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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 25**

**Draft opinion**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**  
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on the EU foreign policy towards the BRICS and other emerging powers:  
objectives and strategies  
(2011/2111(INI))

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## Amendment 1

Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Enrique Guerrero Salom

### Draft opinion

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##### *Draft opinion*

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B. whereas, in spite of the recent spectacular economic growth in most of the BRICS countries, these same countries are also the ones with the single largest concentration of poverty in the world, according to the World Bank (e.g. in China, 207 million people live on less than USD 1.25 per day, while in India 41.6% of the population does so); ***whereas this shows that in the great majority of cases rapid economic growth entails an increase in inequalities, and consequently pro-poor growth policies and the creation of safety nets remain necessary in these countries;***

Or. es

## Amendment 2

Franziska Keller

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Points out that the BRICS countries are too diverse for the EU to pursue a single policy towards them; suggests ***instead*** that the EU should try to find coherent patterns and areas of BRICS interest (technical cooperation and assistance, alignment of legislative requirements, etc.) which could allow the EU to establish itself as a primary BRICS partner and to exploit its comparative advantages, such as advanced

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1. Points out that the BRICS countries are too diverse for the EU to pursue a single policy towards them; ***however***, suggests that ***while*** the EU should try to find coherent patterns and areas of BRICS interest (technical cooperation and assistance, alignment of legislative requirements, etc.) which could allow the EU to establish itself as a primary BRICS partner and to exploit its comparative

environmental legislation, experience in regional cooperation and expertise in setting up systems for reducing social inequalities (e.g. efficient tax and social protection systems);

advantages, such as advanced environmental legislation, experience in regional cooperation and expertise in setting up systems for reducing social inequalities (e.g. efficient tax and social protection systems), *the EU should strive to engage further BRICS countries in multilateral settings to address global issues, as in the case of climate change, sustainable development (in the context of Rio + 20), fight against poverty, etc.*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Points out that the BRICS countries are too diverse for the EU to pursue a single policy towards them; suggests instead that the EU should try to find coherent patterns and areas of BRICS interest (technical cooperation and assistance, alignment of legislative requirements, etc.) which could allow the EU to establish itself as a primary BRICS partner and to exploit its comparative advantages, such as advanced environmental legislation, experience in regional cooperation and expertise in setting up systems for reducing social inequalities (e.g. efficient tax and social protection systems);

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Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

1. Points out that the BRICS countries are too diverse for the EU to pursue a single policy towards them **and urges that a new, differentiated development cooperation be established**; suggests that the EU should try to find coherent patterns and areas of BRICS interest (technical cooperation and assistance, alignment of legislative requirements, etc.) which could allow the EU to establish itself as a primary BRICS partner and to exploit its comparative advantages, such as advanced environmental legislation, experience in regional cooperation and expertise in setting up systems for reducing social inequalities (e.g. efficient tax and social protection systems);

Or. es

**Amendment 5**  
**Michael Cashman**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

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primary BRICS partner and to **exploit** its comparative advantages, such as advanced environmental legislation, experience in regional cooperation and expertise in setting up systems for reducing social inequalities (e.g. efficient tax and social protection systems);

primary BRICS partner and to **maximise** its comparative advantages, such as advanced environmental legislation, experience in regional cooperation and expertise in setting up systems for reducing social inequalities (e.g. efficient tax and social protection systems);

Or. en

## **Amendment 6**

**Franziska Keller**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Likewise, calls on the EU to enhance political dialogue and cooperation with BRICS to push further forward the reform of global financial and economic governance institutions, i.e. the Bretton Woods institutions, with the aim to ensure broad representation of all member countries while reflecting changes in economic weight.***

Or. en

## **Amendment 7**

**Franziska Keller**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Stresses the importance of getting BRICS countries engaged with the issue of climate change and in taking a responsible role in international climate***

*talks.*

Or. en

## **Amendment 8**

**Franziska Keller**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2**

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Believes that the EU ***must decide whether it wants to*** establish a ***closer*** relationship with BRICS; ***acknowledges the trade-offs that this would entail, with the EU having to accept that*** its preference for binding commitments and institutionalised regimes will not necessarily be shared by those countries;

##### *Amendment*

2. Believes that the EU ***should*** establish a ***close*** relationship with BRICS; ***points out that if the EU decides to further deepen its engagement with BRICS countries by defining bilateral issues of common concern, it should not entail trade-off in terms of effective multilateralism, considering that EU's preference for binding commitments and institutionalised regimes will not necessarily be shared by those countries;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 9**

**Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 2**

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Believes that the EU must ***decide whether it wants to*** establish a closer relationship with BRICS; ***acknowledges the trade-offs that this would entail, with the EU having to accept that its preference for*** binding commitments and institutionalised regimes ***will*** not necessarily be ***shared by those countries;***

##### *Amendment*

2. Believes that the EU must establish a closer relationship with BRICS, ***even taking into account that the EU's vision and the BRICS countries' vision with regard to*** binding commitments and institutionalised regimes ***may*** not necessarily ***always be the same;***

**Amendment 10**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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***also believes that BRICS countries' support for an effective multilateralism might be gained in exchange for a stronger representation in relevant international institutions; insists that the challenges posed by the rise of the BRICS should be seen as a chance rather than a problem;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Michael Cashman**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Calls on the EU to uphold standards of corporate social responsibility even in the face of increased competition over resources in order to guarantee legal security and sustainable long-time partnerships;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Believes that "effective multilateralism" and greater coordination in multilateral fora to address global governance issues should remain the core of enhanced partnership with BRICS countries; in particular, recommends the EU to pursue its effort to engage those countries on this line;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Welcomes initiatives within the context of the Joint EU-Africa Strategy 2nd Action Plan 2011-2013 providing training on best practice in negotiating mineral contracts and in fostering scientific cooperation in the mining sector as initiatives like EITI will only take effect in the longer term and some BRICS countries do not yet participate in them;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Calls on the Commission to define specific areas of cooperation with BRICS in the field of development policy, e.g. cooperation in the fight against AIDS, which is not only important within China and other BRICS countries themselves but also a focus of their development cooperation;

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Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Corina Crețu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

3. Calls on the Commission to define specific areas of cooperation with BRICS in the field of development policy, e.g. cooperation in the fight against **corruption, poverty, urban-rural disparities and** AIDS, which is not only important within China and other BRICS countries themselves but also a focus of their development cooperation;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Michael Cashman, Norbert Neuser**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

**3. *Highlights that the advantages of signing up to the aid effectiveness principles are also relevant for emerging donors and calls on the Commission to define specific areas of cooperation with BRICS in the field of development policy, e.g. cooperation in the fight against AIDS, which is not only important within China and other BRICS countries themselves but also a focus of their development cooperation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. *Insists upon the need to upgrade political dialogue with BRICS countries on observance of human rights, social and environmental standards; recalls in this respect that the observance of core labour standards (CLS) and the ILO's decent work agenda are essential to reach the MDGs, as they have a positive impact on the economy of a country, by guaranteeing the socio-political stability and by raising the skill levels of a country's workforce;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3b. Notes that BRICS have emerged as important players in the field of external assistance, at times raising the question of the sustainability of the projects financed; calls on the EU to engage BRICS into endorsing the Equator principles, a voluntary set of standards for determining, assessing and managing social and environment risk in project financing;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Points out that enhancing transparency on financing flows, ensuring competitive bidding in projects, and fully assessing the macroeconomic impact of financing in the field of development policies is in the interest of low income countries, the BRICS and the EU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Birgit Schnieber-Jastram**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Proposes that the EU's focus on 'aid effectiveness' should be **re-evaluated, because** 'development effectiveness' (**which focuses on** output and results of development policies and assistance) is the preferred concept of emerging donors; takes the view that the concept of 'development effectiveness' might thus provide not only an opportunity for more substantial EU-BRICS dialogue but also a chance to strengthen within the EU itself the concept of policy coherence for development enshrined in Article 208 TFEU;

*Amendment*

5. Proposes that the EU's focus on 'aid effectiveness' should be **complemented with a focus on** 'development effectiveness' (**i.e.** output and results of development policies and assistance) **which** is the preferred concept of emerging donors; takes the view that the concept of 'development effectiveness' might thus provide not only an opportunity for more substantial EU-BRICS dialogue but also a chance to strengthen within the EU itself the concept of policy coherence for development enshrined in Article 208 TFEU;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Corina Crețu**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. Calls on the BRICS countries to take on a role in international development policy that is proportionate to their share in global GDP;**

Or. ro

**Amendment 24**  
**Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Enrique Guerrero Salom**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Urges the EU and Member States to support south-south cooperation initiatives and to take part in triangular cooperation projects in which the BRICS are participating;***

Or. es

**Amendment 25**  
**Franziska Keller**  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Points out that while BRICS are not members of OECD, they are not linked to OECD norms on development aid as well as on OECD guidelines on export credit financing that limit tied aid; regulate credit practices; require exchange of information; impose social, environmental and governance standards on financing activities;***

Or. en