided for in the draft text of the Agreement in order to ensure that it is able to exercise proper political oversight, and that its rights and prerogatives as co-legislator are guaranteed; considers that Parliament’s rights to be informed about the arrangements on review of the Agreement and any supplementing agreements, and of the monitoring of their implementation, should be commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the partnership envisaged.

Amendment 81
Laura Huhtasaari, Gunnar Beck, Gilles Lebreton, Jaak Madison
on behalf of the ID Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 23

23. Demands that, above and beyond any role in the context of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, Parliament is given a formal role in the regulatory cooperation arrangements provided for in the draft text of the Agreement in order to ensure that it is

23. Insists that the European Union takes the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as an opportunity to create a new European cooperation model based on relations between independent and sovereign
able to exercise proper political oversight, and that its rights and prerogatives as co-legislator are guaranteed; considers that Parliament’s rights to be informed about the arrangements on review of the Agreement and any supplementing agreements, and of the monitoring of their implementation, should be commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the partnership envisaged.

Or. en

Amendment 82
Danuta Maria Hübner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 23

23. Demands that, above and beyond any role in the context of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, Parliament is given a formal role in the regulatory cooperation arrangements provided for in the draft text of the Agreement in order to ensure that it is able to exercise proper political oversight, and that its rights and prerogatives as co-legislator are guaranteed; considers that Parliament’s rights to be informed about the arrangements on review of the Agreement and any supplementing agreements, and of the monitoring of their implementation, should be commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the partnership envisaged.

Or. en

Amendment 83
Paulo Rangel

23. Demands that, above and beyond any role in the context of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, Parliament is given a formal scrutiny role in the context of the implementation of the provisions of the draft text of the Agreement on regulatory cooperation in order to ensure that it is able to exercise proper political oversight, and that its rights and prerogatives as co-legislator are guaranteed; considers that Parliament’s rights to be informed about the arrangements on review of the Agreement and any supplementing agreements, and of the monitoring of their implementation, should be commensurate with the unprecedented nature of the partnership envisaged.
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Or. en

Amendment 84
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 23 a (new)

23 a. Notes that substantial divergences between both Parties persist at this stage of the negotiations, including on the scope and the legal architecture of the text to be negotiated; regrets, in this regard, the UK’s lack of willingness to engage in a wide number of critical issues; is concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic crisis having a negative impact on the timeline planned for the conclusion of the negotiations; warns that a strict adherence to this calendar under challenging circumstances increases the risk of a hard Brexit at the end of the
transition period; believes that an extension of the transition period in accordance with Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement will be needed in order to give enough time to conclude the negotiations on a comprehensive future partnership while safeguarding citizen’s rights, legal certainty and economic and financial stability;

Amendment 85
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 23 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

23 a. Demands transparency during the whole process until a political consensus will be reached.