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Amendment 1
Jean Roatta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Asserts that ***the addressing of security-related concerns across the Sahel region*** as defined in the European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel of 2011 ***is a precondition for the framing of development policies;***

Amendment

1. Asserts that, as defined in the European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel of 2011, ***security and development in the countries of the Sahel are inextricably linked; points up the importance - for the sustainable success of development policies - of a stable security situation, economic stability, political stability and stability in terms of observing human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Sahel;***

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Asserts that the addressing of security-related concerns across the Sahel region as defined in the European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel of 2011 is a precondition for the framing of development policies;

Amendment

1. Asserts that the addressing of security-related concerns across the Sahel region as defined in the European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel of 2011 is a precondition for the framing of development policies; ***points out, however, that in order to make the region secure it is essential to invest in development assistance so that the population is given sufficient resources allowing increased stability in the area; states that this would prevent much of the trafficking and illegal activities which stem from the extreme poverty and lack of resources and alternatives there;***

Amendment 3
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Asserts that the addressing of security-**related** concerns across the Sahel region as defined in the European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel of 2011 is a precondition for the framing of development policies;

Amendment

1. Asserts that the addressing of **personal-**security concerns across the Sahel region as defined in the European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel of 2011 is a precondition for the framing of development policies;

Or. es

Amendment 4
Judith Sargentini
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the rule of law and respect for human rights are essential to ensuring the stability of states, security and respect for fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

2. ***Is of the view that political instability in the Sahel region, combined with severe drought affecting millions of people, constitutes a serious threat to democracy, the rule of law and respect for human and socio-economic rights, which have an adverse impact on decent livelihoods of the population;*** points out that the rule of law and respect for human rights are essential to ensuring the stability of states, security and respect for fundamental freedoms;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Points out that the rule of law and respect for human rights are essential to ensuring the stability of states, security and respect for fundamental freedoms;

Amendment

2. Points out that the rule of law, **good governance** and respect for human rights are essential to ensuring the stability of states, security and respect for fundamental freedoms;

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Jean Roatta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the international community and local, regional and national authorities, in association with civil society, to continue to strengthen civil and/or military arrangements for the security of population groups, including responses to humanitarian emergencies;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Calls on local and regional authorities, in association with civil society, to establish reliable security conditions within the

Amendment

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Sahel countries and at borders in order to ensure that development policies and humanitarian aid policies can be pursued in the most effective manner;

human rights within the Sahel countries and at borders in order to ensure that development policies and humanitarian aid policies can be pursued in the most effective manner;

Or. es

Amendment 8

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Recalls that since the 1980s, African countries have been pressured by international financial institutions, such as the IMF, the World Bank and the World Trade Organisation, to implement policies such as dismantling tariffs, removing price control and removing subsidies on agricultural inputs, which has contributed to weakening the capacity to provide public services for the population, such as education and access to health.

Or. en

Amendment 9

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Calls on the governments of the Sahel countries to address the root causes of the crisis, with a sustainable economic development strategy that responds to

their citizens' political, economic and social concerns, such as access to food, education, health care, employment, housing, redistribution of wealth, decent livelihoods, etc.

Or. en

Amendment 10
Santiago Fisas Aixela

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the various conflicts in the Sahel region have led not just to greater population displacement within those states, but also to an increase in the number of refugees; calls on the EU, the Sahel countries, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the AU and ECOWAS to coordinate their refugee policies with a view to ensuring healthy and dignified living conditions for refugees, guaranteeing the safety of the most vulnerable refugee groups and establishing self-sufficiency programmes;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the various conflicts in the Sahel region have led not just to greater population displacement within those states, but also to an increase in the number of refugees; calls on the EU, the Sahel countries, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the AU and ECOWAS to coordinate their refugee policies with a view to ensuring healthy and dignified living conditions for refugees, guaranteeing the safety of the most vulnerable refugee groups and establishing self sufficiency programmes; ***points out that, in addition to providing shelter and protection, efforts must be made to ensure that, as far as possible, both refugees and internally displaced persons can go back to where they come from;***

Or. es

Amendment 11
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Emphasises that the various conflicts in the Sahel region have led not just to greater population displacement within those states, but also to an increase in the number of refugees; calls on the EU, the Sahel countries, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the AU and ECOWAS to coordinate their refugee policies with a view to ensuring healthy and dignified living conditions for refugees, guaranteeing the safety of the most vulnerable refugee groups and establishing self-sufficiency programmes;

Amendment

4. Emphasises that the various conflicts in the Sahel region have led not just to greater population displacement within those states, but also to an increase in the number of refugees; calls on the EU, the Sahel countries, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the AU and ECOWAS to coordinate their refugee policies with a view to ensuring healthy and dignified living conditions for refugees, guaranteeing the *personal* safety of the most vulnerable refugee groups and establishing self- sufficiency programmes;

Or. es

Amendment 12

Judith Sargentini

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Observes that there are alarming signs that the Sahel region as a whole will be hit by a severe food and nutrition crisis this year and calls on the Commission to adequately fund its humanitarian aid to the region;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Jean Roatta

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the countries of the Sahel and the local and regional authorities to introduce policies aimed at ensuring the safety of refugees, **at combating *the trafficking*** of drugs, weapons, human beings and goods **and at combating *terrorism***;

Amendment

5. Calls on the countries of the Sahel and the local and regional authorities to introduce policies aimed at ensuring the safety of refugees, ***displaced persons and the most vulnerable, with a view to combating terrorism, violence, exploitation and trafficking*** (of drugs, weapons, human beings and goods);

Or. fr

Amendment 14
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the countries of the Sahel and the local and regional authorities to introduce policies aimed at ensuring the safety of refugees, at combating the trafficking of drugs, weapons, human beings and goods and at combating terrorism;

Amendment

5. Calls on the countries of the Sahel and the local and regional authorities to introduce policies aimed at ensuring the personal safety of refugees, at combating the trafficking of drugs, weapons and human beings, **and *violence against women, and the trafficking of goods***, and at combating terrorism;

Or. es

Amendment 15
Cristian Dan Preda, Jean Roatta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Expresses its support for the International Support Mission to Mali, the ***Mali peacekeeping mission*** and the EUCAP Sahel Mission; ***calls on the***

Amendment

6. Expresses its support for the International Support Mission to Mali, the ***United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali***,

United Nations to extend its mission to cover the whole of the Sahel region;

which took over on 1 July 2013, and the EUCAP Sahel Mission; welcomes with satisfaction the proposal by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 14 June 2013 to establish a 'United Nations integrated strategy for the Sahel', which should tackle all aspects of the crisis: enhancing governance, combating crime (trafficking of drugs, people, weapons and cigarettes; money laundering), combating terrorism, and humanitarian aid; welcomes in particular the strategy's objectives in seeking to enhance inclusive and effective governance throughout the region and to integrate humanitarian and development plans and interventions so as to ensure long-term resilience;

Or. fr

Amendment 16

Jean Roatta

Draft opinion

Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses the need for all the countries of the Sahel to introduce policies establishing *intra-Sahel* networks (transport, telecommunications, etc.) to ensure the successful and efficient channelling of humanitarian aid; expects those countries and local and regional authorities to ensure the permanency of those networks;

Amendment

7. Stresses the need for all the countries of the Sahel to introduce policies establishing *basic social infrastructure and basic networks (sanitation, network of medical advisers, transport, telecommunications, etc.)* to ensure the successful and efficient channelling of humanitarian aid; expects those countries and local and regional authorities to ensure the permanency of those *infrastructure facilities and networks*;

Or. fr

Amendment 17

Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Stresses the need for all the countries of the Sahel to introduce policies establishing intra-Sahel networks (transport, telecommunications, etc.) to ensure the successful and efficient channelling of humanitarian aid; expects those countries and local and regional authorities to ensure the permanency of those networks;

Amendment

7. Stresses the need for all the countries of the Sahel to introduce policies establishing intra-Sahel networks (transport, telecommunications, etc.) to ensure the successful and efficient channelling of humanitarian aid ***in a neutral fashion and to all concerned without restriction***; expects those countries and local and regional authorities to ensure the permanency ***and accessibility*** of those networks;

Or. es

Amendment 18
Norbert Neuser

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Highlights the negative effect of the Western Sahara conflict on the wider region and, paralleling the UN sponsored political negotiations, calls on the conflict parties and neighbouring states to undertake confidence building measures in good faith, such as fostering MINURSO's family visit programme and extending its mandate to include human rights monitoring, accelerating Morocco's promised regionalisation, including the permission of regional political parties as a first step to achieving self-determination of the Saharawi people and, in general, ending repression and political, social or economic discrimination, particularly affecting people with dissenting political views;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Cristian Dan Preda, Jean Roatta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Acknowledges the important role which women play in stabilising and developing the Sahel, and calls for a strengthening of their leadership function in conflict prevention, peace-keeping and peace-building, and in the security field, politics and economic development; encourages development partners to allocate financial support for projects with the specific aim of empowering women in the region;

Or. fr

Amendment 20
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Invites the EU to introduce development policies aimed at alleviating the food crisis and the problems of malnutrition and famine, at ensuring drought resistance and at providing responses to natural disasters; calls on the Commission to ***make optimum*** use of the funds earmarked for combating malnutrition (EUR 123.5 million in 2012);

8. Invites the EU to introduce, ***in cooperation with the countries of the Sahel, priority*** development policies aimed at alleviating the food crisis and the problems of malnutrition and famine, at ensuring drought resistance and at providing responses to natural disasters; calls on the Commission to ***ensure that the*** use ***made*** of the funds earmarked for combating malnutrition (EUR 123.5 million in 2012) ***is in keeping with those priority policies, meets the needs of the population concerned and supports the development of local capacities, in those countries, to ensure that the impact of the aid is positive;***

Amendment 21
Jean Roatta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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8. Invites the EU to introduce development policies aimed at alleviating the food crisis and the problems of malnutrition and famine, at ensuring drought resistance and at providing responses to natural disasters; calls on the Commission to make optimum use of the funds earmarked for combating malnutrition (EUR 123.5 million in 2012);

Amendment

8. Invites the EU to introduce development policies, ***based on an approach rooted in human rights and fundamental freedoms, which are*** aimed at alleviating the food crisis and the problems of malnutrition and famine, at ensuring drought resistance and at providing responses to natural disasters; calls on the Commission to make optimum use of the funds earmarked for combating malnutrition (EUR 123.5 million in 2012);

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8a. Points out that a long-term commitment is necessary in order to build resistance to drought in the Sahel and thus prevent recurring food crises and not have to provide large-scale humanitarian assistance whenever drought returns; stresses that such a commitment requires a lasting partnership - along similar lines to the European Union's 'AGIR Sahel' initiative - between governments, regional institutions, donors and financial institutions;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Cristian Dan Preda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8b. Stresses that a long-term approach based on universal access to education is necessary in order to improve the everyday lives of the Sahel's inhabitants and support the development of what will be a region with 150 million people in 2040;

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Jean Roatta

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. Calls for the introduction of effective health and education policies geared towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): universal primary education, improved maternal health and the combating of HIV/AIDS and ***other*** diseases;

9. Calls for the introduction of, ***and follow-up to***, effective health and education policies for the most vulnerable groups, such as women and children, which are geared towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): universal primary education, improved maternal health, ***universal access to health care***, and the combating of HIV/AIDS and ***all infectious*** diseases; ***calls on the EU, under the 11th EDF, to make youth a priority of its action in the Sahel and to develop an ambitious education policy; points to the importance of dedicated policies on women and on access to employment;***

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Ricardo Cortés Lastra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

10. Calls on the Commission to ensure ***optimum*** deployment in the Sahel of all development funds: the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights, the European Development Fund, the Financing Instrument for Development Cooperation and the Sahel resilience Fund;

Amendment

10. Calls on the Commission to ensure deployment in the Sahel, ***in line with the population's pre-established needs***, of all development funds: the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights, the European Development Fund, the Financing Instrument for Development Cooperation and the Sahel resilience Fund;

Or. es