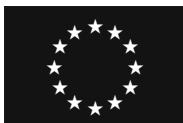


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## **AMENDMENTS**

### **1 - 26**

**Draft opinion**  
**Johan Van Hecke**  
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on Trade and Economic Relations with China  
(2008/2171(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Welcomes China's achievements in lifting 350 million of its citizens out of extreme poverty through far-reaching economic reforms, which have benefited above all the urban population; is concerned about the large rural population living in poverty which has not yet benefited from the boom, and calls on China to continue its efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goals for the benefit of the more deprived members of its population;

*Amendment*

1. Welcomes China's achievements in lifting 350 million of its citizens out of extreme poverty through far-reaching economic reforms, which have benefited above all the urban population; is concerned about the large rural population living in poverty which has not yet benefited from the boom, and calls on China to continue its efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goals for the benefit of the more deprived members of its population; ***stresses that, as a member of the UN, China is committed to the MDGs and should also contribute to pursuing their achievement in developing countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Nirj Deva**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. ***Welcomes*** China's ***achievements in*** lifting 350 million of its citizens out of extreme poverty ***through far-reaching economic reforms***, which ***have*** benefited above all the urban population; is concerned about the large rural population living in poverty which has ***not yet benefited from the boom***, and calls on China to continue its efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goals for the

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Believes that today's open trading system could stimulate economic activity between China and developing countries to the benefit of both sides and could be an unprecedented opportunity for economic growth and for their integration into the world economy;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that today's open trading system could stimulate economic activity between China and developing countries to the ***possible*** benefit of both sides and could be an unprecedented opportunity for economic growth and for their integration into the world economy;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Luisa Morgantini**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Believes that today's open trading system could stimulate economic activity between China and developing countries to the benefit of both sides and could be an unprecedented opportunity for economic growth and for their integration into the world economy;

*Amendment*

2. Believes that today's open trading system could stimulate economic activity between China and developing countries to the benefit of both sides and could be an unprecedented opportunity for economic growth and for their integration into the world economy, ***on the condition that trade policies are consistent with development objectives and that economic growth translates into poverty reduction;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Johan Van Hecke**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Is concerned that the economic boom in China may be short-lived unless long-term security is provided ***and is concerned about the unstable nature of financial institutions in China which has led to many small investors losing their savings during the financial crisis of Autumn 2008;***

*Amendment*

3. Is concerned that the economic boom in China may be short-lived unless long-term security is provided; ***therefore encourages China to strengthen its financial regulatory framework in line with evolving international practice;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Nirj Deva**

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

*Draft opinion*

***3. Is concerned that the economic boom in China may be short-lived unless long-term security is provided and is concerned about the unstable nature of financial institutions in China which has led to many small investors losing their savings during the financial crisis of Autumn 2008;***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3a. Recalls that China, as a member of the WTO, has affirmed its commitment to respecting core labour rights; in this context, calls on the EU to encourage China to improve workers' rights, including freedom of association, and to put an end to child and forced labour;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Hopes that the Chinese authorities will live up to the promises they made before the Olympic Games in 2008 on human and minority rights, democracy and the rule of law; and remains deeply concerned about the continuing repression of Tibetans and other minorities in China, as well as the ongoing restrictions on freedom of expression in the media and politics in China;

*Amendment*

4. Hopes that the Chinese authorities will live up to the promises they made before the Olympic Games in 2008 on human and minority rights, democracy and the rule of law; and remains deeply concerned about the continuing repression of Tibetans and other minorities in China, as well as the ongoing restrictions on freedom of expression in the media and politics in China; ***calls on the Council and the Commission to address these issues in their dialogue with China;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Luisa Morgantini**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Hopes that the Chinese authorities will live up to the promises they made before the Olympic Games in 2008 on human and minority rights, democracy and the rule of law; ***and remains deeply concerned about the continuing repression of Tibetans and other minorities in China***, as well as ***the ongoing restrictions on*** freedom of expression in the media and politics in China;

*Amendment*

4. Hopes that the Chinese authorities will live up to the promises they made before the Olympic Games in 2008 on human and minority rights, democracy and the rule of law, as well as freedom of expression in the media and politics;

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. ***Hopes that*** the Chinese authorities ***will*** live up to the promises they made before the Olympic Games in 2008 on human and minority rights, democracy and the rule of law; and remains deeply concerned about the continuing repression of Tibetans and other minorities in China, as well as the ongoing restrictions on freedom of expression in the media and politics in China;

*Amendment*

4. ***Calls on*** the Chinese authorities ***to*** live up to the promises they made before the Olympic Games in 2008 on human and minority rights, democracy and the rule of law; and remains deeply concerned about the continuing repression of Tibetans and other minorities in China, as well as the ongoing restrictions on freedom of expression in the media and politics in China; ***calls on the Commission to insist on the strengthening of the human rights clause in negotiations with China about a renewed Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA)***;

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Calls on the Commission to insist on a legally binding Sustainable Development Chapter when negotiating a Trade and Investment Chapter in the renewed Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with China;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Juan Fraile Cantón**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4b. Wishes to see a closer fit between human rights on the one hand and trade relations and security on the other, and urges the EU to ensure that closer trade links with China are conditional on reforms in the field of human rights;***

Or. es

**Amendment 13**  
**Juan Fraile Cantón**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4c. Stresses the need to promote, in the framework of EU-China economic and trade relations, the principle of corporate***



*social responsibility, respect for the fundamental rights proclaimed by the ILO, and sustainable development in the economic, social and environmental spheres; calls on the Commission to ensure that those principles are applied and to be particularly attentive regarding the ILO conventions on trade union independence and child labour;*

Or. es

**Amendment 14**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Deplores the lack of ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of the population; calls on the Chinese authorities to meet stricter targets for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to impose tight restrictions on industrial and urban polluters; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to speed up its implementation;

*Amendment*

5. Deplores the lack of ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of the population; calls on the Chinese authorities to meet stricter targets for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to impose tight restrictions on industrial and urban polluters; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to speed up its implementation; ***highlights the fact that the low environmental standards of Chinese projects in developing countries can do serious harm in regions that are the most likely to suffer from climate change, and can also lead to the disruption of livelihoods; therefore, calls on the Commission to address the environmental impact of the Chinese presence in Africa in its trilateral dialogue with Africa and China;***

**Amendment 15**  
**Luisa Morgantini**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Deplores the lack of ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of the population; calls on the Chinese authorities to meet stricter targets for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to impose tight restrictions on industrial and urban polluters; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to speed up its implementation;

*Amendment*

5. ***While fully aware of the need for China to continue on its development path,*** deplores the lack of ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of the population; calls on the Chinese authorities to meet stricter targets for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to impose tight restrictions on industrial and urban polluters; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to speed up its implementation;

**Amendment 16**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Deplores the lack of ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of the population; calls on the Chinese

*Amendment*

5. Deplores the lack of ***regional and local implementation of*** ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of

authorities to meet stricter targets for CO2 emissions and to impose tight restrictions on industrial and urban polluters; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to speed up its implementation;

the population; calls on the Chinese authorities to meet stricter targets for CO2 emissions and to impose tight restrictions on industrial and urban polluters; ***is aware of the EU's co-responsibility for the situation, given that a high share of Chinese industrial production is owned by EU firms or ordered by EU retailers for consumption in Europe***; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to speed up its implementation;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Johan Van Hecke**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Deplores the lack of ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of the population; calls on the Chinese authorities to meet stricter targets for CO2 emissions and ***to impose tight restrictions on industrial and urban polluters***; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to ***speed up its implementation***;

*Amendment*

5. Deplores the lack of ecological and environmental planning in China which has led to huge problems in air, water and soil pollution which are a major threat to the sustainability of industrial and agricultural activity as well as a threat to the health of the population; calls on the Chinese authorities to meet stricter targets for CO2 emissions and ***to take concrete steps towards the effective implementation of environmental laws***; recalls the Joint Declaration on Climate Change of 2005 between China and the EU, which established a Partnership on Climate Change, and the need to ***combat the issue of climate change together within a global framework***;

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Welcomes the Commission Communication on "the EU, Africa, China: Towards trilateral dialogue and cooperation"; stresses that the European Parliament is of the view that that priority projects should also focus on health and education;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa, Asia and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in ***the least developed*** countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa trialogue swiftly;

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa, Asia and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in ***developing*** countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs, ***whereas certain Chinese contracts to exploit natural resources are not sufficiently transparent; whereas Chinese aid is often tied***; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa trialogue swiftly;

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Luisa Morgantini**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa trialogue swiftly;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities, ***as well as EU activities***, are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa trialogue swiftly ***and to forge a partnership of equals aimed at enhancing African ownership and at addressing common challenges***;

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but ***is extremely concerned about the lack of any reference to existing social, environmental and human rights standards for foreign investments, as developed in the last few decades by international lending institutions, UN agencies and governmental donors***; calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not

the EU-China-Africa dialogue swiftly;

to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa dialogue swiftly;

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Johan Van Hecke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs; *therefore* calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa dialogue swiftly;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries, whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs; ***underlines the importance of the transparent management of natural resources as they are key to development, and therefore calls on the EU to actively engage China and Chinese companies to support the EITI (Extractives Industry Transparency Initiative)***; calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue through the EU-China-Africa dialogue swiftly;

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Nirj Deva**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries, ***whereas imports of Chinese consumer goods have proved to undercut local production and cost African jobs***; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa trialogue swiftly;

*Amendment*

6. Welcomes Chinese investment in Africa and Latin America but calls on the Commission to monitor developments closely to ensure that such activities are not to the financial, environmental or social detriment of the local populations in the least developed countries; therefore calls on the Commission to initiate a dialogue in this regard through the EU-China-Africa trialogue swiftly;

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Ana Maria Gomes**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***6a. Stresses that as a member of the UN Security Council, China has a responsibility to promote peace and security and human rights; thinks that China could do more in terms of using its influence as an important commercial and investment partner in several countries to promote peace and security and human rights;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Johan Van Hecke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Underlines the responsibilities of a global economic power and permanent member of the UN Security Council; therefore welcomes the role which China has played in several international peace-keeping efforts on the African continent, but remains concerned about Chinese arms supplies to developing countries destined for illicit or destabilising use;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Horst Posdorf**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Calls on the Chinese government, in the light of its GDP, to increase gradually its official development assistance (ODA) to African nations, particularly in relation to the infrastructure, agriculture and health sectors; believes that a possible coordination between EU and Chinese aid to African nations would prevent overlapping projects and lead to more efficient use of resources; recommends that China be more transparent in its granting of debt relief and loans to African nations;***

Or. en