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## **AMENDMENTS**

### **1 - 14**

**Draft opinion**  
**Manolis Mavrommatis**  
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The common agricultural policy and global food security  
(2008/2153(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas agriculture provides employment and livelihoods for more than **60%** of the labour force in developing countries, and, as a consequence, rural development policies are essential in order to tackle poverty and hunger effectively,

*Amendment*

B. whereas agriculture provides employment and livelihoods for more than **70%** of the labour force in developing countries, **and for more than 80% in many African countries**, and, as a consequence, rural development policies are essential in order to tackle poverty and hunger effectively,

Or. de

**Amendment 2**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ba. whereas women produce 60%-80% of food in developing countries and are responsible for half of the world's food production, whereas women play an extremely important role in caring for their families and whereas women have much less access to land and to means of production than men and must therefore be given appropriate help and support,***

Or. de

**Amendment 3**  
**Feleknas Uca**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Emphasises that agricultural development must be based primarily on the right to food and the right to produce food, enabling all people to have the right to safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate food;

*Amendment*

2. Emphasises that agricultural development must be based primarily on the right to food and the right to produce food, enabling all people to have the right to safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate food ***produced using environmentally sound and sustainable methods in an autonomous farming structure***;

Or. de

**Amendment 4**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Calls on the European Union to recognise developing countries' right to food sovereignty and to support this with targeted measures, primarily using and developing the available structures and resources – such as seeds, manure and means of production – as well as fostering regional integration;***

Or. de

**Amendment 5**  
**Fiona Hall**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls on the European Union to put agriculture back in the centre of its development agenda, giving specific priority to programmes for agricultural development including clear targets and feasible objectives;

*Amendment*

3. Calls on the European Union to put agriculture back in the centre of its development agenda, giving specific priority to programmes for agricultural development including clear targets ***for poverty reduction*** and feasible objectives, ***with a particular focus on capacity-building for small-holder farmers and women***;

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Calls on the European Union to put agriculture back in the centre of its development agenda, giving specific priority to programmes for agricultural development including clear targets and feasible objectives;

*Amendment*

3. Calls on the European Union to put agriculture back in the centre of its development agenda, giving specific priority to programmes for agricultural development including clear targets and feasible objectives, ***particularly measures promoting small-scale agriculture and the production of food for local markets through the use of particular biodiversity***;

Or. de

**Amendment 7**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Calls on the European Union to abandon its agricultural subsidies policy,***

*which is greatly harmful to developing countries;*

Or. de

**Amendment 8**  
**Alain Hutchinson**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Calls also on ACP Governments to include the agricultural sector among their political priorities in order to achieve the commitment made in the Maputo Declaration of 2003 to allocate at least 10% of public expenditure to agriculture;

*Amendment*

4. Calls also on ACP Governments to include the agricultural sector among their political priorities in order to achieve the commitment made in the Maputo Declaration of 2003 to allocate at least 10% of public expenditure to agriculture; *asks the Commission to encourage them in this, particularly on the occasion of the mid-term review of the 10th EDF;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 9**  
**Fiona Hall**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Draft opinion*

5. Requests, in particular, immediate additional funding for food aid and humanitarian aid to developing countries with the lowest incomes in the short term;

*Amendment*

5. Requests, in particular, immediate additional funding for food aid and humanitarian aid to developing countries with the lowest incomes *and the greatest need* in the short term; *therefore welcomes the positive initiative of a EUR 1 billion facility for rapid response to soaring food prices in developing countries; urges however that this food facility and short term food aid be part of a wider, long-term policy of investing in agriculture;*

**Amendment 10**  
**Alain Hutchinson**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Encourages ACP countries to promote better coordination and a greater involvement on the part of governments, local authorities and both national and regional parliaments in decision-making processes relating to agricultural policy and food security, and also to facilitate more extensive participation by civil society;

*Amendment*

7. Encourages ACP countries to promote better coordination and a greater involvement on the part of governments, local authorities and both national and regional parliaments in decision-making processes relating to agricultural policy and food security, and also to facilitate more extensive participation by civil society ***and farmers' organisations;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**  
**Fiona Hall**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. Urges measures to improve training to enable young people to pursue higher education in agriculture, as well as to create job opportunities for agriculture graduates for the ***main*** purpose of reducing migration from rural to urban areas, and ***indeed***, from developing countries to developed countries;

*Amendment*

8. Urges measures to improve training to enable young people to pursue higher education in agriculture, ***including training on how to meet EU sanitary and phytosanitary standards***, as well as to create job opportunities for agriculture graduates for the purpose of reducing ***poverty and*** migration from rural to urban areas, and ***for the purpose of avoiding 'brain drain' – migration*** from developing countries to developed countries;

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Alain Hutchinson**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9a. Calls on the Council and the Commission, in close consultation with the ACP countries, to assign priority to the question of the impact on the ACP countries of European subsidies on the export of EU agricultural products and to commit to providing specific, sustainable responses aimed at avoid dumping, in compliance with the commitments made in this area;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 13**  
**Feleknas Uca**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***9a. Recalls the Food Crisis Prevention Network's 2008 Code of Good Conduct in Food Crisis Prevention and Management, and calls for it to be implemented and observed in the common agricultural policy; furthermore supports and urges involving civil society and promoting the interests of women, small-scale farming cooperatives and producer groups in order to ensure food security and food self-sufficiency;***

Or. de



**Amendment 14**  
**Alain Hutchinson**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 10 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***10a. Reminds the Council and the Commission that agrofuels are only a partial and temporary element of the response to the impact of transport on the warming of the climate and on the diminishing sources of oil, and asks them henceforth to ensure to authorise the production of agrofuels at European level only where they comply with strict sustainability criteria and do not compete with food products;***

Or. fr