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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

for the Committee on International Trade

on the Advanced Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part (2023/0260M(NLE))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development calls on the Committee on International Trade, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas Chile is the EU's third largest trading partner in Latin America and a strategic long-term trading partner, whose primary exports to the EU are fruit, fish, and forestry products;
 - B. whereas the EU-Chile Association Agreement, which has been in force since 2003, has significantly expanded bilateral trade, including in the agri-food sector, and now needs to be modernised;
 - C. whereas the recent global crises and Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine have emphasised the need for diverse trading partners and reliable value chains; whereas one way to meet this need is to strengthen trade relations with like-minded partners;
 - D. whereas trade policy should contribute to raising environmental and animal welfare standards and ensure respect for human rights, particularly indigenous rights, thereby guaranteeing high standards and a level playing field;
- 1. Welcomes the modernisation of trade relations between the EU and Chile through the inclusion of new sustainability provisions in the trade and sustainable development chapter of the EU-Chile Advanced Framework Agreement, plus a review clause to account for changing environmental and social standards; notes, however, that the trade and sustainable development chapter lacks sanctions;
 - 2. Regrets that, while the Agreement requires both parties to implement Nationally Determined Contributions, neither the Paris Agreement nor the ILO conventions fall under the main dispute settlement chapter;
 - 3. Acknowledges the elimination of tariffs on EU exports, leaving 99.9 % of exports tariff-free;
 - 4. Recognises that the Agreement protects 216 EU agricultural geographical indications and 18 Chilean geographical indications;
 - 5. Welcomes the inclusion of a dedicated chapter on sustainable food systems that promotes bilateral and international cooperation towards a sustainable food system, including provisions on animal welfare; regrets, however, that the ambition falls short of the Farm to Fork Strategy;
 - 6. Insists that Chilean producers exporting to the EU apply the same standards regarding traceability, animal welfare and use of veterinary medicinal and phytosanitary products as EU farmers.