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Draft opinion
Joachim Schuster
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A new EU-Africa Strategy - a partnership for sustainable and inclusive development
(2020/2041(INI))
Amendment 1
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
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Amendment

1. Strongly supports the renewed engagement between the EU and Africa; welcomes the publication of the Communication on the upcoming strategy; highlights the importance of a dynamic partnership to pursue common Goals between the two continents;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
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associated with the lockdowns in the European Union and OECD countries; and a continental supply shock affecting domestic and intra-African trade, will cause severe economic pressure on Africa; therefore, the effect of the pandemic, both in the short and long term, needs to be incorporated in the EU-Africa strategy;
Amendment 4
Tiziana Beghin, Dino Giarrusso

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Liesje Schreinemacher, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémie Decerle, Dita Charanzová

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highlights that due to their economic situation, not all of these countries are able to take lockdown measures similar to those taken in developed countries and therefore the containment of the COVID-19 virus has been impeded;

Amendment 6
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Amendment 7
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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countries on the African continent, its economic development is still relatively weak in comparison to other parts of the world; stresses that many of its countries will therefore face almost insurmountable challenges caused by the COVID-19 crisis and the effects of climate change; strong biodiversity loss, and arms trade and therefore stresses the need to support those countries to develop resilient economies and social schemes;

Amendment 8
Sergio Berlato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that the EU is Africa’s largest trading partner, the main investor on the African continent and the most important destination market for products manufactured in this part of the world, and it is estimated that by 2050 there will be 2.5 billion people living in Africa;

Amendment 9
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Highlights the importance of ecologically and socially sustainable trade relations with the African continent; calls on the Commission to proceed with its legislative proposal on mandatory human
rights and environmental due diligence obligations for EU companies;

Amendment 10
Urmas Paet

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1 a. Highlights that the EU together with the Member States are the biggest partner to Africa in terms of trade, investment, official development assistance and security;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 11
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

1 b. Highlights that, while there are a number of dynamic middle income countries on the African continent, its economic development is still relatively weak in comparison to other parts of the world; stresses that many of its countries will therefore face almost insurmountable challenges caused by the COVID-19 crisis and the effects of climate change, amongst them huge demographic shifts with poverty- and conflict-driven migration as well as other problems; highlights in this context that in the short run, the EU must provide immediate aid measures such as procuring tests and laboratory equipment, followed by
pandemic prevention measures through the development of an infrastructure of laboratories, financing of medical training measures, information campaigns and national pandemic response plans; underlines that the economic impact of the lockdown will be profound on the African continent, given the size of the informal sector; stresses that the long term goal of the partnership between the EU and Africa must be the resilience of African economies as well as economic independence from aid and indebtedness, to which the increasing resilience of the health sector should be a side effect;

Amendment 12
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries;

Amendment

2. Notes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries and encourages private creditors to take part in this operation;

Amendment 13
Enikő Győri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing
developing countries; countries;

Amendment 14
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries; yet notices that this debt relief accounts for only one third of the expected short-term fiscal loss; calls on the EU and its Member States to support further alleviation of African debt and to respect their long-standing and repeated commitment to devote 0.7% of their GDP to Official Development Aid; expresses however its worries about the lack of concerted action against illicit financial flows worth 12 times the annual ODA, due to practices by Africans as well as by Europeans, among others: capital flight, tax avoidance schemes and national income loss due to tariff reduction;

Amendment 15
Clare Daly, Mick Wallace

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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developing countries; developing countries as a first step in the good direction; calls the Commission, international donors and members’ states to go further and to consider an extension of the moratorium, in view of a full debt cancellation; calls the EU to work towards abolishing the debt burdens of developing countries in order to roll back on rich countries undue control and power over poor and restore sovereign control over economic policy at the national level;

Amendment 16
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries;

Amendment

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries as a first but necessary step in the good direction; calls the Commission, international donors and members’ states to go further and to consider an extension of the moratorium both in duration and scope for enabling African countries to combat the mid- and long-term impact of Covid-19, in view of a full debt cancellation;

Amendment 17
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2
2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries; 

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Or. en

**Amendment 18**
Seán Kelly

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

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries;

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Or. en

**Amendment 19**
Tiziana Beghin, Dino Giarrusso

**Draft opinion**
**Paragraph 2**
2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries; acknowledges that more needs to be done as huge sums are owed by poor countries to developed countries' private banks and investors; stresses the need to work for cancelling the debts by enforcement and not leaving it to any voluntary action;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Jérémy Deckerle, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Welcomes the announcement from the G20 on a temporary moratorium on debt repayments for the weakest developing countries; and encourages the G20 to go further on debt relief to ensure that the basic human needs of citizens can be provided for;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Clare Daly, Mick Wallace

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in

3. Highlights that due to the legacies of colonialism, neo-liberal trade policies and economic reforms pushed on these countries by global North governments
and major multilateral institutions such as the World Bank and the IMF, the European Union still has important economic ties with African states and shall respect article 208 of TFEU that states that the Union shall take account of the objectives of development cooperation in the policies that it implements which are likely to affect developing countries;

Amendment 22
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Amendment

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, including Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), which have not turned out to be the most appropriate tools for pursuing the development process for which they were intended and which, on the contrary, are threatening existing local production and are liable to hamper the establishment of new job- and wealth-creating businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Tiziana Beghin, Dino Giarrusso

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Amendment

3. Highlights that while the European Union remains the largest investor in Africa, China is remaining a strong systemic rival and keeping on
Africa; intensifying its economic engagement in the region and creating a difficult investment climate and business environment for EU companies;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Enikő Győri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Amendment

3. Highlights that the European Union has important economic ties with African states, that should be maintained and further enhanced in the future. Notes also the increasing presence of China in the continent;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Liesje Schreinemacher, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémy Decerle, Dita Charanzová

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Or. en

Amendment 26
Joachim Schuster, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira
Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Amendment

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa, while the EU Member States have shown only very selective interests for trade with and investments in the African states, which is why the trade volume between the EU and most African states remains relatively small; underlines that the EU needs an entirely new foundation for its economic partnership with Africa, meaning that it needs to take the final step away from a dependency-based relationship and arrive in the new reality in which the EU and Africa need to develop a mutually beneficial sustainable partnership; underlines that the prerequisite of this partnership is the substantial further sustainable development in all African states;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Amendment

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa; notes, however, that the EU remains Africa’s most important partner in terms of investment, trade, development assistance and security; notes that as a continent with strong growth in many regions and a rapidly growing
population, including an expanding middle class, Africa is set to play a larger economic role in the world, notes that Europe therefore has a strategic interest in pursuing closer ties and should seek to apply modern arrangements for cooperation in new fields and growth areas to ensure a productive transformation of the region, and building human, societal and economic resilience for future global crises;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Amendment

3. Highlights that the European Union has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa; believes that now more than ever after the Covid-19, on a global level, and especially with regard to Africa, new approaches should be taken to re-shape economic, commercial and trade relations towards Fair and Ethical Trade based on principles of solidarity and cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Sven Simon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa; in this context stresses that the EU and the African continent should develop an ambitious joint strategy aiming at reinforcing not only a global political dialogue but also targeted aid and investment, particularly in education;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Amendment

3. Highlights that the European Union still has important economic ties with African states, which according to the African Union must urgently be upgraded from the provision of raw materials at the beginning of value chains to the support of transformation and trade in transformed product, and that China has intensified its economic engagement in Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Raphaël Glucksmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Africa; stresses the need to respond to these challenges while respecting policy coherence for development;

Amendment 32
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah, Roman Haider

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

3a. Is of the view that Chinese presence and investments in Africa have increased considerably and that there is a need to remain vigilant as to the economic, social and environmental impact of the Chinese approach in Africa, in order to preserve the commercial interests of African states and of EU Member States;

Amendment 33
Sergio Berlato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

3a. Calls on the Commission to implement measures to further develop and modernise the logistics hubs of EU Member States on the Mediterranean, in order to facilitate trade to and from Africa;

Amendment 34
4. Underlines that the role of many African states in the international division of labour does not promote their sustainable development;

Hence, much of the continent’s opportunities remain untapped and sustainable development is not promoted;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah, Roman Haider

4. Underlines that the role of many African states in the international division of labour does not promote economic development in those states that is sustainable over time;

Or. it

Amendment 36
Enikő Győri

4. Underlines the importance of sustainable job creation and investment in accelerated economic development in the
Underlines that the role of many African states in the international division of labour does not promote their sustainable development; as long as it means that they export raw materials and some unprocessed agricultural commodities, while the EU exports manufactured goods, services and agricultural overcapacities; underlines that the EU must support the diversification of inner-African value chains by means of public investment in improved infrastructures and the development of a sustainable energy-supply; calls on the Commission to facilitate through the channels at its disposal the development of regional value chains as inner-regional trade on the African continent remains marginal and is a prerequisite for sustainable development and long term economic independence;
4. Underlines that the role of many African states in the international division of labour does not promote their sustainable development; recalls the need to better integrate African economies into global value chains, providing greater emphasis on African added value, e.g. through special and differential treatment; believes that the revised General Scheme of Preferences (GSP), with a reviewed set of binding principles and conventions and an extended monitoring mechanism, would greatly contribute to uphold human, social and environmental rights; stresses that binding due diligence in line with OECD standards is not only a tool to promote decent work, but also increase the general security situation on many Sub Saharan countries;

Amendment 39
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Underlines that the role of many African states in the international division of labour does not promote their sustainable development;

Amendment

4. Underlines that the long standing role of many African states in the international division of labour does not promote their sustainable development, and that the more recent export of waste, much of it hazardous waste, causes additional damage to people and the environment, that SDGs should lie at the heart of the renewed EU-Africa Strategy, including in its trade dimension;

Amendment 40
Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

4. Underlines that the role of many African states in the international division of labour does not promote their sustainable development; calls on the Commission to create a strategy aimed at assisting the African nations with value chain development in order for more added value to be generated within the African continent;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Raphaël Glucksmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

4 a. Notes that African countries, albeit accounting for more than 50% of the General Scheme of Preferences (GSP) beneficiaries, only represent less than 5% of EU’s GSP imports; invites the Commission to assist beneficiaries’ actors, inter alia on adherence with rules of origin and technical barriers; regrets that the GSP has not so far contributed to the economic diversification of African beneficiary countries; reiterates its call on the Commission to consider expanding the list of products to be covered by the GSP Regulation;

Or. en
### Amendment 42
Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémy Decerle

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

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### Amendment 43
Clare Daly, Mick Wallace

**Draft opinion**
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### Amendment 44
Urmas Paet

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

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4 a. Stresses that the EU and the African Union share the common interest of a stable and rules-based multilateral trading system that is centered on the World Trade Organization (WTO);

Or. en

Amendment 45
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission to reform its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the needs of the African regions in the wake of this health and economic crisis;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

5. Reiterates that eradication of poverty, human development and the achievement of SDGs must remain the core of EU-Africa relations; calls on the Commission to reform its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the needs of the African regions also in the wake of the current Covid-19 health and economic crisis; believes that priority should be given to the fight against poverty, in addressing social exclusion and inequality, promote gender equality, climate change mitigation and adaptation, fight against hunger and food sovereignty;
5. Calls on the Commission to reform its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the needs of the African regions in the wake of this health and economic crisis;

5. Calls on the Commission to adapt its priorities set out in the Communication ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ ahead of the planned EU-AU Summit with a view to addressing the needs of the African regions in the wake of this health and economic crisis; but also with regard to the danger of upcoming threats to food security; notes that the common plan for economic recovery needs to remain in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 47
Enikő Győri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls on the Commission to reform its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the needs of the African regions in the wake of this health and economic crisis;

5. Calls on the Commission to reform its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the root causes of economic, social and health weaknesses and instability by strengthening resilience of local communities and respecting the sensibilities of local partners;

Or. en

Amendment 48
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Liesje Schreinemacher, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémy Decerle, Dita Charanzová

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Paragraph 5
Amendment 49
Tiziana Beghin, Dino Giarrusso

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

5. Calls on the Commission to reform its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the needs of the African regions in the wake of this health and economic crisis; in particular in the infrastructure sectors such as renewable energy, windmills and solar panels where EU has expertise and better standards than China; points out the role of digitizing food and agriculture to face the current Covid-19 pandemic in the continent and underlines the need to support investments in order to make smallholder crops and livestock more productive, improve nutrition and help empower women farmers;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Commission to appropriately revise its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the needs of the African countries and regions in the wake of this health and economic crisis;

Or. en
Paragraph 5

**Draft opinion**

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**Amendment**

5. Calls on the Commission to reform its current version of its strategy entitled ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’ with a view to addressing the needs of the African regions in the wake of this health and economic crisis, and to introduce a clear gender perspective to address the differentiated impacts of the crisis and the recovery as well as the different roles and burdens of men and women in this crisis; calls on the Commission to allow at least temporary African countries to levy export taxes on commodities to cushion the impacts of the multiple crises and to prepare the recovery;

Or. en

**Amendment 51**

Sergio Berlato

**Draft opinion**

Paragraph 5 a (new)

**Draft opinion**

5a. Takes the view that the EU should direct its efforts to creating social and economic conditions that enable African citizens to have a decent future on their own continent, without being forced to emigrate; stresses that tackling the root causes of emigration depends closely and directly on the stability and economic development of the African continent;

**Amendment**

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Or. it

**Amendment 52**

Clare Daly, Mick Wallace
6. Calls on the Commission to support Africa in its ambitions for a continental free trade area by making the necessary adjustments in order to implement its Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and make them fit the project of the Continental Free Trade Area;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Or. en

Amendment 54
Tiziana Beghin, Dino Giarrusso

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. **Calls on the Commission to support Africa in its ambitions for a continental free trade area by making the necessary adjustments in order to implement its Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and make them fit the project of the Continental Free Trade Area;**

Amendment

6. ** Welcomes the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, in force since May 2019, which created a significant momentum for the continental integration; stresses the importance to increase intra-African trade, diversify exports, improve sustainability, product safety and quality, and a kevel playing field;**

Or. en

Amendment 55
Sven Simon

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Calls on the Commission to support Africa in its ambitions for a continental free trade area by making the necessary adjustments in order to implement its Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and make them fit the project of the Continental Free Trade Area;

Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to support Africa in its ambitions for a continental free trade area by making the necessary adjustments in order to implement its Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs); recalls the importance of an integrated free trade area for Africa that facilitates international trade and inclusive development; regrets that progress on the implementation of the continental free trade area has been very slow;

Or. en

Amendment 56
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémy Decerle, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

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Amendment 57
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah, Roman Haider

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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Or. en

Amendment 58
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Amendment

6. Calls on the Commission to support Africa in its ambitions for a continental free trade area by making the necessary adjustments in order to implement its Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and make them fit the project of the Continental Free Trade Area by offering technical support for making the necessary fiscal adjustments to the abolition of customs duties, to help
implement resilient fiscal systems that
tackle the dramatic problem of tax
evasion and to reduce the dependency of
remittances; underlines the necessity of
implementing technical assistance on
border cooperation and other technical
issues for the sake of regional value chain
development;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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free trade area by making the necessary
adjustments in order to implement its
Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)
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Africa in its ambitions for a continental
free trade area by making the necessary
adjustments in order to implement its
Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)
and make them fit the project of the
Continental Free Trade Area; underlines
that as part of the Continental Free Trade
Area, European direct investment should
support better regional infrastructure
development that will help industrial
production and increase economic growth
in primary, and in turn secondary,
industries in Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Clare Daly, Mick Wallace

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6 a. Calls on the Commission to stop
supporting the Continental Free Trade

Amendment

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supporting the Continental Free Trade
Area (AfCFTA) project which gives no guarantees against incentives to race to the bottom for third country partners, would accentuate the vast presence of multinational companies in Africa which are maximizing economic relations with western countries even further, to the detriment of intra-regional trade, potentially hampering continental integration by facilitating profits for multinationals already present in most African countries and encouraging them to concentrate their activities in the most competitive, will in the end help create a large African market, but with relatively few African products traded;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

6 a. Calls for the systematic inclusion of binding and enforceable mechanisms for the implementation of TSD chapters on human rights, labour and environmental standards in all currently negotiated and future EPAs; reiterates the need of an in-depth analysis on the impact of EPAs and trade liberalization agreements in African countries on local economies, on biodiversity loss, deforestation and land grabbing, and the need to review these agreements to be coherent with development policies and SDGs;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

6 b. Recalls that trade liberalization has an impact on deforestation, climate change and biodiversity loss as well as on food production and access to food; believes that the EU-Africa partnership should be based on a commercial policy that favours the defence of forests and biodiversity, the development of local agriculture and local producers and farmers, to promote a full food sovereignty and to reduce the phenomenon of land grabbing and deforestation for agricultural export use;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

7. Underlines that so far, the fragmented implementation of the Economic Partnership Agreements has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, technical assistance, capacity-building on border cooperation, knowledge and data-management and cooperation for improvements in investment climates and good governance; asks the Commission to primarily increase the speed of implementation of these vital aspects;
Amendment 64
Seán Kelly

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the implementation of EPAs, which have the potential to boost trade and investment and encouraging the creation of regional value chains, has not resulted in the desired progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance; notes, however, that where EPAs have trade liberalisation accompanied by internal reforms, higher degrees of exports are recorded;

Or. en

Amendment 65
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the inadequacy of the EPAs has undermined the already delicate process of continental integration and resulted in a lack of substantial progress in capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

Or. it

Amendment 66
Enikő Győri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7
Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Amendment 67
Raphaël Glucksmann

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance; believes that the serious concerns raised by EPAs in place or under negotiation need to be overcome (including regional integration concerns, Rules of Origin complications, non tariff barriers, and little in-built protection for infant industries) and addressed in the strategy;

Amendment 68
Sven Simon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

Amendment

7. Emphasizes that EPAs and GSP
implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance; remain the two pillars of the trade relationship between the European Union and African states and should be further developed; underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

Or. en

Amendment 69
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Jérémy Decerle

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance;

Amendment

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance; calls on the Commission to further assist the African countries in these areas without making this assistance fully conditional on implementation of EPAs;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Emmanuel Maurel, Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on

Amendment

7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on
border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance; stresses that African civil society and trade unions should be included in this process as much as possible;

**Amendment 71**
Saskia Bricmont on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**
**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*  
7. Underlines that the fragmented implementation of EPAs has resulted in a lack of substantial progress in supporting regional integration, capacity-building on border cooperation, and improvements in investment climates and good governance; therefore insists to support the integration of African economies on a regional scale in order to make them stronger on the international scale;

**Amendment**

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**Or. en**

**Amendment 72**
Clare Daly, Mick Wallace

**Draft opinion**
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*  

7 a. Recalls that the criteria of "reciprocity" for trade agreements with the ACP countries led to a reduction or even the abolition of customs duties on their imports, to no longer introducing new export taxes, thereby depriving States of tax revenue and exposing the fragile agricultural and industrial sectors to
competition from subsidized European products and therefore aggravating social poverty, the EU development aid policy is therefore repairing the damage that its trade policy has helped to create;

Amendment 73
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

_Draft opinion_ Amendment

7 a. Calls the EU to review export taxes restrictions and WTO + TRIPS+ provisions in the current and future EPAs and FTAs, to allow African and developing countries to better answer to the economic and health crisis and make full use of compulsory licensing, as well as to guarantee full and just access to medical intellectual property through granted emergency exemption from IPR protections on covid-19 medical supplies to support domestic production;

Amendment 74
Sergio Berlato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

_Draft opinion_ Amendment

7a. Stresses that new EPAs with African countries should include clauses concerning the real cooperation of African countries in managing and controlling migration flows, in order to prevent economic migrants from
constantly coming to Europe;

Or. it

Amendment 75
Clare Daly, Mick Wallace

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. Calls the EU to ensure - through debt cancellation and stopping illicit tax flows - that countries have the financial freedom to give subsidies to their farmers in order to allow emerging agricultural businesses to grow strong enough to supply their own people and facilitate stronger inner-African trade in agricultural goods;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah, Roman Haider

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Calls for a concrete proposal that establishes common initiatives on a renewable energy supply on the African continent;

8. Calls for a concrete proposal that establishes common initiatives on an energy supply that is suited to the specific territorial, geographic and demographic features and needs of African countries;

Or. it

Amendment 77
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
8. Calls for a concrete proposal that establishes common initiatives on a renewable energy supply on the African continent; and the promotion of innovation geared towards it, including both a concrete plan to publicly finance those initiatives and a plan on how to get into closer cooperation with regard to the future common usage of the resulting renewable energy; reiterates that sustainable development without comprehensive access to energy is not possible and encourages the Commission to come up with an ambitious plan for implementing this sustainable energy partnership;

Or. en

Amendment 78
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

8. Calls for a concrete proposal that establishes common initiatives on a renewable energy supply on the African continent, in parallel to the swift phasing out of all investments in fossil fuel related projects, offering technology transfer and patent pooling for free technology; and expects a similar initiative on patent pooling and free licenses for medicines and medical equipment to solve the virulent health crisis;

Or. en
8. Calls for a concrete proposal that establishes common initiatives on a renewable energy supply on the African continent; reminding the need to ensure easy access to electricity, to focus on resilient infrastructures, clear, sustainable and secure energy access;

8. Underlines the vital importance of meeting the goals as set by the Paris Climate Agreement; calls for a concrete proposal that establishes common initiatives on a renewable energy supply on the African continent;

8 a. Stresses the need to address the
challenges of nutrition and food security by boosting the current agri-food systems, helping food affordability in this pandemic situation, promote local sustainable production and intra-Africa exchange which provide, at the same time, direct employments and income particularly in rural areas, reducing poverty and immigration;

Amendment 82
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

9. Emphasises the need for substantial sustainable investments that enable leapfrogging in the African states;
employment opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 83
Tiziana Beghin, Dino Giarrusso

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Emphasises the need for substantial sustainable investments that enable leapfrogging in the African states;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the need for substantial sustainable investments that enable leapfrogging in the African states; reminds the role played by a value-adding private sector to stimulate PP investments and economic diversification, recalls the need to help SMEs which are suffering from a lack of public and political support, transparent regulatory framework, lack of level-playing field and rising of unauthorized companies; in this regard, underlines the role of European Business organisations to work closely with their African counterparts through ad-hoc platforms and initiatives to increase trade fair and exhibition systems;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah, Roman Haider

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Emphasises the need for substantial sustainable investments that enable leapfrogging in the African states;

Amendment

9. Emphasises the need for substantial sustainable investments that enable African states to promote job creation, develop their production and processing sectors in situ and manage their resources more effectively, in order to achieve the objectives of greater 'economic
**Amendment 85**  
Saskia Bricmont  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

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**Amendment 86**  
Seán Kelly

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

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**Or. en**

**Amendment 87**  
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas,
9. Emphasises the need for substantial sustainable investments that enable leapfrogging in the African states; calls for an investigation on how leapfrogging can contribute to sustainable development;

Or. en

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

9 a. Stresses the vital role of digital transformation and digitalisation for sustainable development and resilience of societies that has been especially visible during the current global situation triggered by the COVID-19 crisis; calls for a continued, strengthened, systematic and mutually beneficial cooperation with the African states on digitalisation, innovative technologies and solutions at all levels of society, including on e-governance, e-commerce, digital skills and cyber security, in line with the Digitalisation for Development (D4D) approach;

Or. en

Amendment 89
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

9 a. Reiterates its call for an EU legal framework based on corporate mandatory due diligence on human rights violations in supply chains and provide access to justice for victims; believes that such obligations should be cross-sectorial and apply in particular to the financial sector; invites the Commission to continue and reinforce its engagement in the negotiations for the establishment of a UN Binding Treaty on Transnational Corporations and OBE with respect to Human Rights;

*Amendment*

Or. en

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**Amendment 90**

Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

*Draft opinion*

**Paragraph 10**

*Draft opinion*

10. Underlines that empowering civil society, and thereby including a social counterpart in investment, is a vital aspect of EU policies towards and with the African states.

*Amendment*

10. Underlines that empowering civil society, and thereby including a social counterpart to investment structures, is a vital aspect of EU policies towards and with the African states, therefore asks the Commission to involve civil society at all levels of the political dialogue, especially when trade agreements are prepared, monitored and evaluated; calls for a bigger role for civil society in the Aid for Trade system;

Or. en

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**Amendment 91**

Tiziana Beghin, Dino Giarrusso
Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

10. Underlines that empowering civil society, and thereby including a social counterpart in investment, is a vital aspect of EU policies towards and with the African states.

Amendment

10. Underlines that empowering civil society organizations, academia and think tanks and thereby including a social counterpart in investment and sustainable development, is a vital aspect of EU policies and intensifying cooperation towards and with the African states;

Or. en

Amendment 92
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

10. Underlines that empowering civil society, and thereby including a social counterpart in investment, is a vital aspect of EU policies towards and with the African states.

Amendment

10. Is concerned that as reported by the Africa-EU Civil Society Forum, the space for civil society organisations has shrunk and that their visibility remains weak; underlines that empowering civil society, and thereby including a social counterpart in investment and a gender perspective, are vital aspects of EU policies towards and with the African states;

Or. en

Amendment 93
Enikő Győri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

10. Underlines that empowering civil society, and thereby including a social counterpart in investment, is a vital aspect of EU policies towards and with the African states.

Amendment

10. Underlines that empowering civil society, and thereby including a social counterpart in investment and sustainable development, is a vital aspect of EU policies and intensifying cooperation towards and with the African states;
society, and thereby including a social counterpart in investment, is a vital aspect of EU policies towards and with the African states.

Amendment 94
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

10 a. Highlights the importance of supporting African countries capacity to increase domestic resource mobilisation, in order to increase investments in universal public basic services; calls the EU to support African countries on combatting illicit financial flows, EU companies and multinationals tax evasion, to ensure taxes are paid where profits and real economic value is created, in order to stop base erosion and profit-shifting;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 95
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

10 a. Recalls that the position of women can be strengthened with strong provisions on Gender & Trade in Trade Agreements; calls in this regards on the European Commission to assist the African Union with the implementation of
it Strategy for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment and implement measures that contribute to the achievement of gender equality in its trade agreements with the African countries;

Amendment 96
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

10 a. Recognizes the critical role of women and girls in sustainable growth and development; emphasizes that the empowerment of women and girls must be mainstreamed throughout the implementation of the Africa strategy; underlines that the economic independence of women must be fostered by the promotion of female entrepreneurs;

Amendment 97
Saskia Bricmont on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion
Amendment

10 a. Is concerned by the CAP-supported export of European milk powder to West Africa, the tripling of export since the EU lifted the milk quotas in 2015 having disastrous consequences for local herders and farmers who can’t compete; calls on the Commission to work
on solutions with African governments and stakeholders;

Amendment 98
Sven Simon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10 a. Calls on the Member States and African countries to accelerate the ratification of EPAs and demands that the Commission puts forth an ambitious timetable for the implementation of such agreements;

Amendment 99
Luisa Regimenti, Marco Campomenosi, Herve Juvin, Maximilian Krah

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

10a. Highlights the need to promote, support and encourage female and youth entrepreneurship;

Amendment 100
Joachim Schuster, Mihai Tudose, Raphaël Glucksmann, Inma Rodríguez-Piñero, Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)
10 b. Underlines that the African continent has the youngest population in the world and thus asks the Commission to firmly integrate the interests of children and young people in the implementation plan for the Africa strategy and to make sure that substantial investments are made in building the expertise of young people given their critical role in further developing strategies for an ecologically, socially and economically sustainable future of their continent;

Or. en

Amendment 101
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémy Deckerle, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

10 b. Highlights that the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences will have an impact on the Sustainable Development Goals; calls on the Commission to make the achievement of the SDGs a guiding principle in all its policies with regard to the African countries and urges the Commission to have full regard for these goals when negotiating the post-Cotonou Agreement in order to ensure balanced and free trade with the African continent;

Or. en

Amendment 102
Helmut Scholz, Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)  

Draft opinion  
10 b. Expresses its concern about the raising number of ISDS cases against African states, especially by European companies; reaffirms the right of African states to regulate to defend the public’s interest without being sued by investors, especially to answer to the economic and health crisis; calls EU governments and companies to refrain to use ISDS, and stop the numerous ISDS cases against Africa;

Or. en

Amendment 103  
Saskia Bricmont, Heidi Hautala  
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)

Draft opinion
10 b. Calls on the Commission to work on solutions with African governments and stakeholders and to implement recommendations of the Task Force Rural Africa, and takes the view that stable investment and (wo)manpower to develop an African food chain for regional circuits and African ownership could best contribute to increase health and well-being of African people;

Or. en

Amendment 104  
Sven Simon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 b (new)
10 b. Stresses that a strong Africa is in the geostrategic interest of the European Union and that the EU must therefore elaborate ambitious and appropriate plans for African growth and development that diversifies the economy on the continent and increases intra-African trade;

Or. en

Amendment 105
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémy Decerle, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

10 c. Highlights that around 60% of the population of the African countries is under 25 years old; calls on the Commission to assist the African youth with dedicated education programs under for example Erasmus+ and to increase educational and professional mobility by means of a dedicated strategy in cooperation with the African Union, the private sector and financial institutions (for example by making available micro-credit for start-ups) with the aim of improving economic and trading opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 106
Sven Simon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)
10 c. Highlights that the EU with its Member States remains the largest donor to Africa with 31% of the total aid, recalls the importance for a paradigm shift in European development policy towards market-oriented structural reforms and good governance;

Amendment 107
Saskia Bricmont
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 c (new)

Draft opinion

10 c. In view of the documented growing risk of dissemination of zoonotic pathogens in Africa, calls on the Commission to promote in African countries more stringent standards in terms of SPS, animal welfare through regulatory cooperation and dialogue;

Amendment 108
Sven Simon

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Draft opinion

10 d. Stresses that there is a need in Africa to establish intra-continental value chains allowing for the domestic processing of raw materials; notes the continued existence of significant barriers to such trade due to prevalence of tariffs and other barriers, as well as poor infrastructure and high transaction costs;
Amendment 109
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Liesje Schreinemacher, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Svenja Hahn, Jérémy Decerle, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10 d. Highlights that the future partnership between the European Union and the African Union should be one that is built upon shared values with respect for human rights and good governance;

Or. en

Amendment 110
Samira Rafaela, Karin Karlsbro, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Barry Andrews, Jordi Cañas, Liesje Schreinemacher, Urmas Paet, Nicola Danti, Jérémy Decerle, Dita Charanzová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10 e. Underlines that Africa and sub-Saharan Africa in particular will have the highest population growth in the coming decades; calls in this respect for the EU to follow the Task Force for Rural Africa (TFRA) conclusions on the need of investments to Africa food chains with a focus to be given to value-added commodities;

Or. en