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COMPROMISE AMENDMENT

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Implementation of the EU-Southern African Development Community
(SADC) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)
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Amendment 1
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Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 4, 5, 6

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Paragraph 2

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2. Points out that regional integration features prominently in the **EPA**; stresses that regional integration **is essential to effectively integrate** developing countries into the world economy; stresses, furthermore, that the EU's development finance cooperation with SADC countries must assist their regional economic cooperation and integration efforts;

Amendment

2. Points out that regional **and sub-regional** integration features prominently in the **EU-SADC EPA as it represents a powerful instrument to achieve the objectives of the treaty**; stresses that **the EU-SADC EPA shall support regional and sub-regional** integration, **promoting regional value chains in SADC and Africa broadly, and ultimately integrating** developing countries into the world economy **in a sustainable manner**; stresses, furthermore, that the EU's development finance cooperation with SADC countries must assist their regional economic cooperation and integration efforts **in a way that boosts wider intra-African trade**;

Or. en

Amendment 2
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Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 7, 8, 9

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Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Points out that the EPA should contribute to **diversifying** value chains in SADC countries and their economies, **creating** added value and jobs locally and **thereby helping to** reduce and eventually eradicate hunger and poverty in a sustainable manner;

Amendment

3. **Recognizes that SADC partner countries should benefit from the EPA through increasing their ability to boost economic diversification and produce value-added manufactured products**; points out that the EPA should contribute to **diversify** value chains in SADC countries and their economies, **which also**

*necessitates fair and pro-development global trade rules, and that it should encourage trade and development policies based on the promotion of human rights, rule of law and democracy, create added value and jobs locally and **help to fight inequalities and** reduce and eventually eradicate hunger and poverty in a sustainable manner;*

Or. en

Amendment 3
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Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 18, 19, 20

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. ***Stresses*** that the EPA ***should contribute*** to establishing an effective, predictable and transparent regional regulatory framework for trade and investment, ***provide a sustainable foundation for*** the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area and ***thereby attract*** private capital, which is indispensable for fostering sustainable development and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda;

Amendment

5. ***Calls on the EU to ensure*** that the EPA ***contributes*** to establishing an effective, predictable and transparent regional regulatory framework for trade and investment, ***in full respect of relevant international agreements and guidelines; emphasises that Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) shall positively contribute to*** the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area and ***the attraction of*** private capital, ***and contribute to the building of resilient and sustainable regional value chains, boosting and diversifying intra-African trade,*** which is indispensable for fostering sustainable ***long-term*** development and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda; ***takes the view that EU support to African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) should go along the development of regulative frameworks, which, in turn, adhere to strict social and environmental standards;***

Or. en

Amendment 4
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Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 25, 26, 27

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Paragraph 6

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6. Highlights the importance of broadly, systematically and meaningfully involving local and regional civil society in the EPA's implementation and the ex post evaluations thereof.

Amendment

6. Highlights the importance of broadly, systematically and meaningfully involving ***development partners***, local and regional civil society, ***academia, trade unions and private sector representatives*** in the EPA's implementation, ***monitoring*** and the ex post evaluations thereof ***to ensure the EPA meets the needs of the population while guaranteeing the fundamental principles of sustainable development;***

Or. en