AMENDMENTS
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Draft opinion
Csaba Sógor
(PE595.635v01-00)

Towards a new trade framework between the EU and Turkey and the modernisation of the Customs Union
(2016/2031(INI))
Amendment 1
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

A a. whereas, in accordance with Article 207 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the common commercial policy is pursued within the framework of the principles and objectives of the Union's external action and, in particular, Articles 3 and 5 of the Treaty on European Union, sustainable development, eradication of poverty, consolidation and support for democracy, the rule of law, the protection of human rights and the principles of international law;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

A b. whereas respect for the rule of law and fundamental rights, including freedom of expression, are at the core of the EU’s values, to which Turkey is formally committed through its application for EU membership and the related negotiations, and through its full membership of the Council of Europe;

Or. en
Amendment 3
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A c. whereas the Customs Union facilitates the movement of goods and consequently a visa regime should be put in place to enable the free movement of people;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Bodil Valero

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. whereas, since the implementation of the customs union (CU) in 1995, the value of bilateral trade between the EU and Turkey has increased more than fourfold, and whereas productivity gains in Turkey and the alignment process with the EU acquis have been stimulated by the CU;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

Amendment

A. whereas, since the implementation of the customs union (CU) in 1995, the

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value of bilateral trade between the EU and Turkey has increased more than fourfold, and whereas productivity gains in Turkey and the alignment process with the EU acquis have been stimulated by the CU; value of bilateral trade between the EU and Turkey has increased more than fourfold and productivity gains in Turkey and thus diminishes in Europe;

Amendment 6
Brice Hortefeux, Rachida Dati, Franck Proust

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion
 Amendment

B. whereas the adoption of the CU was originally conceived as an intermediate step towards full accession in a relatively short period, and whereas the CU is becoming increasingly less well equipped to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

B. whereas the CU needs to be adapted in order to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

Amendment 7
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion
 Amendment

B. whereas the adoption of the CU was originally conceived as an intermediate step towards full accession in a relatively short period, and whereas the CU is becoming increasingly less well equipped to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

B. whereas the adoption of the CU was originally conceived as an intermediate step towards full accession in a relatively short period, and whereas the anomalies and deficiencies impede the CU to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

Or. en
Amendment 8
Bodil Valero

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the adoption of the CU was originally conceived as an intermediate step towards full accession in a relatively short period, and whereas the CU is becoming increasingly less well equipped to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

Amendment

B. whereas the adoption of the CU was originally conceived as an intermediate step towards full accession of Turkey into the EU in a relatively short period, and whereas the CU is becoming increasingly less well equipped to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the adoption of the CU was originally conceived as an intermediate step towards full accession in a relatively short period, and whereas the CU is becoming increasingly less well equipped to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

Amendment

B. whereas the adoption of the CU was originally conceived and consequently implemented merely as an intermediate step towards full accession in a relatively short period, and whereas the CU is becoming increasingly less well equipped to address the changing dynamics of global trade integration;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Bodil Valero, Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)
whereas in November 2016 the European Parliament passed a Resolution 2016/2993 asking for the freezing of the accession talks with Turkey due to the serious and persistent breach of the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law by the Turkish government in recent years, and especially since the failed coup attempt in July 2016; whereas this would entail that no new chapters would be opened and no new initiatives would be undertaken in relation to Turkey’s EU accession, including the enhancement of the Customs Union;

C. whereas the 2014 World Bank evaluation of the EU-Turkey Customs Union suggests among other things that services be included and that a specific long-term and multiple-entry visa category for pre-qualified Turkish professionals travelling to the EU be established;

C. whereas the 2014 World Bank evaluation of the EU-Turkey Customs Union highlights among other things that some major sectors such as services, agriculture, public procurement and energy, remain excluded from the CU;
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

C a. whereas the Union launched the Visa Liberalisation Dialogue with Turkey on 16 December 2013, which is based on the Visa Liberalisation Roadmap, a document setting out the requirements that Turkey needs to meet in order to enable the Commission to propose to the European Parliament and the Council an amendment to Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 which would allow Turkish citizens to travel without a visa for short stays of 90 days within any 180-day period for business, touristic or family purposes, in the Schengen area;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Neoklis Syliiotis, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Lefteris Christoforou, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

C b. whereas Turkey has not proceeded to the full, effective and non-discriminatory implementation of the existing CU towards the Republic of Cyprus;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Bodil Valero

Draft opinion
Recital D
D. whereas the Fourth Report on the Progress made on the Implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement notes that seven benchmarks of the Visa Liberalisation Roadmap still need to be met, and that EU Member States issued a total of 862,184 uniform visas to Turkish nationals in 2015, 508,589 of which were multiple-entry uniform visas;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Recital D

D. whereas the Fourth Report on the Progress made on the Implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement notes that seven benchmarks of the Visa Liberalisation Roadmap still need to be met, and that EU Member States issued a total of 862,184 uniform visas to Turkish nationals in 2015, 508,589 of which were multiple-entry uniform visas;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion

D. whereas the Fourth Report on the Progress made on the Implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement notes that seven benchmarks of the Visa Liberalisation Roadmap still need to be met, including issuing biometric travel documents fully compatible with EU standards, revising legislation and practices on terrorism in line with EU standards, aligning legislation on personal data protection and implementing the EU-Turkey Readmission agreement; and that EU Member States issued a total of 862,184 uniform visas to Turkish nationals in 2015, 508,589 of which were multiple-entry uniform visas;

Or. en
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas the Fourth Report on the Progress made on the Implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement notes that seven benchmarks of the Visa Liberalisation Roadmap still need to be met, and that EU Member States issued a total of 862 184 uniform visas to Turkish nationals in 2015, 508 589 of which were multiple-entry uniform visas;

Amendment

D. whereas the Fourth Report on the Progress made on the Implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement notes that seven benchmarks of the Visa Liberalisation Roadmap have not been met yet, and that EU Member States issued a total of 862 184 uniform visas to Turkish nationals in 2015, 508 589 of which were multiple-entry uniform visas, as a token of good will towards Turkey;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Bodil Valero

Draft opinion

Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

D a. whereas the European Commission’ 2016 Turkey Report SWD(2016) 366 clearly states in its Chapter 3 “Right to establishment and Freedom to provide services” that, in terms of Turkey’s ability to assume the obligations of membership, preparations are at an early stage on the right of establishment and freedom to provide services and that particular efforts must be made with regards the alignment with the Services Directive on the provision of cross-border services and set up a Point of Single Contact.

Amendment

D a. whereas the European Commission’ 2016 Turkey Report SWD(2016) 366 clearly states in its Chapter 3 “Right to establishment and Freedom to provide services” that, in terms of Turkey’s ability to assume the obligations of membership, preparations are at an early stage on the right of establishment and freedom to provide services and that particular efforts must be made with regards the alignment with the Services Directive on the provision of cross-border services and set up a Point of Single Contact.

Or. en

Amendment 18

Marie-Christine Vergiat
Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

D a. whereas the use of repressive measures under the state of emergency is unacceptable for a candidate country and is in breach of the EU’s founding principles of democratic values, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as contradicting the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

D b. whereas, the European Parliament resolution of 24 November 2016 condemning human rights violations in Turkey and inviting member states to temporarily freeze the ongoing accession negotiations with Turkey;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recognises that by enhancing two-way trade, economic integration, regulatory harmonisation and investment flows, the CU has been highly beneficial

deleted
for both Turkey and the EU;

Amendment 21
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Recognises that by enhancing two-way trade, economic integration, regulatory harmonisation and investment flows, the CU has been highly beneficial for both Turkey and the EU;

Amendment

1. Recognises that by enhancing two-way trade, economic integration, regulatory harmonisation and investment flows, the CU has been highly beneficial notably for Turkey and less for the EU;

Amendment 22
Marie-Cristine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1 a. Strongly condemns the repressive measures taken after the failed coup in July, which have led to the jailing of thousands of people, among them parliamentarians from the HDP party, mayors, party executives without any demonstrated link with the coup, journalists and academics, as well as all provisional detentions based on either political criteria or ungrounded suspicions of ‘praising a terrorist organisation’; expresses its deep concern regarding the rule of law, democracy and human rights in Turkey; urges the Turkish authorities to put every effort to defuse the tense post-coup political climate, and in particular to restore
freedom of speech;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

I b. Refuse the upgrading and the strengthening of the Customs Union and bilateral trade relations with Turkey as long as Human rights and rule of law violations will last in Turkey;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

I c. Recalls the position of the European Parliament to temporarily freeze the ongoing accession negotiations and recognises that any procedure on modernising the CU should only begin once the respect of human rights is fully guaranteed for all people in Turkey;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2
Draft opinion

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties;

Amendment

2. Considers that modernising and balancing the CU should involve benefits for both parties;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties;

Amendment

2. Expresses doubt whether modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would enhance the possibility of modernising Turkey and also democratising the country;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Lefteris Christoforou, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties;

Amendment

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties had Turkey proceeded to the full and effective implementation of the existing CU towards all EU Member States including the Republic of Cyprus,
in a non-discriminatory manner;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties;

Amendment

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties; no positive outcome and no legal effectiveness can befall unless Turkey fully implements the CU with all member states, with no discrimination, including the Republic of Cyprus;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Kati Piri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties;

Amendment

2. Considers that modernising, balancing and widening the CU to include services, public procurement and agriculture would involve benefits for both parties; and is one of the instruments to keep Turkey anchored to the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Bodil Valero
3. Notes that upgrading the CU is important for Turkey; stresses that suspending work on upgrading the customs union would have serious economic consequences for the country;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion
Amendment

3. Notes that modernising the CU is important for Turkey; stresses that suspending work on upgrading the customs union would have serious economic consequences for the country;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion
Amendment

3. Notes that upgrading the CU is important for Turkey; stresses that suspending work on upgrading the customs union would have serious economic consequences for the country;

3. Notes that upgrading the CU is important namely and solely for Turkey; stresses that suspending work on upgrading the customs union would have serious economic consequences for the country, but also function as a sanction mechanism each time Turkey violates
human rights, freedom of expression, international treaties and the good neighbour principle;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Calls Turkey to fully implement all its obligations concerning the additional Ankara Protocol of the EU-Turkey Association Agreement, which will allow for movement of goods without barrier trade, something that would contribute to the growth of trade relations with all EU member states;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Kati Piri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Stresses that respect for fundamental rights and the rule of law is not only important for Turkish citizens, but also for businesses and investors;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Bodil Valero, Ska Keller
Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees from conflict areas allowed to work in the country;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 36
Kati Piri

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees from conflict areas allowed to work in the country;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 37
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees from conflict areas allowed to work in the country;

Amendment

Or. en
4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees from conflict areas allowed to work in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees from conflict areas allowed to work in the country;

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees and people seeking international protection who are allowed to work in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country;

Amendment

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country.
union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees from conflict areas allowed to work in the country; unfortunately with lesser worker rights and wages;

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

4. Notes that, according to the World Bank report on the EU-Turkey customs union, Turkey’s exports to the European Union contribute most to employment creation in the country, which, in addition to Turkish citizens, also has a considerable impact on refugees from conflict areas allowed to work in the country; Therefore calls the Turkish authorities to ensure the equal treatment with regards to labour rights of Turkish citizens and refugees;

Amendment 41
Miltiadis Kyrkos
Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

4 a. Stresses that the modernisation of the EU-Turkey Customs Union should include legally binding social and labour standards;
Amendment 42
Miltiadis Kyrkos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

4 b. Notes that the current Dispute Settlement Mechanism is ineffective, therefore calls for the institution of an efficient mechanism for resolving bilateral trade disputes;

Amendment 43
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

5. Notes that the free movement of technical and management professionals is essential for deeper economic integration in the CU; recognises that the need for visas for business travellers is perceived as being restrictive on trade in goods, and even more so in the potential event of inclusion of the provision of services in the CU;

Amendment 44
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5
Draft opinion

5. Notes that the free movement of technical and management professionals is essential for deeper economic integration in the CU; recognises that the need for visas for business travellers is perceived as being restrictive on trade in goods, and even more so in the potential event of inclusion of the provision of services in the CU;

Amendment

5. Recognises the existence of visa for business travellers and considers the need for visa-free and visa facilitation, especially for people who are victims of human rights abuses in Turkey;

Amendment 45
Brice Hortefeux, Rachida Dati, Franck Proust

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that the free movement of technical and management professionals is essential for deeper economic integration in the CU; recognises that the need for visas for business travellers is perceived as being restrictive on trade in goods, and even more so in the potential event of inclusion of the provision of services in the CU;

Amendment

5. Notes that the free movement of technical and management professionals is essential for deeper economic integration in the CU; highlights however that the free movement of above categories is only possible if requirements in terms of security and public order are met, that they don’t represent a risk of irregular migration and that they fulfil the needs of employment in both partners’ job markets; recognises that the need for visas for business travellers is perceived as being restrictive on trade in goods, and even more so in the potential event of inclusion of the provision of services in the CU;

Amendment 46
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

_{Draft opinion_}

5. **Notes** that the free movement of technical and management professionals is _essential for_ deeper economic integration in the CU; _recognises that the need for visas for business travellers is perceived as being restrictive on trade in goods, and even more so in the potential event of inclusion of the provision of services in the CU;_

_{Amendment_}

5. **Expresses concern** that the free movement of technical and management professionals _leads to_ deeper economic integration in the CU, _also having impact in the growth of unemployment in many member states;_

Or. en

Amendment 47
Daniel Dalton

_{Draft opinion_}

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

_{Draft opinion_}

5 a. **Considers the inclusion of services in the CU as an important element of the trade negotiations, and underlines that the issue of visa for business travellers should be dealt with separately within the framework of the Visa Liberalisation Dialogue with Turkey;**

_{Amendment_}

Or. en

Amendment 48
Marie-Christine Vergiat

_{Draft opinion_}

**Paragraph 6**

_{Draft opinion_}

6. **Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a**

_{Amendment_}

deleted
positive impact on bilateral trade.

Amendment 49
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade.

Amendment

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers will have a negative impact in Europe’s economy and security;

Amendment 50
Daniel Dalton

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade.

Amendment

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers could have a positive impact on bilateral trade. Stresses that this issue should be dealt with within the framework of the Visa Liberalisation Dialogue with Turkey as a separate exercise to the trade negotiations;

Amendment 51
Brice Hortefeux, Rachida Dati, Franck Proust

Draft opinion

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Paragraph 6

\textit{Draft opinion}

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a \textit{long-term} multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade;

\textit{Amendment}

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade, \textit{provided that security, public order and migration requirements are fully met;}

Or. en

Amendment 52
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Lefteris Christoforou, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

\textit{Draft opinion}

6. \textit{Considers} that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade;

\textit{Amendment}

6. \textit{With respect to the principle of non-discriminatory reciprocity by Turkey, considers} that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

\textit{Draft opinion}

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade;

\textit{Amendment}

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers, \textit{especially owners of small and medium businesses}, would have a positive impact on bilateral trade;
Amendment 54
Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade;

Amendment

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade. if Turkey fully cooperates and recognises all member states including the Republic of Cyprus;

Amendment 55
Bodil Valero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

6. Considers that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade.

Amendment

6. Acknowledges that visa-free travel or the creation of a long-term multiple-entry visa for business travellers would have a positive impact on bilateral trade.

Amendment 56
Bodil Valero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7
7. **Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap** and **recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.**

 Amendment 57
 Angelika Mlinar

**Draft opinion**

Paragraph 7

**Draft opinion**

7. **Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap** and **recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.**

 Amendment 58
 Marie-Christine Vergiat

**Draft opinion**

Paragraph 7

**Draft opinion**

7. **Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap** and **recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.**

 Or. en
liberalisation roadmap and recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons. 

liberalisation roadmap, deplores the actual situation of human rights in the country and recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before proceeding with the visa liberalisation; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation, and notably those referring to human rights, should never be bent for political reasons.

Amendment 59
Marie-Christine Vergiat, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Takis Hadjigeorgiou, Lefteris Christoforou, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis, Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap and recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.

Amendment

7. Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap and recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks towards all Member States in a non-discriminatory manner before an update of the Customs Union is considered; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.

Amendment 60
Kostas Chrysogonos, Costas Mavrides, Demetris Papadakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap and recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks according to the Commission's proposal and recalls the
before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.

need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.

Or. en

Amendment 61
Eleftherios Synadinos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap and recalls the need for Turkey to meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.

Amendment

7. Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap and **states that Turkey must** meet all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for political or any other reasons.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap and recalls the need for Turkey to **meet** all 72 benchmarks before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa liberalisation should never be bent for

Amendment

7. Regrets that to date Turkey has not fulfilled 7 out of 72 benchmarks of the visa liberalisation roadmap and recalls the need for Turkey to **fulfil** all 72 benchmarks and **fully respect and recognises all member states**, before an update of the Customs Union in the field of services can take place; considers that the criteria for visa
political reasons. liberalisation should never be bent for political reasons.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Marie-Christine Vergiat

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Calls for the EU and its Heads of State and Government to revoke the EU-Turkey Statement by putting an end to the agreement.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Eleni Theocharous

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 b. Considers that no progress can result in the CU, unless Turkey officially cooperates with the Cypriot Authorities and fully fulfils its obligations required by the EU. Calls upon Turkey to respect the EU legal order by implementing the existing CY with all member states including the Republic of Cyprus.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Csaba Sógor

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 c. Considers that respect for the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights should be an important element of a new trade agreement.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Bodil Valero, Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 d. Regrets that the breaches of the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law that led this Parliament to ask for the freezing of the accession talks still persist in Turkey; insists that no actions envisaged to accelerate the accession process, including the modernisation of the CU, should be taking place until the situation is redressed; considers that this should also include the halt of returning refugees to Turkey under the EU-Turkey Statement on Migration

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Amendment 67
Bodil Valero, Ska Keller

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 e (new)
7 e. Considers that, taking into account the assessment carried out by the European Commission in its 2016 Turkey Report, Turkey still needs to undertake substantial efforts in order to align further with the "acquis communautaire" before the modernisation of the Customs Union can become a reality.

7 f. Concludes that the modernisation of the Customs Union between the EU and Turkey should be postponed to a later stage and should not be resumed until all the necessary, technical and legal conditions are met and the political situation in Turkey has improved considerably.

Amendment 68
Bodil Valero, Ska Keller