Amendment 4
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

4. Recognises the crucial role of trade policy during the COVID-19 pandemic; reiterates its resolution of 10 June 2021 entitled ‘Meeting the Global COVID-19 challenge: effects of waiver of the WTO TRIPS agreement on COVID-19 vaccines, treatment, equipment and increasing production and manufacturing capacity in developing countries’; stresses, in this regard, the need to outline a basic agreement aiming to eliminate tariffs on pharmaceutical and medical goods, to abolish export restrictions, and on disciplines on transparency and global cooperation in times of crisis, in a ministerial declaration in line with the Trade and Health Initiative; believes that such an agreement is of utmost importance to show the relevance of the WTO; calls for the establishment of a new permanent Committee on Trade and Health at MC12 in order to assist governments with implementing existing exceptions and flexibilities in international trade law and to lay the groundwork for a trade pillar for the negotiations on a future international treaty on pandemic response; believes that many, especially developing, countries face difficulties in the use of TRIPS flexibilities, notably Article 31bis; recalls that the EU should actively participate in text based negotiations on a temporary TRIPS waiver; calls, in that regard, for
the EU to support the granting of a temporary waiver from certain provisions of the TRIPS agreement for COVID-19, in order to enhance timely global access to affordable COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics by addressing global production constraints and supply shortages;
Amendment 5
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Paragraph 11

11. Expects the WTO reform to create 
an easier path for open plurilateral agreements to be integrated into the multilateral architecture in order to ensure progress in areas not mature enough for the entire membership; invites all members to reflect on a way to develop a new system for enhanced cooperation such as is used in the European Union, with clear rules on a minimum number of members that should participate in a plurilateral initiative, and on that basis establish a straightforward mechanism which allows the resulting agreements to be incorporated into the WTO structure;

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Paragraph 16

16. Believes that the outcome of MC12 should provide an action-based agenda for trade policy supporting the 2030 SDGs and the Paris Agreement; strongly encourages WTO members to consider all possible measures to contribute to limiting greenhouse gas emissions in line with the UNFCCC, reinforce alignment with the Paris Agreement and climate neutrality, and enhance cooperation in the WTO on measures adopted domestically, including the introduction of green accounting standard taxonomies to help the private and public sectors identify sustainable economic activities, as well as significantly harmful activities, and measures that address carbon leakage; welcomes the Trade and Climate Initiative proposed by the Commission; invites the Commission to present specific proposals; emphasises, further, the need to advance discussion on goods and services that help address environmental and climate challenges; emphasises the need to advance the negotiations on the Environmental Goods Agreement which supports the greening of industries and a decent work-centred approach to transitioning to climate-friendly technologies; suggests improved coordination between the WTO and other international institutions, such as the Organization for Economic Co-operation

Amendment
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and Development and the International Monetary Fund, to tackle carbon leakage; suggests improved coordination between the WTO and other international institutions, such as the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and the International Monetary Fund, to tackle carbon leakage; environmental goods and services that would effectively address the risks of greenwashing;
Amendment 7
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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 11 a (new)

11a. Urges the Commission to put forward proposals, as announced in its Trade Policy Review communication, that support an interpretation of relevant WTO provisions that recognise the right of members to provide effective responses to global environmental challenges, notably climate change, the protection of biodiversity and the prevention of biopiracy; encourages the Commission to consider the inclusion of expertise on trade and the environment in disputes arising from conflicts between trade commitments and environmental protection exceptions; calls for the adoption of multilateral commitments on information exchange and analysis as a first step towards phasing out fossil fuel subsidies and, more broadly, environmentally harmful subsidies; stresses the risks in critical supply chains made apparent by the COVID-19 crisis and underlines the need to provide for sufficient policy space to enable WTO members to identify ways of fostering the circular economy and technology transfers; asks the Commission to explore, in the context of the WTO reform, the establishment of legally binding provisions on biodiversity protection, including the prohibition of trade in certain raw materials, products
and services that endanger biodiversity;

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