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A European social model for the future  
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Amendment by Panagiotis Beglitis

Amendment 1

Paragraph 1

1. calls on the Commission to ensure that its trade policy promotes and defends European values, in particular a social market economy, environmental protection, labour rights, ***equality between men and women, protection of the rights of the child, combating social exclusion and discrimination, promotion of scientific and technological progress***, enhancement of public services, multifunctional agriculture and cultural diversity;

Or. fr

Amendment by Jean-Pierre Audy

Amendment 2

Paragraph 1

1. calls on the Commission to ensure that its trade policy promotes and defends European values, in particular a **highly competitive** social market economy, **geared to full employment and social progress, free and fair competition, combating social exclusion**, labour rights, **and, more generally, the role of the social partners, sustainable development, environmental protection**, multifunctional agriculture and cultural diversity;

Or. fr

Amendment by Giulietto Chiesa

Amendment 3

Paragraph 1

1. calls on the Commission to ensure that its trade policy promotes and defends European values, **as set out in Article I-3 of the draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe**, in particular a social market economy, **aiming at full employment and social progress, and a high level of protection and improvement of the environment**, the enhancement of public services, multifunctional agriculture and cultural diversity;

Or. en

Amendment by Enrique Barón Crespo

Amendment 4

Paragraph 1

1. calls on the Commission to ensure that its trade policy promotes and defends European values, **as set out in Article I-3 of the Treaty establishing a constitution for Europe**, in particular a social market economy, environmental protection, labour rights, the enhancement of public services, multifunctional agriculture and cultural diversity;

Or. es

Amendment by Panagiotis Beglitis

Amendment 5  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

**1a. calls on the Member States to pursue a coherent and effective common trade policy and to use all necessary defence mechanisms during international negotiations so as to protect production, employment and businesses in Europe and to safeguard workers' rights; also stresses the importance of social dialogue and cooperation between governments, employers and trade unions in drawing up these defence mechanisms;**

Or. fr

Amendment by Christofer Fjellner

Amendment 6  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

**1a. welcomes globalisation and notes that it has contributed to the unparalleled economic growth of the past 30 years both in Europe and in the rest of the world; recalls also that globalisation has made possible great gains for European businesses and especially for European consumers;**

Or. sv

Amendment by Enrique Barón Crespo

Amendment 7  
Paragraph 2

**2. considers that this requires the Commission and the Member States to adopt a consistent line in fora such as the ILO, OECD and Multilateral Environment Agencies and to support the policy objectives defended in these other fora; in particular, wishes to see the EU establish a special link between the labour and social standards laid down by the ILO and the WTO and bilateral trade negotiations; (deletion)**

Or. es

Amendment by Pierre Jonckheer

Amendment 8

Paragraph 2

2. considers that this requires the Commission and the Member States to adopt a consistent line in *(deletion)* the ILO *and other appropriate bodies such as the new Human Rights Council of the UN*; *calls on the Commission to make sure that* WTO and bilateral trade negotiations *(deletion)* support the policy objectives defended in these other fora;

Or. en

Amendment by Giulietto Chiesa

Amendment 9

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. *believes, in particular, that the work of the International Labour Organization should be more closely integrated into WTO agreements and that core labour standards should form part of the EU's bilateral and regional trade agreements;*

Or. en

Amendment by David Martin and Margrietus van den Berg

Amendment 10

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. *calls for closer cooperation with the ILO in assessing compliance by trading partners with core labour standards, and considers that the integration of such assessments in EU strategies towards WTO negotiations is needed;*

Or. en

Amendment by Giulietto Chiesa

Amendment 11

Paragraph 3

3. supports the introduction of a European globalisation adjustment fund designed to cushion the negative effects of liberalisation and assist economic adjustment ***and a new funding initiative, promoted at the European level, through a special programme for scientific and technical research that offers the prospect of new, high quality employment in Europe;***

Or. en

Amendment by Christofer Fjellner

Amendment 12

Paragraph 3

3. ***opposes*** the introduction of a European globalisation adjustment fund; ***in order to maintain Europe's competitiveness we need structural transformations and not new structural funds; this globalisation fund risks holding back the necessary structural transformations and thereby making Europe poorer in the long term;***

Or. sv

Amendment by Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Amendment 13

Paragraph 3

3. supports the introduction of a European globalisation adjustment fund designed to ***promote scientific research and development, and the implementation of the Lisbon strategy;***

Or. en

Amendment by Margrietus van den Berg

Amendment 14

Paragraph 3

3. supports the introduction of a European globalisation adjustment fund designed to cushion the negative effects of liberalisation and assist economic adjustment; ***stresses that this must be done by using the European Social Forum structures;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pierre Jonckheer

Amendment 15

Paragraph 3

3. ***acknowledges*** the introduction of a European globalisation adjustment fund designed to cushion the negative effects of ***economic globalisation on employment and social security;***

Or. en

Amendment by Panagiotis Beglitis

Amendment 16

Paragraph 3 a (new)

- 3a. ***points out that investment is needed in research and new technologies in order to provide lifelong learning, so as to meet the need for increased competitiveness following the effects of globalisation, with a view to creating more jobs and combating unemployment and social marginalisation;***

Or. fr

Amendment by Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Amendment 17

Paragraph 4

4. considers that developing countries (***deletion***) need assistance ***in the area of good governance and the promotion of democracy***, if they are to benefit from the outcome of multilateral or regional trade negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment by Margrietus van den Berg and David Martin

Amendment 18

Paragraph 6

6. welcomes the introduction of the GSP+ scheme, which provides incentives for higher social and environmental standards, and calls for this approach to be extended to bilateral trade agreements; ***notes the need for the Commission to closely monitor the implementation of the scheme with a view to ensuring that compliance with these standards is being achieved;***

Or. en

Amendment by Pierre Jonckheer

Amendment 19

Paragraph 6

6. welcomes the introduction of the GSP+ scheme, which provides incentives for higher social and environmental standards, and calls for this approach to be extended to bilateral trade agreements; ***calls on the Commission to make sure that beneficiary States of the GSP+ scheme strictly observe the social and environmental rights and standards they signed up to and to not shy away from excluding States from the GSP+ scheme, should they be found to systemically violate any of these rights and standards;***

Or. en

Amendment by Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Amendment 20

Paragraph 7

7. believes that, by implementing ***an aid policy for promoting education, basic labour and environmental standards, and standards of transparency and good governance, this will contribute*** to the enhancement of the political strength of the European Union in international institutions;

Or. en

Amendment by Pierre Jonckheer

Amendment 21

Paragraph 7

7. believes that, by implementing a trade policy based on *European collective preferences and globally shared values*, Europe will be recognized, by the developing and the poorest countries, as an honest interlocutor (*deletion*), contributing to the enhancement of the political strength of the European Union in international institutions;

Or. en

Amendment by Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl

Amendment 22

Paragraph 8

8. recognises that *trade liberalisation provides an opportunity for European citizens* and calls on the Commission to work towards increased transparency in trade negotiations and to provide clear, independent analyses of the costs and benefits of proposed new trade agreements;

Or. en

Amendment by Pierre Jonckheer

Amendment 23

Paragraph 8

8. recognises that European citizens are becoming increasingly concerned about the impact on European jobs and living standards of trade liberalisation and calls on the Commission to *base all trade negotiations on the sustainable development strategy as formulated by the Lisbon and Gothenburg European Councils; in this regard, calls on the Commission to work towards increased transparency in trade negotiations, the timely information of the European Parliament*, and to provide clear, independent analyses of the costs and benefits of proposed new trade agreements *through a continuation and extension of Sustainability Impact Analyses (SIAs) monitored by the European Parliament*;

Or. en

Amendment by Jean-Pierre Audy

Amendment 24

Paragraph 8 a (new)

**8a. with regard to social protection systems, calls for a study to be undertaken into the situation as regards compulsory retirement in the European Union, so as to ensure that all workers can be sure that periods spent working outside their Member State will be properly recognised;**

Or. fr

Amendment by Giulietto Chiesa

Amendment 25

Paragraph 8 a (new)

**8a. calls on the Commission to promote product labelling so that consumers can obtain clear information about the origin of goods and the environmental and social standards achieved in their production;**

Or. en

Amendment by Margrietus van den Berg

Amendment 26

Paragraph 8 a (new)

**8a. stresses that European companies should be made responsible for securing the fundamental labour rights of all workers in their production chains, including outsourced work;**

Or. en

Amendment by Giulietto Chiesa

Amendment 27

Paragraph 8 b (new)

**8b. considers that Parliaments have an important role to play in informing the public and conveying its concerns to trade negotiators, but that this requires the Commission to provide timely and comprehensive information during the negotiations;**

Or. en

Amendment by Margrietus van den Berg

Amendment 28

Paragraph 8 b (new)

**8b.** *welcomes initiatives to enhance the information to European consumers about the environmental and social working conditions in which products are produced in order to raise public awareness; stresses that these initiatives should not lead to increased protectionism in the European Union;*

Or. en