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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Joachim Schuster**  
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Implementation of the EU-Southern African Development Community  
(SADC) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)  
((2023/2065(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 7 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 5 March 2020 entitled ‘A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025’ (COM(2020) 152 final),*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the EU-Angola Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA),*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 9 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the EU-Kenya Economic Partnership Agreement,*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 19 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

– *having regard to the UNCTAD 2021 publication 'Transforming Southern Africa: Harnessing Regional Value Chains and Industrial Policy for Development',*

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas geopolitical *changes* have led to the countries of the Global South having a more self-determined role on the world stage;

A. whereas *the coronavirus pandemic, the war of aggression against Ukraine and the economic consequences thereof, as well as the current* geopolitical *landscape* have led to the countries of the Global South having a more self-determined role on the world stage;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas geopolitical changes have led to the countries of the Global South having a more self-determined role on the world stage;

A. whereas geopolitical changes have led to *Africa's repositioning and* the countries of the Global South having a more self-determined role on the world

stage, *advancing their own interests and contributions*;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***A a. whereas the EU-SADC EPA is an enabler for sustainable growth and regional integration; whereas since the signature of the agreement in 2016, trade flows between the EU and SADC EPA countries have increased considerably, both at regional and bilateral levels;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

B. whereas the association of important countries of the Global South in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) alliance, which is to be expanded by six more countries from 2024 following the decision of the BRICS summit in August 2023, underscores the importance of maintaining cooperation with Global South nations on equal and equitable terms;

B. whereas the association of important countries of the Global South in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) alliance, which is to be expanded by six more countries from 2024 following the decision of the BRICS summit in August 2023, underscores the importance of maintaining cooperation with Global South nations on equal and equitable terms; ***whereas the interest of Egypt, Ethiopia and other African countries in joining BRICS must also be seen as a response to developments that have characterised the steady decline in***

*Africa's share of world trade over the last 50 years;*

Or. de

**Amendment 9**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital C**

*Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas South Africa plays a prominent role as a bridge-builder between the European Union and the African continent and as a partner in addressing global challenges;

*Amendment*

C. whereas South Africa plays a prominent role as a bridge-builder between the European Union and the African continent and as a partner in addressing global challenges; *whereas the European Union and Germany have committed to helping South Africa phase out the use of fossil fuels for electricity production and in households following its agreement to ambitious climate goals;*

Or. de

**Amendment 10**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Ca. whereas, despite European promises of cooperation in the energy sector, too few viable projects are being carried out, which also explains the dramatic increase in the length of power cuts in South Africa;*

Or. de

**Amendment 11**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***C a. whereas the Post-Cotonou Agreement will become the new overarching framework for all the Economic Partnership Agreements, including the one with SADC, as well as a key reference for future reviews of these agreements;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

D. whereas the full participation of civil society in implementing and monitoring the EU-SADC EPA is essential for the timely identification of challenges, opportunities and priorities and for monitoring the respective agreed actions;

D. whereas the full participation of ***all stakeholders, including*** civil society ***and private sector***, in implementing and monitoring the EU-SADC EPA is essential for the timely identification of challenges, opportunities and priorities and for monitoring the respective agreed actions;

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D a. whereas Angola is in the process of joining the Economic Partnership***

*Agreement between the European Commission and the SADC EPA Group; where the EU and Angola have concluded negotiations on a Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA);*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D b.   whereas special and differentiated treatment is a founding principle of the WTO and the Policy Coherence for Development principle should guide our trade relations with developing countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***D c.   whereas gender inequality costs sub-Saharan Africa on average six percent of the region's yearly GDP, jeopardising the continent's efforts for inclusive human development and economic growth; whereas a 1 percent increase in gender inequality reduces a country's human development index by 0.75 percent;***

Or. en



**Amendment 16**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***E a. whereas intra-trade account for 23% of SADC States total trade; whereas intra-SADC trade patterns differs from EU-SADC bilateral trade; whereas overall, there is no improvement in diversification and the share of manufacturing in the GDP remains weak;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***E a. whereas the SADC EPA states are facing challenges such as deep inequalities and a heavy dependence on exports of unprocessed raw materials and agricultural products;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital E b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***E b. whereas, these inequalities have proven to be an obstacle to broad-based industrialisation efforts, and sometimes lead to corruption, and require the***

*development of differentiated policies to address economic inequalities within and between countries in the SADC region;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*F a. whereas developing countries face a gap of USD 2,5 trillion in annual financing to achieve the SDGs by 2030; whereas FDI is an instrument for financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the corresponding SDGs; whereas such capital can support job creation and social and environmental improvements as set out in the SDGs; whereas the aim of attracting investment should go hand in hand with the acknowledgement, in the context of IIAs, that the parties to these agreements should seek to improve their levels of environmental or labour protection, and not weaken or reduce them;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*F a. whereas the objective of the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015–2063 is to develop and participate in regional and global value chains;*

**Amendment 21**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***F b.   whereas transport and digital infrastructure is needed to develop regional value chains and increasingly integrate SADC states into global value chains;***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital F c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***F c.   whereas the crucial elements for successful participation in the value chain are financing, skills, technology, infrastructure and logistics;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***G a.   whereas the consequences of the measures taken to prevent the spread of Covid-19 have significantly affected the livelihoods of populations, particularly in***

*the states of Eswatini and Lesotho, which depend on the South African Labour and Border Crossing;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital G b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*G b. whereas commodity price volatility during the Covid-19 pandemic caused economic damage to SADC EPA countries dependent on the tax revenues from extractive industries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*H a. whereas diversified economies would make the SADC EPA States more resilient to external shocks;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the first review process launched in November 2021 after the EPA had been provisionally applied since 2016 and expects it to be able to demonstrate the link between the EPA and sustainable development;

1. Welcomes the first review process launched in November 2021 after the EPA had been provisionally applied since 2016 and expects it to be able to demonstrate the link between the EPA and sustainable development; ***urges the consultant in charge of the ex post evaluation of the SADC EPA to analyse thoroughly the impact of the EPA on SDGs, informal and local economies, regional and pan-African integration, economic diversification, the fight against climate change, including the contribution of domestic industries to this effort, and the effective support of Global Gateway and the EU Aid for Trade programme;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 27**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

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##### *Amendment*

1. Welcomes the first review process launched in November 2021 after the EPA had been provisionally applied since 2016 and expects it to be able to demonstrate the link between the EPA and sustainable development; ***notes that the EPA, when implemented effectively, can ensure and contribute to sustainable development in the region;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 28**

**Pedro Silva Pereira**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

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*Amendment*

1. Welcomes the first review process launched in November 2021 after the EPA had been provisionally applied since 2016 and expects it to be able to demonstrate the link between the EPA and sustainable ***economic and human*** development; ***calls on the Commission to work with the SADC partners to advance fair, inclusive and sustainable trade;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Reiterates the European Parliament's position on the importance of the involvement of civil society in the implementation and monitoring of the EPA;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

2. Acknowledges that the preparation of the joint monitoring report on the EPA is advancing at a pace slower than anticipated; acknowledges the capacity constraints faced by SADC EPA States in this regard;

2. Acknowledges that the preparation of the joint monitoring report on the EPA is advancing at a pace slower than anticipated; acknowledges the capacity constraints faced by SADC EPA States in this regard; ***recalls that, pursuant to the new TSD approach, civil society organisations should be involved in this***

*stocktaking exercise and encouraged to make proposals to maximize the effectiveness of the EPA and that the EPA should be modernized to establish a Domestic Advisory Group which has become a common practice in other EPAs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2 a.    Regrets that limited civil society involvement during the EPA implementation is observed; emphasizes, in this regard, the imperative of actively promoting civil society participation; notes that the active participation of civil society organizations and stakeholders, including women's groups and students' organisations, in the monitoring and evaluation process can provide valuable insights and feedback on the agreement's impact on women and young people;*

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2 b.    Advocates for more structured participation of civil society and advocates that it be given a monitoring role with regard to the concrete implementation of all sustainability aspects in the EU-SADC*

*EPA; urges SADC countries to comply with the commitments agreed under the EPA to engage civil society actors;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2 c. Recognizes that flexible transitional arrangements are needed for SADC EPA countries to comply with the TSD requirements in the EPA and other international commitments;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*2 d. Expects that, depending on the outcome of the review, the EPA will be adapted or possibly expanded in complementary agreements in order to consolidate and deepen the partnership between the EU and South African countries in response to geopolitical changes and to the challenges of climate change;*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Joachim Schuster**



**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2 d. Welcomes the accession plans of Angola to enter the EU-SADC EPA; recalls that according the own impact assessment of the Commission, Angola faces capacity issues in order to implement the EPA effectively; calls on the Commission to assist Angola in capacity building;**

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2 e. Welcomes the decarbonisation aspirations of Angola, a country that has been heavily relying on its extractive industries;**

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 f (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**2 f. Welcomes that within the framework of the EU-Angola SIFA, fiscal capacity building measures are being envisaged;**

Or. en

### Amendment 38

Helmut Scholz

on behalf of The Left Group

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 3

#### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Welcomes the fact that trade relations between the EU and the SADC EPA States have expanded significantly with the SADC EPA States being able to achieve a trade surplus; considers that this demonstrates the EPA's positive contribution to economic development; notes that, with the exception of South Africa, the bulk of SADC EPA States' exports to the EU involve unprocessed agricultural products and raw materials;

#### *Amendment*

3. Welcomes the fact that trade relations between the EU and the SADC EPA States have expanded significantly with the SADC EPA States being able to achieve a trade surplus; considers that this demonstrates the EPA's positive contribution to economic development, ***while the desired positive effects on employment, regional economic cooperation and the diversification and modernisation of the economy failed to materialise***; notes that, with the exception of South Africa, the bulk of SADC EPA States' exports to the EU involve unprocessed agricultural products, ***diamonds and the like***, and raw materials; ***notes that trade with South Africa continues to account for 80 % of the EU's trade with the SADC; regrets that South Africa's trade with other African countries accounts for only 17 % of its total foreign trade***;

Or. de

### Amendment 39

Pedro Silva Pereira

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 3

#### *Motion for a resolution*

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#### *Amendment*

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achieve a trade surplus; considers that this demonstrates the EPA's positive contribution to economic development; notes that, *with the exception of South Africa, the bulk of SADC EPA States' exports to the EU involve unprocessed agricultural products and raw materials*;

achieve a trade surplus; considers that this demonstrates the EPA's positive contribution to economic development; notes that SADC EPA States *mainly export precious stones, mineral products and agricultural products, such as fruits and vegetables, to the EU*; notes that *South Africa's exports to the EU are more diverse and include higher added-value goods*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 40**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 3**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

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###### *Amendment*

3. Welcomes the fact that trade relations between the EU and the SADC EPA States have expanded significantly with the SADC EPA States being able to achieve a trade surplus; considers that this demonstrates the EPA's positive contribution to economic development; notes that, with the exception of South Africa, the bulk of SADC EPA States' exports to the EU involve unprocessed agricultural products, *articles of wood, transports* <sup>1a</sup> and raw materials;

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<sup>1a</sup> *Cipollina, Maria. 2022. 'The Trade Growth under the EU–SADC Economic Partnership Agreement: An Empirical Assessment'. Economies 10 (12).*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 41**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Welcomes the Commission's plans to extend the EPA soon to include the accession of Angola, hopes in this respect that the negotiation process will commence without further delay;**

Or. en

**Amendment 42  
Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 a. Emphasises that with the exception of South Africa, SADC EPA states primarily trade within the region; stresses the importance of strengthening regional value chains;**

Or. en

**Amendment 43  
Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**3 b. Acknowledges and welcomes the positive trend of diversification in exports between the EU and SADC EPA countries; takes note of the increased volume of exports from SADC countries, with particular emphasis on sectors such as the automotive sector; encourages further efforts to foster and sustain this upward trajectory in trade, aiming to strengthen the partnership between the**

**Amendment 44**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

***Technical barriers to trade***

*Amendment*

***Regional integration***

**Amendment 45**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that regional integration is ***hampered*** by long waiting times at border crossings, high border costs and inadequate cross-border connectivity; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to increase cooperation in digital trade and certification;

*Amendment*

4. ***Recalls that the SADC EPA aims to promote regional integration and that the agreement should be a building block for the African Continental Free Trade Area launched in 2021;*** notes that regional integration is ***challenged*** by long waiting times at border crossings, high border costs and inadequate cross-border connectivity; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to increase cooperation in digital trade and certification; ***stresses the importance of prioritising regional transport and infrastructure projects in the region, including under the Global Gateway, to deepen regional integration and increase intra-trade flows;***

**Amendment 46**

**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Notes that regional integration is hampered by long waiting times at border crossings, high border costs and inadequate cross-border connectivity; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to increase cooperation in digital trade and certification;

*Amendment*

4. Notes that regional integration is hampered by long waiting times at border crossings, high border costs and inadequate cross-border connectivity; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to increase cooperation in ***infrastructure***, digital trade and certification, ***including under the Global Gateway Initiative***;

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4 a. Recalls the need to promote efficient cross-border infrastructure development, harmonizing regulations, and strengthening cooperation among member states to create an interconnected SADC region;***

Or. en

**Amendment 48**

**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4 b. Calls on the SADC EPA states to harmonize regulations and procedures related to customs, and transportation to***

*simplify cross-border processes, reduce delays, and promote a conducive environment for trade and investment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Calls on the EU and SADC EPA states to work towards the development of high-quality digital infrastructure, including broadband networks and digital platforms, to enhance connectivity, promote e-commerce, and facilitate the exchange of information and services across borders;*

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*4 c. Stresses the necessity of formalizing cross-border work arrangements to promote decent work, protect workers' rights, and ensure social and economic development in the region; recognizes the specific challenges faced by women particularly in the context of cross-border work, including gender based violence and corruption;*

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**4 d. Urges the Commission and SADC EPA states to extent their commitment to creating an enabling environment that supports legal and transparent labour mobility while safeguarding the rights and dignity of workers;**

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**5. Notes that no agreement has yet been reached on diagonal cumulation;** recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area;

**5. Welcomes that, since June 2023, regional cumulation between the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) States has been activated, allowing them to export products to the EU with inputs from other ACP EPA States (Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe, Cameroon and Papua New Guinea);** recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**



## Paragraph 5

### *Motion for a resolution*

5. *Notes that no agreement has yet been reached on diagonal* cumulation; recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area;

### *Amendment*

5. *Welcomes the Commission's announcement on the activation of regional* cumulation *with SACU countries, which facilitates the export of products to the European Union, in coordination with imports from other SADC EPA states, EAC states, or certain ACP states*; recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area;

Or. en

## Amendment 54 Saskia Bricmont

### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Notes that no agreement has yet been reached on diagonal cumulation; recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area;

### *Amendment*

5. Notes that no agreement has yet been reached on diagonal cumulation; recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin (**RoO**) is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area; *recalls that the EPA should demonstrate that it supports the further development of the AfCFTA*;

Or. en

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### Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

*Motion for a resolution*

5. ***Notes that no agreement has yet been reached on diagonal cumulation;*** recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area;

*Amendment*

5. Recalls that the introduction of flexible rules of origin is essential for achieving regional integration objectives; stresses that rules of origin must promote the objectives of the African Continental Free Trade Area;

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5 a. Calls on the Commission and the secretariat of the African Union to carry out by the end of 2024 a study examining the discrepancies among the RoO agreed upon across the various EPAs, their potential detrimental impact on the pan-African economic integration, and their cost-benefit for African private sector, especially SMEs, and propose recommendations on how RoO could be harmonised;***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Inma Rodríguez-Piñero**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

6. Notes that ***trade irritants*** have occurred in relation to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, in particular

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for poultry and citrus fruits; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to use the forums and cooperation mechanisms agreed under the EPA to address changes in regulations **and problems related to SPS measures** at an early stage and in a cooperative atmosphere so that appropriate action can be taken in a timely manner;

for poultry and citrus fruits; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to use the forums and cooperation mechanisms agreed under the EPA to address changes in **SPS** regulations at an early stage and in a cooperative atmosphere so that appropriate action can be taken in a timely manner; **appreciates that the Commission has given technical and financial support to our partners to comply with the requirements of the sanitary and phytosanitary measures and calls for a thorough monitoring of the work to reduce health risks;**

Or. en

## **Amendment 58**

**Joachim Schuster**

### **Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 6**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

6. Notes that trade irritants have occurred in relation to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, in particular for poultry and citrus fruits; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to use the forums and cooperation mechanisms agreed under the EPA to address changes in regulations and problems related to SPS measures at an early stage and in a cooperative atmosphere so that appropriate action can be taken in a timely manner;

#### *Amendment*

6. Notes that trade irritants have occurred in relation to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, in particular for poultry and citrus fruits; calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to use the forums and cooperation mechanisms agreed under the EPA to address changes in regulations and problems related to SPS measures at an early stage and in a cooperative atmosphere so that appropriate action can be taken in a timely manner; **expects meaningful reports to the EP in the framework of the review, in which it is conclusively demonstrated that SPS requirements are not hidden protectionist measures;**

Or. en

## **Amendment 59**

**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Highlights the importance of technology transfers in the region; welcomes, in this regard, the six proposals tabled by South Africa with the African Group in the World Trade Organisation and calls on the Commission to support technology transfers being put on the agenda of the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference;***

Or. de

**Amendment 60**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to step up their efforts in technical assistance; calls on the Commission to significantly expand its communication and cooperation with SADC EPA States and to provide them with timely support in implementing upcoming EU projects and fulfilling other international commitments;

8. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to step up their efforts in technical assistance; calls on the Commission to significantly expand its communication and cooperation with SADC EPA States and to provide them ***and, when appropriate, their companies and civil society organisations*** with timely support in implementing upcoming EU projects and fulfilling other international commitments ***like the Multilateral Environmental Agreements, the ILO Conventions and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights;***

Or. en

**Amendment 61**

**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

***Value chains***

*Amendment*

***Economic, Social and Environmental  
Development***

Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent; does not consider the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States;

*Amendment*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent; does not consider the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States; ***recalls that the objective of EPAs is to create positive effects on economic development and regional integration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent; does not consider

*Amendment*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent; ***underlines the***

the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States;

***importance of developing regional value chains for the economic resilience of the region;*** does not consider the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States;

Or. de

**Amendment 64**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent; ***does not consider the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States;***

*Amendment*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent;

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent; does not consider the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States;

*Amendment*

9. Concludes that the EPA has not succeeded in deepening regional value chains in and between SADC EPA States to any significant extent; does not consider the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States; ***concludes that the EPA has not contributed to the advancement of sustainable development;***

**Amendment 66**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

9. ***Concludes*** that the EPA ***has not succeeded in deepening*** regional ***value*** chains in and between SADC EPA States ***to any significant extent; does not consider the EPA to have substantially contributed to the promotion of food sovereignty and poverty reduction in the SADC EPA States;***

*Amendment*

9. ***Highlights*** that the EPA ***should strengthen the diversification of exports and*** regional ***value-added*** chains in and between SADC EPA States, ***as well as create more resilient supply chains that can adapt to future disruptions for the socio-economic development of the SADC;***

**Amendment 67**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***9 a. calls on the Commission to inform SADC EPA States about the existing and pending due diligence initiatives taken in the EU and to support economic operators and competent authorities to prepare for compliance and offer them a space of dialogue on implementation issues;***

**Amendment 68**  
**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a.** *Underlines the wish to leave sufficient policy space for SADC EPA States to create local added value; believes that the EU should actively support the SADC EPA States in their efforts to move up the value chain;*

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 a.** *Stresses that effective management of regional specialisation is essential to maximise the potential of regional value chains and requires cooperative governance structures and policies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 70**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 b.** *Underscores the critical importance of the service value chain in driving economic growth, fostering innovation, and enhancing regional cooperation within the SADC region; highlights the potential in the service sectors in the SADC region which include financial services, tourism and telecommunications;*

Or. en



**Amendment 71**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 c. Acknowledges the vital role of women in the economic development of the SADC region and the importance of creating an enabling environment that safeguards their rights;**

Or. en

**Amendment 72**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 d. Underscores the importance of investing in education and skills development tailored to decarbonisation efforts while addressing the challenges of the just transition;**

Or. en

**Amendment 73**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 9 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**9 e. Advocates for policy reforms addressing land and mine ownership, labour rights, and social justice to mitigate conflicts and encourage**

*sustainable investment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 74**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Climate and food security*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 75**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*10 a. calls on the Commission to ensure that developing countries can fully exercise their rights under the WTO special and differential treatment provisions, most notably to ensure their food security; calls upon the Commission to update the 2009 communication on fair trade;*

Or. en

**Amendment 76**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*10 a. Reiterates that the green transition*

*presents the potential to be a generator of quality and green jobs that can contribute significantly to poverty eradication and social inclusion, both in EU Member States and in SADC EPA states;*

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the efforts of the SADC EPA States and the Commission to establish closer cooperation on resilient food systems and food sovereignty within the review process;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the efforts of the SADC EPA States and the Commission to establish closer cooperation on resilient food systems and food sovereignty within the review process; *considers that the cooperation is an opportunity to push forward the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas and agriculture-oriented ILO Conventions like C129 on labour inspection in agriculture, C010 on minimum age in agriculture, C011 on the right of association in agriculture; recalls the fact that agroecology's capacity to reconcile the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability has been recognised in landmark reports from the IPCC and IPBES, as well as the World Bank and FAO-led global agricultural assessment (IAASTD);*

Or. en

**Amendment 78**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Welcomes the efforts of the SADC EPA States and the Commission to establish closer cooperation on resilient food systems and food ***sovereignty*** within the review process;

*Amendment*

11. Welcomes the efforts of the SADC EPA States and the Commission to establish closer cooperation on resilient food systems and food ***security*** within the review process;

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 a. Stresses the need for efforts in building climate-resilient value chains within the agro-industry and the development of drought-resistant crop varieties and climate-adapted processing techniques;***

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 b. Emphasises that access to clean water and sanitation facilities is fundamental to agricultural sustainability; stresses the need for comprehensive water management strategies; emphasizes that the lack of access to clean water and sanitation in the SADC region is an obstacle to sustainable development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 81**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 11 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***11 c. Calls for regional agro-processing initiatives to be carried out and shared among SADC Member States to promote knowledge exchange and sharing of best practices; calls for the monitoring of progress of regional value chains in agricultural processing;***

Or. en

**Amendment 82**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

12. Stresses that there is an urgent need to undertake far-reaching joint efforts towards decarbonisation;

12. Stresses that there is an urgent need to undertake far-reaching joint efforts towards decarbonisation ***and to support this with substantial funding, as well as to carry out far-reaching technology transfers; takes the view that new energy partnerships with partner countries in the SADC region for the production of green hydrogen must include binding agreements on the structure and time-bound action targets of priority supply for the region and on employment and environmental policy standards in line with international agreements as important criteria for catching up in terms of economic self-development, rather than being primarily focused on the implementation of the Green Deal in Europe;***

**Amendment 83**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12**

*Motion for a resolution*

12. Stresses that there is an urgent need to undertake far-reaching joint efforts towards decarbonisation;

*Amendment*

12. Stresses that there is an urgent need to undertake far-reaching joint efforts towards decarbonisation; ***emphasizes the significance of joint collaboration in promoting sustainable development, combating climate change, while fostering economic growth;***

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***12 a. Considers that projects to improve local infrastructure in the SADC-EPA countries in connection with city partnerships are useful in order to underpin climate partnerships between the EU and individual SADC EPA States in a decentralised manner, and to deepen exchanges between municipalities in southern Africa and the EU; is convinced that municipal exchanges make it possible for African and European experts to develop problem-appropriate solutions for the development of local infrastructure; welcomes the fact that such partnership projects are supported by the programme 'Local Authorities: Partnerships for sustainable cities 2020'; calls on the Commission to continue and expand this***

*funding programme;*

Or. en

**Amendment 85**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 12 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**12 a. Urges the Commission to enhance dialogue and foster mutual understanding through the collaboration of EU delegations with the European Parliament, with the objective of promoting EU climate initiatives, such as the introduction of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) legislation and the Deforestation Regulation; it is crucial to emphasize to SADC states that these measures are not driven by EU protectionism, but rather reflect our international commitments in terms of climate action and sustainable development; encourages the Commission to take action to assist the SADC EPA countries in meeting EU environmental policy requirements;**

Or. en

**Amendment 86**

**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 13 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13 a. Calls on the EU and its Member States to intensify their efforts at international fora, including the World Trade Organization (WTO), to advocate for increased international climate**

*financing;*

Or. en

**Amendment 87**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13 b. Calls on the EU and SADC Member States to actively explore innovative mechanisms for green finance, including green bonds, climate-focused investment funds, and public-private partnerships, leveraging international platforms to attract investments for sustainable and climate-resilient projects;**

Or. en

**Amendment 88**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 13 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**13 c. Calls on the EU to leverage its influence in obtaining improved financing practices from institutions like the World Bank and enhancing the IMF's role in debt relief measures; further urges the EU and SADC Member States to jointly explore innovative financing possibilities like securing loans similar to the EU's internal recovery fund and subsequently allocating them under appropriate conditions to finance public infrastructure in crucial areas such as energy, water supply, waste disposal, and recycling; calls on the EU and its Member States to use their influence to explore**



*new approaches such as debt relief measures that unlock finance for climate adaptation;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 89**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 14**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

14. Notes that the investment stock of EU Member States in the SADC EPA States remains significantly higher than that of the United States or China;

###### *Amendment*

14. Notes that the investment stock of EU Member States in the SADC EPA States remains significantly higher than that of the United States or China;  
*emphasizes, in this respect the need for proactive measures to further attract increased investments, notably in strategic and innovative sectors, which can lead to higher-quality outcomes and foster more sustainable development which could result in long term benefits both for the SADC EPA countries and the EU;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 90**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 14 a (new)**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

###### *Amendment*

*14a. Stresses that Global Gateway investments should primarily be aimed at meeting infrastructure needs in southern Africa; underlines the importance of involving local companies wherever possible in the implementation process to keep invested funds in the region, boost employment and facilitate the transfer of*

*skills;*

Or. de

**Amendment 91**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Considers that there is an urgent need to increase sustainable investment in the SADC region and expects investment areas to be identified that appear particularly suitable for investment partnerships between the EU and the SADC EPA States; calls for a better coordinated Team Europe approach in identifying and implementing suitable measures to increase investment;

*Amendment*

15. ***Further*** considers that there is an urgent need to increase sustainable investment in the SADC region and expects investment areas to be identified that appear particularly suitable for investment partnerships between the EU and the SADC EPA States; calls for a better coordinated Team Europe approach in identifying and implementing suitable measures to increase investment; ***stresses that the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals requires massive investments in supporting infrastructure and diversification away from dependence on primary commodities towards high-value industrial products;***

Or. en

**Amendment 92**  
**Pedro Silva Pereira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15**

*Motion for a resolution*

15. Considers that there is an urgent need to increase sustainable investment in the SADC region and expects investment areas to be identified that appear particularly suitable for investment partnerships between the EU and the SADC EPA States; calls for a better

*Amendment*

15. Considers that there is an urgent need to increase sustainable investment in the SADC region and expects investment areas to be identified that appear particularly suitable for investment partnerships between the EU and the SADC EPA States; calls for a better

coordinated Team Europe approach in identifying and implementing suitable measures to increase investment;

coordinated Team Europe approach in identifying and implementing suitable measures to increase investment; *welcomes the conclusion of the EU-Angola Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement, which should help attract and expand sustainable investments in Angola, as well as foster economic diversification while integrating environment and labour rights commitments;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 93**

**Helmut Scholz**

on behalf of The Left Group

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 15**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

15. Considers that there is an urgent need to increase sustainable investment in the SADC region and expects investment areas to be identified that appear particularly suitable for investment partnerships between the EU and the SADC EPA States; calls for a better coordinated Team Europe approach in identifying and implementing suitable measures to increase investment;

###### *Amendment*

15. Considers that there is an urgent need to increase sustainable investment in the SADC region and expects investment areas to be identified that appear particularly suitable for investment partnerships between the EU and the SADC EPA States; calls for a better coordinated Team Europe approach in identifying and implementing suitable measures to increase investment; *emphasises that creating decent jobs must be a key factor for supporting investment in the SADC region;*

Or. de

#### **Amendment 94**

**Joachim Schuster**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 15 a (new)**

**15 a. Calls on the EU to channel Global Gateway funds into the development of critical infrastructure, including transportation networks, energy systems, water supply, and digital connectivity, enhancing regional integration and economic competitiveness; further calls for Global Gateway funds for training and capacity building programs aimed at enhancing the skills and expertise of the workforce in SADC member states, fostering entrepreneurship, and promoting employment opportunities, particularly among youth and women; stresses the need for more transparency on the investments foreseen for SADC countries under Global Gateway; believes that Global Gateway funds should be increased and that the share of grants for equally necessary public investments must be increased;**

Or. en

**Amendment 95  
Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 15 a (new)**

**15 a. Stresses that the EU's investment policy should help developing countries, notably African countries, to attract FDI and to reduce the funding gap to achieve the SDGs; recalls its demand to the Commission to further analyse the effectiveness of non-regression articles (such as Article 9.3 of the EPA), in particular in developing countries, to ensure that tax policy and development finance are aligned to support a 'race to the top'; calls on the Commission and the SADC States to agree upon a separate binding and enforceable international**

*instrument, enabling robust domestic frameworks for human rights and environmental due diligence to expand investor obligations and their enforcement;*

Or. en

**Amendment 96**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15 a. Underlines the significance of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the economic development of SADC states, recognizing their potential and role; reiterates the need to raise awareness on the benefits and opportunities of the agreement, in particular for SMEs;*

Or. en

**Amendment 97**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*15 b. Notes that Angola and the European Commission have concluded negotiations on a Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA); considers that if Angola joins the SADC and a separate binding and enforceable international instrument between the EU and SADC states is agreed, the EU-Angola SIFA should be adapted accordingly;*

**Amendment 98**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that when selecting and supporting Global Gateway projects, social dialogue needs to be an integral part of the institutional framework for policy-making and implementation at all levels;***

Or. en

**Amendment 99**  
**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 b. Emphasizes the importance of proactive involvement by private sector enterprises in the implementation and monitoring of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA);***

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 c. Welcomes the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) between South Africa, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States of America and the European Union; notes that the climate-neutral transformation of energy systems will require extensive public investment; is concerned by the fact that the promised 8.5 billion US Dollars for the JETP represent just a fraction of the estimated 98 billion US dollars required to finance South Africa's just energy transition; points out the need to create greater transparency about the funded projects; calls for the active involvement of the social partners and other civil society actors; considers an expansion of funding and, in the process, an increase in grants to finance individual projects to be necessary as the possibilities for South Africa to borrow are limited in view of rising interest rates;***

Or. en

**Amendment 101**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 15 c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 c. Calls upon the Commission to actively promote and encourage participation in capacity-building programs and regional initiatives aimed at strengthening investment and export capacity while fostering a more SME-friendly market environment;***

Or. en

**Amendment 102**

**Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 d. Welcomes the introduction of EU programs such as SIBE Programme aimed at improving the business and investment climate in SADC states; calls in this respect for more funding to be envisaged in the next financial period so as to boost more the growth and development of private sector as well as to create job opportunities for the local population reducing poverty;***

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 d (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 d. Calls on the Commission to better coordinate individual national export credit agencies of EU Member States in order to align with priorities of the European Green Deal;***

Or. en

**Amendment 104**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 15 e (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***15 e. Stresses the importance of empowering women and youth in the SADC region by enhancing their access to finance, resources, and economic***



*participation; calls on the EU and SADC EPA states to ensure equal and unhindered access to financial services and resources for women and youth, and promoting financial inclusion; points out in this context, credit lines for small loans that are easy to administer must also be increasingly created, especially for investment projects targeted at women;*

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16**

*Motion for a resolution*

16. Stresses that a transparent and predictable legal and fiscal framework will help promote regional integration and attract foreign direct investment;

*Amendment*

16. Stresses that a transparent and predictable legal and fiscal framework will help promote regional integration and attract foreign direct investment; ***calls on the Commission and the EU Member States to support the call by the UN Africa Group to negotiate a comprehensive UN Convention Tax to close international loopholes to dodge tax and to collect fiscal income to finance public services and fight inequality and climate change;***

Or. en

**Amendment 106**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 16 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***16 a. Considers the EU-Angola Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA) to be an important approach to encourage investment in the***

*expansion of regional value chains and the diversification of the economy in Angola; believes that agreements such as the SIFA can provide a legal and organisational framework for investment partnerships; welcomes the fact that the SIFA includes important aspects of the practical implementation of investments - such as transparency and predictability of investments, streamlining of approval procedures, establishment of focal points of interested investors, procedures for dispute avoidance and resolution; stresses that the SIFA rightfully does not include provisions on investment protection; calls on the SADC EPA member states to consider whether a Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement should complement the EPA; calls on the SADC EPA Member States to enter into negotiations on this issue, if necessary;*

Or. en

**Amendment 107**  
**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Angola's accession*  
*16a. Welcomes Angola's requests to initiate accession negotiations; wishes for a swift accession procedure so that Angola can reap the benefits of this Agreement;*  
*16b. Recognises the importance of the EU-Angola SIFA to this Agreement; highlights the dedicated articles on investments and gender, climate change, and sustainable development; believes these are essential for a sustainable implementation of the SIFA, as well as this Agreement; encourages other countries in the region to consider similar*

**Amendment 108**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums in order to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green and digital transformation, improve recycling of natural resources and promote responsible mining practices; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders;

*Amendment*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums ***as well as critical raw materials strategic partnerships and implementation roadmaps***, in order to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green and digital transformation, improve recycling of natural resources and ***waste management, allow for domestic industries to move up the value chain from the extraction to the processing of raw materials and*** promote responsible mining practices, ***notably by recognizing and applying the free prior and informed consent of the local population affected by mining projects***; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders;

**Amendment 109**  
**Helmut Scholz**  
on behalf of The Left Group

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums in order

*Amendment*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums in order

to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green and digital transformation, improve recycling of natural resources and promote responsible mining practices; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders;

to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green and digital transformation, improve recycling of natural resources and promote responsible mining practices; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders; ***regrets the continued violation of human rights and high level of environmental damage, caused in particular by mining companies, and emphasises the need for close cooperation and support in the implementation of future European legislation on due diligence along the entire supply chain;***

Or. de

#### **Amendment 110**

**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne, Dita Charanzová**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums in order to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green ***and digital transformation***, improve recycling of natural resources and promote responsible mining practices; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders;

##### *Amendment*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums in order to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green, digital, ***and just transition***, improve recycling of natural resources and promote responsible mining practices; ***is convinced that raw materials extraction needs to occur with respect for environmental standards, labour and human rights, including the rights of indigenous peoples***; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders, ***including local and indigenous communities***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 111**

**Emmanuel Maurel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums in order to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green and digital transformation, improve recycling of natural resources and promote responsible mining practices; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders;

*Amendment*

17. Calls on the Commission and the SADC EPA States to strengthen cooperation through formal forums in order to ensure a diversified and sustainable supply of key raw materials for the green and digital transformation, improve recycling of natural resources and promote responsible mining practices ***and benefit sharing along the entire supply and production chain***; calls for the continuous and broad participation of all relevant stakeholders;

Or. fr

**Amendment 112**  
**Emmanuel Maurel**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17a. Calls for more robust regulatory mechanisms to tackle more effectively the excesses linked to speculation and variations in the prices of products from the extractive industries, with a view to enhancing predictability, sustainability and the distribution of the value added across the production and supply chain;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 113**  
**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**17 a. Welcomes the Strategic Partnership with Namibia, which aims to build renewable hydrogen development and critical raw material value chains; recalls the need of developing necessary infrastructure, such as renewable energy facilities, transportation networks, and research centres, to facilitate the production and distribution of renewable hydrogen;**

Or. en

**Amendment 114  
Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution  
Paragraph 17 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**17 b. Emphasizes the substantial economic and climate policy opportunities presented by the collaborative initiative involving two private companies and the Namibian state, known as 'Hyphen Hydrogen Energy,' aimed at producing green hydrogen in Namibia; anticipates that this venture not only has the potential to fulfil Namibia's hydrogen needs but can also cater to the demands of other Southern African states and EU Member States; expects the project to align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in its scale and implementation;**

Or. en

**Amendment 115  
Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution  
Subheading 11 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Calls in this context for the establishment of knowledge-sharing platforms and research networks to facilitate the exchange of best practices, experience and innovative solutions between Member States; considers it useful to extend technological cooperation to other fields;***

Or. en

**Amendment 116**

**Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Subheading 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Review***

***17a. Calls on the parties to review the SADC EPA in order to introduce strong provisions on trade and gender equality, sustainable development, climate change, and the rights of indigenous peoples, among others, similar to the EU-Angola SIFA, the EU-Kenya Economic Partnership Agreement, and other EU agreements, and in line with the Commission's Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and the European Green Deal; Recalls that the present agreement primarily focuses on trade in goods and does not address trade in services, investment, or other issues such as intellectual property rights, competition, and public procurement; invites the parties to consider these issues in the future reviews, since there is a provision for negotiating on these matters in the future;***

Or. en

**Amendment 117**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 10 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**Gender**

Or. en

**Amendment 118**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Subheading 10 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Calls on the Commission to prioritise gender issues in the context of the implementation of the EPA, for example by organising workshops on gender equality between, inter alia, women rights organisations in the EU and in SADC countries, by raising the awareness of domestic authorities and companies as to the untapped economic potential stemming from discrimination against women and by helping them identify the political, economic and social drivers that hamper African women's advancement and proposes policies and concrete actions to close the gender gap;***

Or. en

**Amendment 119**  
**Saskia Bricmont**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*



18. Notes that the initial EU policy in connection with the demand by, inter alia, India and South Africa for ***the removal of patent protection*** for COVID vaccines has led to considerable disagreement with South Africa; stresses that this form of cooperation does not meet the requirements of an equal partnership; calls for the EU and its Member States to work towards an agreement to extend the ***waiver*** to therapeutics and diagnostics;

18. Notes that the initial EU policy in connection with the demand by, inter alia, India and South Africa for ***a TRIPS waiver*** for COVID vaccines has led to considerable disagreement with South Africa; stresses that this form of cooperation does not meet the requirements of an equal partnership; calls for the EU and its Member States to work towards an agreement to extend the ***agreed flexibilities at WTO level*** to therapeutics and diagnostics ***and take the opportunity of the Commission proposal for a Regulation on compulsory licencing for crisis management to put in place a clear policy framework to ensure that the future EU compulsory licencing system offers is in line with the agreed TRIPS flexibilities***;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 120** **Pedro Silva Pereira**

#### **Motion for a resolution** **Paragraph 18**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

18. Notes ***that the initial EU policy in connection with the demand by***, inter alia, India and South Africa for the removal of patent protection for COVID vaccines ***has led to considerable disagreement with South Africa***; stresses that ***this form of cooperation does not meet the requirements of an equal partnership***; calls for the EU and its Member States to ***work towards an agreement to extend the waiver to*** therapeutics and diagnostics;

##### *Amendment*

18. Notes ***the original proposal of***, inter alia, India and South Africa for the removal of patent protection for COVID vaccines; calls for the EU and its Member States to ***advance the discussions in the WTO on the extension of the MC12 TRIPS decision to COVID*** therapeutics and diagnostics;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 121** **Samira Rafaela, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 18

#### *Motion for a resolution*

18. Notes that the initial EU policy in connection with the demand by, inter alia, India and South Africa for the removal of patent protection for COVID vaccines has led to considerable disagreement with South Africa; stresses that this form of cooperation does not meet the requirements of an equal partnership; calls for the EU and its Member States to work towards an agreement to extend the waiver to therapeutics and diagnostics;

#### *Amendment*

18. Notes that the initial EU policy in connection with the demand by, inter alia, India and South Africa for the removal of patent protection for COVID vaccines has led to considerable disagreement with South Africa; stresses that this form of cooperation does not meet the requirements of an equal partnership; calls for the EU and its Member States to work towards an agreement to extend the waiver to therapeutics and diagnostics; ***calls for stronger equal cooperation with the SADC EPA States;***

Or. en

## Amendment 122

Helmut Scholz

on behalf of The Left Group

## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 18

#### *Motion for a resolution*

18. Notes that the initial EU policy in connection with the demand by, inter alia, India and South Africa for the removal of patent protection for COVID vaccines has led to considerable disagreement with South Africa; stresses that this form of cooperation does not meet the requirements of ***an*** equal partnership; calls for the EU and its Member States to work towards ***an*** agreement to extend the waiver to therapeutics and diagnostics;

#### *Amendment*

18. Notes that the initial EU policy in connection with the demand by, inter alia, India and South Africa for the removal of patent protection for COVID vaccines has led to considerable disagreement with South Africa; stresses that this form of cooperation does not meet the requirements of ***the agreed on*** equal partnership; calls for the EU and its Member States to work towards ***the long overdue*** agreement to extend the waiver to therapeutics and diagnostics;

Or. de

## Amendment 123

**Joachim Schuster**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 18 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***18 a. Welcomes the efforts made within the EU-South Africa Strategic Partnership to build a vaccine production infrastructure, stresses that these must contain the production of Covid-19 vaccines;***

Or. en