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Draft opinion
Filip Kaczmarek
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on an EU-India Free Trade Agreement
(2008/2135(INI))

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Amendment 1
Feleknas Uca

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Urges the EU and India to renew their efforts to bring about a comprehensive trade deal that would benefit not only the EU and India but also the wider international community through multilateralism;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that the EU and India committed themselves to strengthening their consultations in the United Nations Human Rights Council and sustaining their dialogue with a view to promoting the universality of human rights at the ninth India-EU Summit on 29 September 2008, as reflected in the published Joint Action Plan, ***and commends its expansion to include research and cooperation in the areas of decent work, sustainable development and climate change;***

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Juan Fraile Cantón

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Welcomes the fact that the EU and India committed themselves to strengthening their consultations in the United Nations Human Rights Council and sustaining their dialogue with a view to promoting the universality of human rights at the ninth India-EU Summit on 29 September 2008, as reflected in the published Joint Action Plan; ***underlines the importance of not separating the developing trade relations between the EU and India from human rights reforms in India***, and commends its expansion to include research and cooperation in the areas of decent work, sustainable development and climate change;

Or. es

Amendment 4
Feleknas Uca

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the EU and the Indian Government to tackle India's food security problem by encouraging its domestic food production through the use and development of environmentally sound and sustainable methods, available structures and resources – such as seeds, manure and means of production and promoting food production through the use of particular biodiversity;

Amendment 5
Margrete Auken

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Notes that despite sustained economic growth, vast inequalities still persist, with more than 800 million people surviving on less than \$2 per day; is particularly concerned about the situation of underprivileged sections of the population, in particular women, children, ***the disadvantaged*** and the rural population: stresses the need to ensure that the Free Trade Agreement would not restrict powers needed by the Indian Government to address poverty and inequality; calls on the Commission and the Council to work together with the Indian government to improve the situation of those groups and to examine future cooperation as to their contribution towards ending gender and caste discrimination;

Amendment

5. Notes that despite sustained economic growth, vast inequalities still persist, with more than 800 million people surviving on less than \$2 per day; is particularly concerned about the situation of underprivileged sections of the population, in particular women, children, ***marginalised groups and victims of discrimination such as the Dalits and Adivasis***, and the rural population: stresses the need to ensure that the Free Trade Agreement would not restrict powers needed by the Indian Government to address poverty and inequality; calls on the Commission and the Council to work together with the Indian government to improve the situation of those groups and to examine future cooperation as to their contribution towards ending gender and caste discrimination ***with reference to its resolution of 1 February 2007 on the human rights situation of the Dalits in India***;

Amendment 6
Juan Fraile Cantón

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Stresses that increasing environmental destruction in India is a constantly growing problem with unimaginable economic, social and environmental consequences, particularly for the large number of Indians living in poverty, and thus stresses the particular need for continued EU cooperation with India in this field;

Or. es

**Amendment 7
Filip Kaczmarek**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Considers that the EU must pay special attention to the SME sector in India, and therefore suggests that in all development cooperation programmes between the EU and India, SMEs could be strengthened through measures to help finance market-driven local projects proposed by citizens;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Frithjof Schmidt**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. welcomes the promotion of local economic initiatives through public

procurement by the Indian States and local authorities; calls on the Commission to accept the position of the Indian Government in the negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement with India and to drop all demands seeking an opening of the procurement market at sub-national level;

Or. de

Amendment 9
Margrete Auken

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Calls for EU-India cooperation in the area of employment and social policy to be focused on the problems of *labour* discrimination against women, *forced labour and child labour - given the fact that India has one of the largest numbers of child labourers in the world, approximately 150 million;*

Amendment

8. Calls for EU-India cooperation in the area of employment and social policy to be focused on the problems of *the large majority of casual labourers with hardly any rights, occupational* discrimination *in the labour market* against women, *Dalits and the inhuman plight of many millions of child labourers who also miss out their right to education,*

Or. en

Amendment 10
Juan Fraile Cantón

Draft opinion
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Or. es

Amendment 11
Frithjof Schmidt

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Urges the Commission to insist, in the negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement, on a chapter on sustainable development establishing legally binding and enforceable minimum social and environmental standards;

Or. de

Amendment 12
Margrete Auken

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. Underscores that the EU should press the Indian government to tackle the issue of bonded labour, which affects millions of people in India. It is believed that this issue is not being adequately addressed due to a lack of administrative and political will;

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Or. en

Amendment 13
Feleknas Uca

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Stresses the need for diversity of energy supply and for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as part of a sustainable development approach;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Margrete Auken

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Urges the EU to promote greater corporate responsibility among ***foreign undertakings established in India in international fora***, and at the same time urges that an agreement be reached with the Indian government to set up an effective system for monitoring workers' rights ***within domestic and foreign companies based in India***.

11. Urges the EU to promote greater corporate responsibility among ***EU-based companies investing and trading with India, including their obligation to respect labour and human rights and protect the environment***, and at the same time urges that an agreement be reached with the Indian government to set up an effective system for monitoring workers' rights, ***effective measures to ensure non-discrimination and minimise environmental impact in all business operations in which EU-based companies in India are involved;***

Or. en

Amendment 15
Margrete Auken

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11a. Urges the EU to include a provision in its FTA with India which ensures that EU companies making use of Special Economic Zones cannot be exempted from respecting fundamental labour rights or other labour rights based on ILO Conventions that have been ratified by India;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Margrete Auken

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

11b. Urges the EU to make sure that any investment or other form of economic activity that adversely affects the livelihood of rural communities within domestic and foreign companies based in India and urban groups is combined with adequate compensation and rehabilitation with the full participation and consent of the affected groups.

Or. en