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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

Samira Rafaela

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The conclusion of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific (OACPS) States, of the other part
(2021/2213(INI))

Amendment 1
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Welcomes the emphasis that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS –Post-Cotonou Agreement) places in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and adhering to the Paris Climate Agreement, as overarching objectives of the agreement; calls on the parties to ensure that the Post-Cotonou Agreement and their trade agendas are powerful tools for advancing the United Nations 2030 Agenda and its SDGs;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Dita Charanzová, Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Welcomes the conclusion of the new Partnership Agreement (Post Cotonou Agreement) between the European Union, and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific (OACPS) States; underlines the important political, economic and cultural relationship between the EU and the OACPS; stresses that the EU contributes to economic growth in the OACPS countries, and the advancement of their position within the global trading system;

Amendment 3
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Calls on the EU to ensure that all its trade instruments targeting OACPS countries such as EPAs, GSP and Aid for Trade are mutually reinforcing and aligned with the Policy Coherence for Development principle;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Welcomes the overall aim of the Post-Cotonou Agreement to support the integration of the OACPS countries into the global economy; highlights that the agreement contains a chapter on trade cooperation which reaffirms the commitment to implement and strengthen Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), and establishes common priorities and dispositions, non-exhaustively, on trade and sustainable development, trade facilitation, trade in services, promotion of multilateralism and elimination of non-tariff barriers; welcomes, in particular, references to social, environmental and labour standards, corporate social responsibility, responsible business conduct and respect

for the right to regulate throughout the agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1b. Underlines that the Post-Cotonou Agreement will not change trading arrangements between the EU and the OACPS countries, whose partnership will continue to be based on separate trade agreements and instruments, notably the regional EPAs and the Generalised System of Preferences scheme; welcomes that the essential elements of the Post-Cotonou Agreement in the area of human rights, democratic principles and rule of law apply to all EPAs; expects all EU trade agreements and instruments with OACPS countries, such as, amongst others, the review of the EPAs, Aid for Trade, and technical support for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to reinforce the social, sustainable and green trade dimensions;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Recalls the statement of the UN Economic Commission for Africa

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indicating that it believes the economic partnership agreements between EU and African countries could have negative consequences for intra-African trade; is concerned about the negative effects that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS – Post-Cotonou Agreement) might have on intra-African trade;

indicating that it believes the economic partnership agreements between EU and African countries could have negative consequences for intra-African trade; is concerned about the negative effects that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS – Post-Cotonou Agreement) might have on intra-African trade **and on the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area; calls on the EU to take full account of the levels of development and the needs of OACPS countries, ensuring coherence between EPAs and ACP regional economic integration priorities and efforts; calls on the Commission to refrain from launching or broadening EPA negotiations, including through the “rendez-vous” clauses unless ACP countries proactively make such demand; reiterates its request for an in-depth analysis of the impact of EPAs on local economies, regional integration, economic diversification and their compliance with the SDGs and the principle of Policy Coherence for Development; calls for a new equitable partnership between the ACP group of countries and the EU;**

Or. en

Amendment 7

Samira Rafaela, Dita Charanzová, Morten Løkkegaard

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Paragraph 1

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1. Recalls the statement of the UN Economic Commission for Africa indicating that it believes the economic partnership agreements between EU and African countries could **have** negative

Amendment

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consequences for intra-African trade; is concerned about the negative effects that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the ***Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS – Post-Cotonou Agreement)*** might have on intra-African trade;

various circumstances have possible negative consequences for intra-African trade; is concerned about the ***possibility of*** negative effects that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the OACPS might have on intra-African trade; ***insists that negative effects on intra-African trade should be avoided and addressed in close cooperation with our African partners;***

Or. en

Amendment 8

Massimiliano Salini, Andrey Kovatchev, Angelika Winzig, Gabriel Mato, Jörgen Warborn

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1. ***Recalls the statement of the UN Economic Commission for Africa indicating that it believes the economic partnership agreements between EU and African countries could have negative consequences for intra-African trade; is concerned about the negative effects that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS – Post-Cotonou Agreement) might have on intra-African trade;***

Amendment

1. ***Stresses the key role of Economic Partnership Agreements in promoting long-term, sustainable development, reducing poverty and boosting regional integration; regrets, therefore, the recent lack of progress in their finalisation; acknowledges the diverging views on EPAs and calls on the Commission to address them by building trust and mutual understanding on the development benefits of EPAs; insists on the need to accompany any trade arrangements with OACPS countries with capacity-building and technical assistance to effectively support their implementation;***

Or. en

Amendment 9

Pedro Silva Pereira

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1. ***Recalls*** the statement of the UN Economic Commission for Africa indicating that it believes the economic partnership agreements between EU and African countries could have negative consequences for intra-African trade; is ***concerned about the negative*** effects that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the ***Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS – Post-Cotonou Agreement)*** might have on intra-African trade;

Amendment

1. ***Acknowledges*** the statement of the UN Economic Commission for Africa indicating that it believes the economic partnership agreements between EU and African countries could have negative consequences for intra-African trade; is ***attentive to the*** effects that the new Partnership Agreement between the EU and the members of the OACPS might have on intra-African trade; ***calls on the Commission to uphold the political, financial, technical and policy assistance provided to OACPS countries, namely its African partners, towards the smooth implementation of the AfCFTA in view of promoting intra-African trade;***

Or. en

Amendment 10
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Regrets that the Post-Cotonou framework pays little attention to persistent dependence of many OACPS countries on commodities and raw materials and to the need to ensure that the prices payed for these products duly reflect the real social and environmental costs of production; calls on the EU and OACPS countries to draw lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic and to rethink fundamentally their economies and focus on sustainable and responsible value chains and market systems that preserve the environment and serve society as a whole;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the EPAs between EU and African countries benefit intra-African trade and the African population; calls for clear commitments on trade and investment during the upcoming EU-AU summit in February 2022;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Reiterates that European companies have a responsibility for their value chains and urges the EU to live up to its commitments and urgently present an ambitious legislative proposal on mandatory human rights, social rights and environmental due diligence obligations for all companies operating in the EU internal market and to ensure that such proposal is based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights, applies to the whole value chain and includes provisions on access to justice;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Reiterates its call on the Commission to implement measures such as the prohibition of the importation of products related to severe human rights violations such as forced labour or worst forms of child labour; stresses the importance of including the objective of combating forced labour and child labour in TSD chapters of Union trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1d. Is deeply concerned about the fragile integration of OACPS countries and the detrimental impacts of the EPA's for the survival of their agricultural producers, livestock keepers and fishermen; is worried with the high dependence of African states on food imports from the EU, particularly subsidised products that represent harmful competition for small-scale local agriculture and calls on the EU to put an end to these export subsidies, in line with its Policy Coherence for Development commitments; calls on the EU to ensure the Agreement and its implementing and supporting instruments respect the 2018 UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural

Areas; call upon the EU to support the creation of accountable funding mechanisms that support peoples' effort to build food sovereignty, realise the human right to food, protect and restore ecosystems, increase agrobiodiversity, and address the climate emergency; recalls its view that stable investment and (wo)manpower for developing a resilient African food chain for regional circuits under African ownership could best contribute to increasing the health and wellbeing of African people;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable ***investment opportunities*** to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;

Amendment

2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must ***respect EU's Policy Coherence for Development legal obligations***, be tailored to benefit all parties ***and take full account of OACPS countries' capacities, levels of development and needs***; is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations ***which are conducive to sustainable development***; calls on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers ***and to enable OACPS countries, including with technical and financial support, to protect their infant industries, support small-scale farming and meet EU and international sustainability standards for exporting their agricultural products***; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable ***investments*** to advance ***towards a carbon-***

free economy and digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries, *in line with its pledge in the Glasgow Climate Pact, while ensuring a responsible and sustainable sourcing and management of natural resources and raw materials, as well as sustainable waste management in line with its Green Deal objectives and the UN free prior and informed consent principle;*

Or. en

Amendment 16

Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Dita Charanzová, Morten Løkkegaard

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2. *Insists* that the agreement's trade and investment provisions *must be* tailored to benefit all parties; *is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries*; calls on the Commission to guarantee that *the* OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to *improve* EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;

Amendment

2. *Underlines* that the agreement's trade and investment provisions *are* tailored to benefit all parties *involved*; calls on the Commission to guarantee that *both EU and* OACPS countries *and companies* benefit from trade relations, *and to advance sustainable and inclusive development and growth*; calls on the Commission to *ensure the agreement is a basis for the strengthening of economic relations between the parties in a mutually beneficial way, taking into account their respective levels of development*; *calls on the Commission to effectively address and concretely guarantee* EU market access for OACPS producers *in the revision process of EPAs*; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Massimiliano Salini, Andrey Kovatchev, Angelika Winzig, Gabriel Mato, Jörgen Warborn

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2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; **is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;**

Amendment

2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; **believes that the renewed partnership is a unique opportunity to revive trade relations between the EU and each OACPS region based on mutual advantages; regrets that while the Cotonou Agreement considerably improved access to EU markets for OACPS countries, it did not prove effective in increasing market shares for European businesses in OACPS countries; calls therefore on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities notably in digital and green infrastructure; to this end, stresses the need for a strong involvement of the European and OACPS countries' private sector in the implementation of partnerships;**

Or. en

Amendment 18

Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls

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on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;

on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries; ***considers that European trade policy should recognise and duly support OACPS countries that stem migration flows and offer incentives for the return of their expatriate citizens;***

Or. el

Amendment 19
Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;

Amendment

2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries; ***considers that trade policy should recognise and generously support OACPS countries that agree to accept the resettlement of asylum seekers from EU Member States on their territory;***

Or. el

Amendment 20
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; ***is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries***; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to ***improve*** EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;

Amendment

2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties ***in pursuance of a just and fair partnership; underlines the need to strike the right balance of benefits between the EU and the OACPS countries, in line with the parties' rights and obligations under the Post-Cotonou Agreement***; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to ***optimise*** EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance digital and green infrastructure in the OACPS countries;

Or. en

Amendment 21 Emmanouil Fragkos

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2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; ***is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries***; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance ***digital and green infrastructure in*** the OACPS countries;

Amendment

2. Insists that the agreement's trade and investment provisions must be tailored to benefit all parties; ***is concerned about a misbalance benefiting the EU over the OACPS countries***; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the OACPS countries benefit from trade relations; calls on the Commission to improve EU market access for OACPS producers; calls on the Commission to promote sustainable investment opportunities to advance the OACPS countries;

Or. el

Amendment 22
Helmut Scholz
on behalf of the The Left Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Expresses its concern for the growing inequalities and poverty emerging in the OACPS countries, and the need to address the root causes of this situation; recalls the need to review the economic policies promoted by international financial institutions, which have failed in the attempt to create a background for economic development, and regional as well as international competitiveness, commercial and trade opportunities and which, on the contrary, have increased dependencies and inequality; considers that EU OACPS countries trade should contribute to enable these countries to develop diversified economic structures dedicated to human development; stresses therefore that common goods and public sectors such as education, health and water must not be subject to privatization or liberalization;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Michiel Hoogeveen
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to support all activities related to the

development of science, technology, research, innovation and digital transformation, which make a significant contribution to accelerating sustainable development and to support the OACPS countries in their determined efforts towards this process; insists that the implementation of the trade-related provisions of the new OACPS-EU Partnership Agreement must leave no one behind, contribute to stimulating and increasing strategic investment, create jobs, strengthen the role of the private sector and enhance economic and trade cooperation;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Dita Charanzová, Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Highlights the commitments of the EU and OACPS on trade and sustainable development, the UN2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Paris Agreement; calls for close cooperation from the EU with OACPS partners to advance sustainable trade and investment relations in line with the goals of the EU's trade policy review;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the importance of trade as opposed to political conditionality guided by Western priorities, with a view to greater efficacy and sustainable development outcomes for all;

Or. el

Amendment 26

Helmut Scholz

on behalf of the The Left Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Recalls the importance of supporting smallholders farmers and the development of local and regional products and markets, avoiding promoting an exclusively export-oriented model of agriculture and strengthening circular economies 'structures and the intra-regional trade and commercial cooperation, that could contribute to prevent further deforestation and land grabbing processes;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Helmut Scholz

on behalf of the The Left Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2c. 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 EPAs and future Trade and Cooperation Agreements; reiterates the need of an in-depth analysis on the impact of EPAs and trade liberalization agreements in OACPS 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 28

Helmut Scholz

on behalf of the The Left Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2d. Welcomes the commitment of the parties on Art.83 of the Agreement to “undertake measures to tackle tax avoidance, tax evasion and other harmful tax practices”; calls the EU to support OACPS 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;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Helmut Scholz

on behalf of the The Left Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2e. Calls the EU to review export taxes restrictions and WTO +, TRIPS+ provisions in the current EPAs and future Trade and Cooperation Agreements with OACPS countries;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Massimiliano Salini, Andrey Kovatchev, Angelika Winzig, Gabriel Mato, Jörgen Warborn, Christophe Hansen

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Recognises that the Western interpretation of sustainability has been applied in the Post-Cotonou Agreement; is concerned that the terminology of the agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 31

Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

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Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Recognises that the Western interpretation of sustainability has been applied in the Post-Cotonou Agreement; is concerned that the terminology of the

3. Stresses that sustainability provisions and their interpretation must be anchored in internationally agreed goals and commitments to which both parties

agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

have agreed; is concerned that the terminology of the agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU **and does not duly take into account the value of local and indigenous knowledge; warns against any biased interpretation of such provisions**; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement; **to this end, reiterates its call for the systematic inclusion of independent binding and enforceable mechanisms for the implementation of Trade and Sustainable Development chapters on human rights, labour and environmental standards in all currently negotiated and future EPAs; stresses that the agreements need to be coherent with development policies and with the SDGs, especially with regard to their impact on deforestation, climate change and biodiversity loss and the ILO Decent work agenda; considering that there is a Decent Work Country Programme in less than half of OACPS countries, calls on the EU to foster their development where they do not exist yet in consultation with social partners and in liaison with ILO;**

Or. en

Amendment 32
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises that **the Western** interpretation of sustainability has been applied in the Post-Cotonou Agreement; **is concerned** that the terminology of the agreement **focuses on** the goals and perspectives of the EU; calls for an investigation into the differences in

Amendment

3. Recognises that **an ambitious** interpretation of sustainability has been applied **for the first time** in the Post-Cotonou Agreement, **while being mindful of the parties' respective levels of development and policy priorities**; **believes** that the terminology of the

interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

agreement **takes into account** the goals and perspectives of the EU **and those of the OACPS countries to the same extent**; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

Or. en

Amendment 33

Samira Rafaela, Dita Charanzová, Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3

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3. **Recognises that the Western interpretation of sustainability has been applied in the Post-Cotonou Agreement**; is concerned that the terminology of the agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application **of these criteria in** the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

Amendment

3. **Acknowledges that parties to the agreement may have differing interpretations** of sustainability; is concerned that the terminology of the agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application **within** the Post-Cotonou Agreement **which could benefit better understanding of common sustainability goals between all parties**;

Or. en

Amendment 34

Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion

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3. Recognises that the Western interpretation of sustainability has **been**

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3. Recognises that the Western interpretation of sustainability has **not been**

applied in the Post-Cotonou Agreement; is concerned that the terminology of the agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

tailored to regional needs for dynamic growth; is concerned that the terminology of the agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

Or. el

Amendment 35
Emmanouil Fragkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Recognises that the Western interpretation of sustainability has been applied in the Post-Cotonou Agreement; *is concerned that the terminology of the agreement focuses on the goals and perspectives of the EU*; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

Amendment

3. Recognises that the Western interpretation of sustainability has been applied in the Post-Cotonou Agreement; *considers that more balanced and inclusive terminology would be helpful*; calls for an investigation into the differences in interpretation and application of sustainability criteria and the application of these criteria in the Post-Cotonou Agreement;

Or. el

Amendment 36
Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Recalls the Parliament's commitment to the European Green Deal and welcomes trade initiatives that

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contribute towards achieving its objectives, including but not limited to the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and the upcoming legislative proposal on mandatory due diligence; insists that the Commission carefully monitor the impact of these initiatives on EU-OACPS trade and present accompanying measures to mitigate any short-term disruption; is convinced that in the long-term, these legislative initiatives will result in more resilient and sustainable global value chains, benefitting citizens and businesses in the EU and the OACPS;

Or. en

Amendment 37
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. calls on the African and European authorities to fight illicit financial phenomena, among others capital flight, tax avoidance schemes and national income loss due to tariff reduction and which tantamount to twelve times the annual figure for ODA;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion
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4. Is concerned *that* the suspension clauses *may not be legally valid*; calls on

4. *Underlines the dialogue between the EU and OACPS countries on matters*

the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied in the event of violations of essential elements; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but should target those responsible for violations;

related to fundamental rights and essential elements of the Post-Cotonou Agreement; is concerned with the debate regarding the possible legal validity of the suspension clauses; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied in the event of violations of essential elements such as human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but should target those responsible for violations of these essential elements; calls for effective cooperation with civil society to advance essential elements such as human rights, rule of law and gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Massimiliano Salini, Andrey Kovatchev, Angelika Winzig, Gabriel Mato, Jörgen Warborn, Christophe Hansen

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4. *Is concerned that the* suspension clauses *may not be legally valid*; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied in the event of violations of essential elements; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but should target those responsible for violations;

Amendment

4. *Recognizes the strong human rights component in the EPAs and for this reason welcomes the inclusion of suspension clauses in case of violations of human rights clauses; stresses the importance of political dialogue and consultation procedures to ensure effectiveness of these clauses and* calls on the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied in the event of violations of essential elements; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but should target those responsible for violations;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. ***Is concerned that*** the suspension clauses ***may not be legally valid***; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied in the event of violations of essential elements; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but should target those responsible for violations;

Amendment

4. ***Recalls the juridical standing of the Post-Cotonou Agreement and the legally-binding nature of its provisions, including*** the suspension clauses ***in Article 101(8)***; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied in the event of violations of essential elements; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but should target those responsible for violations; ***underlines the importance of dialogue throughout said procedures, and welcomes the inclusion of the mechanism for consultation as a positive and distinctive feature of the agreement;***

Or. en

Amendment 41
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. ***Is concerned that the suspension clauses may not be legally valid***; calls on the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied in the event of violations of essential elements; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but should target those responsible for violations;

Amendment

4. Calls on the Commission to guarantee that the suspension clauses will be correctly applied ***as a measure of last resort*** in the event of violations of ***essential elements, where the parties are unable to reach a mutually acceptable solution, except in case of particularly serious and flagrant violation of one of the*** essential elements; emphasises that suspension of clauses should not harm the population, but

should target those responsible for violations;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development; underlines the role of women in the economies and societies of the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to increase the participation of women in EU-OACPS trade and investment relations.

Amendment

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, ***inequalities***, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development ***and the need to ensure that trade and investment policies do not undermine these goals, in line with the Policy Coherence for Development obligation***; underlines the role of women in the economies and societies of the OACPS countries ***and emphasizes that the empowerment of women and girls must be mainstreamed throughout the implementation of Post Cotonou framework***; calls on the Commission to increase the participation of women in EU-OACPS trade and investment relations; ***calls on the Commission to update its 2009 communication on “The role of Fair Trade and non-governmental trade-related sustainability assurance schemes” in view of the implementation of the Annex to the trade policy review on the reform of the WTO and against the backdrop of the Sustainable Development Goals notably***;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Dita Charanzová, Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development; underlines the role of women in the economies and societies of the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to increase the participation of women in EU-OACPS trade and investment relations.

Amendment

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development; ***stresses that the Post-Cotonou Agreement should effectively contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs in order to strengthen and promote the sustainable development of the OACPS states; calls on the Commission to report on the trade and investment related aspects of the SDGs during implementation of the Post-Cotonou Agreement; strongly stresses the importance of taking into account the SDGs in the process of revision regarding EPAs; underlines the role of women in the economies and societies of the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to increase the participation of women in EU-OACPS trade and investment relations, most notably for intra-African trade, and in EU-Africa trade and investment relations in close cooperation with African stakeholders;***

Or. en

Amendment 44

Massimiliano Salini, Andrey Kovatchev, Angelika Winzig, Gabriel Mato, Jörgen Warborn, Christophe Hansen

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development; ***underlines the role of women in the economies and societies of the OACPS countries;*** calls on the Commission to increase the participation of ***women*** in EU-

Amendment

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development; ***recognizes how the agreement's trade and investment provisions take appropriate steps to provide decent jobs for all and to socioeconomically empower marginalized***

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groups, women and youth; calls on the Commission to increase *and to guarantee* the participation of *these categories* in EU-OACPS trade and investment relations.

Or. en

Amendment 45
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development; underlines the role of women in the economies and societies of the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to increase the participation of women in EU-OACPS trade and investment relations.

Amendment

5. Strongly stresses the important link between trade, the eradication of poverty and support for sustainable development; underlines the role of women in the economies and societies of the OACPS countries; calls on the Commission to increase the participation of women in EU-OACPS trade and investment relations; *urges the parties to take actions to achieve gender equality and women's economic empowerment*;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5a. Welcomes the expanded space for civil society in the Post-Cotonou Agreement, and calls for a structured and effective engagement of civil society actors in the implementation of the agreement, including on trade issues, as a key enabler of transparency, accountability, good governance and

democratic rule; welcomes the strong parliamentary dimension of the Post-Cotonou Agreement, and commits to monitoring its implementation and that of the trade agenda with social rights, environmental protection and the United Nations SDGs at the centre of our concerns.

Or. en

Amendment 47
Saskia Bricmont, Anna Cavazzini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. In view of the shrinking space for civil society, is concerned that the parties commit to strengthening the effective participation of civil society only “where appropriate” and calls on the EU to promote the establishment of institutional and operational structures and mechanisms for civil society systematic participation through a transparent, open dialogue and consultation process with EU and OACPS countries civil society actors; calls on the Commission to submit concrete proposals within 6 months after the 2022 EU-Africa Summit.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Michiel Hoogeveen
on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses that our mutual relationship should be based on common values and economic relations must to develop on a partnership basis; underlines that our common goal is to ensure stability and prosperity, that will guarantee sustainable economic and social growth;

Or. en

Amendment 49

Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Dita Charanzová, Morten Løkkegaard

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Highlights that it is of the opinion that the Post-Cotonou Agreement can contribute to the trade and investment policy objectives of the EU and OACPS countries and recommends its consent;

Or. en

Amendment 50

Michiel Hoogeveen

on behalf of the ECR Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Insists that the Post-Cotonou Agreement should be concluded as a mixed agreement, with the European Union and its Member States and the 79 countries of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States being parties to the Agreement;

Or. en

