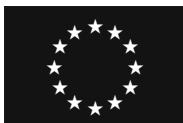


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## **AMENDMENTS**

### **1 - 64**

**Draft report**  
**Jürgen Schröder**  
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on Development impact of Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)  
(2008/2170(INI))

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**Amendment 1**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to Christiane Taubira's report, which was commissioned by France government in April 2008 in preparation for the Council's presidency,**

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**- having regard to the Declaration on EPAs by the ACP Heads of State adopted in Accra on 3rd October 2008,**

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Felekna Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

A. whereas Article 36(1) of the Cotonou Agreement contains the agreement of the European Union and the ACP States to conclude "WTO compatible trading arrangements, removing progressively barriers to trade between them and enhancing cooperation in all areas relevant

A. whereas Article 36(1) of the Cotonou Agreement contains the agreement of the European Union and the ACP States to conclude "WTO compatible trading arrangements, removing progressively barriers to trade between them and enhancing cooperation in all areas relevant

to trade",

to trade"; *whereas under Article 37(6) of the Cotonou Agreement ACP countries have the right to explore alternatives to EPAs,*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Alain Hutchinson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Aa. whereas, however, Article 37(1) of the same agreement lays down that a 'preparatory period shall also be used for capacity-building in the public and private sectors of ACP countries',*

Or. fr

**Amendment 5**  
**Marie-Arlette Carlotti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ca. having regard to Article 231 of the EPA concluded with CARIFORUM, which establishes a CARIFORUM-EU parliamentary committee,*

Or. fr

**Amendment 6**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital H a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ha. Whereas ACP countries have voiced a series of concerns regarding ‘contentious clauses’ in the initialled Economic Partnership Agreements and have requested these be addressed before signing;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7  
Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution  
Recital H b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Hb. Whereas some ACP countries are unable to make commitments beyond a trade in goods agreement at the present time and wish to opt out of other aspects of the Economic Partnership Agreement until they reach a sufficient level of development to embrace the full agreement; and whereas a goods-only agreement is all that is needed for WTO compatibility;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8  
Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution  
Recital J**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

J. whereas the adjustment costs resulting from the EPAs will have a significant impact on the development of ACP

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countries, which, whilst difficult to predict, will consist of direct impact through the loss of customs duties and indirect impact through the costs necessary for adaptation or social support in the areas of employment, skills enhancement, production, export diversification and reform of public financial management,

ACP countries, which, whilst difficult to predict, will consist of direct impact through the loss of customs duties ***and the costs of regulatory reform and enforcement to comply with the wide range of regulations stipulated in the EPA***; and indirect impact through the costs necessary for adaptation or social support in the areas of employment, skills enhancement, production, export diversification and reform of public financial management,

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ja. whereas ACP countries are concerned that there may be adverse impacts on local producers and food security;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital Jb. (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Jb. whereas ACP countries and third parties are concerned that the MFN clause in the initialled texts will undermine South-South trade,***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital J c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Jc. whereas ACP countries are concerned  
that rules of origin remain unduly  
restrictive for some products;***

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Marie-Arlette Carlotti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital L**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***L. whereas the amounts specifically laid  
down for EPA-related measures in all  
NIPs constitutes only 0.9% of the total  
amount of the NIPs (A-envelopes);  
whereas in addition to this there are  
substantial indirect EPA supporting  
measures available such as regional  
integration and infrastructure as well as  
Aid for Trade,***

***deleted***

Or. fr

**Amendment 13**  
**Marie-Arlette Carlotti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital L a (new)**

***La. whereas, in order to finance the adjustments linked to the implementation of EPAs, the Commission plans to make the funds available from the 10th EDF as follows: around EUR 100 000 000 from the envelope for National Indicative Programmes (NIPs) and most of the 1 300 000 000 allocated to regional economic integration from the envelope for Regional Indicative Programmes (RIP),***

Or. fr

**Amendment 14**  
**Glenys Kinnock and Pierre Schapira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital M**

*Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the development ***impact*** of EPAs ***will*** result from ***their effects on***:

***- the reduction of net customs revenues and its effect on the budgets of the ACP States,***

***- the improvement of the supply of ACP countries' economies and provision of customers with imported EU products,***

***- growing exports to the EU from ACP countries through improved Rules of Origin, which would lead to economic growth, more employment, increased state revenue which could be used to fund***

*Amendment*

M. whereas the development ***benefits*** of EPAs ***should*** result from:

***- ACP regional integration, which has the capacity to improve the framework for economic development, but only if the EPAs complement rather than undermine indigenous regional integration processes,***

***- possible increased exports from the ACP to the EU, if the rules of origin and other trade facilitation measures are improved, including if the full €2 billion Aid for Trade commitment is delivered without delay to support trade capacity building,***

***- the implementation of measures in the ACP countries, in particular on public finance management, collection of customs duties and establishment of new***



*social measures,*

*- regional integration in the ACP regions, which has the capacity to improve the framework for economic development and would therefore contribute to economic growth,*

*- the successful use of financing for Aid for Trade in connection with the EPAs,*

*- the implementation of reform measures in the ACP countries, in particular as regards public finance management, collection of customs duties and establishment of a new tax revenue system,*

*tax revenue systems,*

Or. en

## **Amendment 15**

**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison**

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Recital M**

#### *Motion for a resolution*

M. whereas the *development* impact of EPAs will result from their effects on

- the reduction of net customs revenues and *its effect on* the budgets of the ACP States,

- the *improvement* of the supply of ACP countries' economies and *provision of customers with* imported EU products,

#### *Amendment*

M. whereas the impact of EPAs *in the ACP countries* will result from their effects on

- the reduction of net customs revenues and, *ultimately, of* the budgets of the ACP States,

- the *increase* of the supply of ACP countries' economies, *particularly with regard to* imported EU products,

*- whereas the impact of EPAs on development can only be positive if, in order to compensate for these effects, these agreements result, for the ACP countries, in:*

- growing exports to the EU from ACP countries *through improved Rules of Origin, which would lead to* economic growth, more employment, increased state revenue which could be used to *fund* social measures,

- regional integration *in* the ACP *regions*, which *has the capacity to improve the framework for economic* development and *would therefore contribute to* economic growth,

- the successful use of financing for Aid for Trade in connection with the EPAs,

- the implementation of reform measures in the ACP countries, in particular as regards public finance management, collection of customs duties and establishment of a new tax revenue system,

- growing exports to the EU from ACP countries, *enabling the generation of* economic growth *and* more employment *leading to* increased state revenue which *would compensate for the loss of customs revenue and could, if sufficient,* be used to *support the funding of* social measures,

- *further development of the* regional integration *processes throughout* the ACP, which *could lead to the creation of frameworks more likely to bring peace, regional stability, cooperation,* development and economic growth,

- the successful use of financing for Aid for Trade in connection with the EPAs *which would directly benefit the ACP countries*,

- the implementation of reform measures in the ACP countries, in particular as regards public finance management, collection of customs duties and establishment of a new tax revenue system,

*whereas, finally, the impact of EPAs on development must result, in the ACP countries, in*

*significant social evolution which is fair for everyone,*

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital N**

*Motion for a resolution*

N. whereas the trade inside and between ACP regions and between ACP countries and other developing countries (South-South) **can** have important positive effects on the development of ACP countries,

*Amendment*

N. whereas ***it is absolutely crucial to promote and support*** the trade inside and between ACP regions and between ACP countries and other developing countries (South-South), ***which will*** have important positive effects on the development of ACP countries ***and decrease their dependence,***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Anne Van Lancker**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital N a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Na. Whereas the 26 - 27 of May 2008 the GAERC Conclusions underlined the need for a flexible approach while ensuring adequate progress and called on the Commission to use all WTO-compatible flexibility and asymmetry in order to take account of different needs and levels of development of the ACP countries and regions;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Marie-Arlette Carlotti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital O a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Oa. having regard to the declaration made by Commission President José Manuel***

*Barroso at the EU-Africa summit in Lisbon in December 2007, according to which 'there is an opportunity to revise the provisions of the economic partnership agreements signed by the two parties during the past few months',*

Or. fr

**Amendment 19**  
**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Felekna Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital O a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Oa. whereas the 'most-favoured nation clause' may jeopardise the South-South trade and constrain the development in ACP countries,*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Alain Hutchinson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital P a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Pa. whereas the inhabitants of the ACP countries are the worst affected by the global financial and food crisis, which is threatening to totally destroy the minimal progress achieved towards the Millennium Development Goals,*

Or. fr

**Amendment 21**

**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital P a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Pa. whereas, concerning that women produce 60-80% of food and work in the agricultural or in the informal sector with low levels of income, little job and social security and few job alternatives in developing countries, the opening up to food imports from Europe and liberalisation under EPAs might negatively effect the unemployment rate and intensify the existing inequalities between women and men,***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**

**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital Q a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Qa. whereas EPAs de facto revoke the 15% tendering preferences which ACP companies enjoyed under EDF rules,***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Pierre Schapira and Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph -1**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**-1. Urges the Council, the Commission and governments of the EU Member States to do their utmost to re-establish an atmosphere of confidence, *mutual respect* and trust in so far as it has been damaged in the course of negotiations;**  
*(text of paragraph 7 modified and moved back)*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Felekna Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**-1. Reiterates that full EPAs have to include binding provisions for development cooperation in order to reach their ultimate goal which is sustainable development and regional integration in ACP countries,**

Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Felekna Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph -1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**-1a. Calls on the Commission to be vigilant that the issue of compatibility with WTO rules does not take precedence over the overall aim of development,**

**Amendment 26**  
**Anne Van Lancker**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Urges the Member States to respect their commitments to increase Official Development Aid (ODA), which will enable an increase in Aid for Trade, and to establish accompanying measures in the form of regional Aid for Trade packages for the implementation of the EPAs contributing to the positive impact of the EPAs on development;

*Amendment*

1. Urges the Member States to respect their commitments to increase Official Development Aid (ODA), which will enable an increase in Aid for Trade, and to establish accompanying measures in the form of regional Aid for Trade packages for the implementation of the EPAs contributing to the positive impact of the EPAs on development; ***Stresses the fact that signing an EPA is not imposed as a precondition to receive Aid for Trade Funds;***

**Amendment 27**  
**Fiona Hall**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Urges the Member States to respect their commitments to increase Official Development Aid (ODA), which will enable an increase in Aid for Trade, and to establish accompanying measures in the form of regional Aid for Trade packages for the implementation of the EPAs contributing to the positive impact of the EPAs on development;

*Amendment*

1. Urges the Member States to respect their commitments to increase Official Development Aid (ODA), ***even in this time of global financial crisis***, which will enable an increase in Aid for Trade, and to establish accompanying measures in the form of regional Aid for Trade packages for the implementation of the EPAs contributing to the positive impact of the EPAs on development;

**Amendment 28**  
**Anne Van Lancker and Pierre Schapira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***1a. Insists that EPAs are an instrument to development which should reflect both national and regional interest and needs of the ACP countries in order to reduce poverty, achieve the MDGs and respect fundamental human rights such as the right to food or the right to access basic public services;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

2. Reminds the Council and the Commission that neither the conclusion nor the renunciation of an EPA should lead to a situation where an ACP country may find itself in a less favourable position than it was under ***the*** trade provisions of the Cotonou Agreement;

2. Reminds the Council and the Commission that ***Europe has a legal obligation to ensure that*** neither the conclusion nor the renunciation of an EPA should lead to a situation where an ACP country may find itself in a less favourable position than it was under trade provisions ***conferred by the ACP preference waiver under Lome Convention, and subsequently*** the Cotonou Agreement;

Or. en



**Amendment 30**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***2a. Stresses that WTO compatibility as defined by GATT XXIV pertains only to trade in goods and requires "a substantial part of the trade" to be liberalised "within a reasonable length of time" and urges the Council and Commission to accept any goods-only WTO compatible proposals from ACP countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**Pierre Schapira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Commission and the ACP countries to make best use of the funding available for Aid for Trade in order to support the reform process in areas essential for economic development; to improve infrastructure where it is necessary ***to benefit more effectively from*** the opportunities offered by the EPAs; to compensate the net loss of customs revenue and encourage tax reform so that public investments in social sectors are not reduced; to invest in the production chain in order to diversify export production; and to produce more ***highly processed*** export goods;

3. Urges the Commission and the ACP countries to make best use of the funding available for Aid for Trade in order to support the reform process in areas essential for economic development; to improve infrastructure where it is necessary, ***as the opportunities offered by the EPAs can only be fully taken advantage of if strong accompanying measures are introduced for the ACP countries;*** to compensate the net loss of customs revenue and encourage tax reform so that public investments in social sectors are not reduced; to invest in the production chain in order to diversify export production; and to produce more, ***higher added-value*** export goods;

Or. fr

**Amendment 32**  
**Fiona Hall**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Urges the Commission and the ACP countries to make best use of the funding available for Aid for Trade in order to support the reform process in areas essential for economic development; to improve infrastructure where it is necessary to benefit more effectively from the opportunities offered by the EPAs; to compensate the net loss of customs revenue and encourage tax reform so that public investments in social sectors are not reduced; to invest in the production chain in order to diversify export production; *and* to produce more highly processed export goods;

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Commission and the ACP countries to make best use of the funding available for Aid for Trade in order to support the reform process in areas essential for economic development; to improve infrastructure where it is necessary to benefit more effectively from the opportunities offered by the EPAs; to compensate the net loss of customs revenue and encourage tax reform so that public investments in social sectors are not reduced; to invest in the production chain in order to diversify export production; to produce more highly processed export goods; *and to invest in training and support for small producers and exporters to meet EU sanitary and phytosanitary criteria;*

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

3. Urges the Commission and the ACP countries to make best use of the funding available for Aid for Trade in order to support the reform process in areas essential for economic development; to improve infrastructure *where it is necessary* to benefit more effectively from

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Commission and the ACP countries to make best use of the funding available for Aid for Trade in order to support the reform process in areas essential for economic development; to improve infrastructure *due to the needs, especially of local and regional*

the opportunities offered by the EPAs; to compensate the net loss of customs revenue and encourage tax reform so that public investments in social sectors are not reduced; to invest in the production chain in order to diversify export production; and to produce more highly processed export goods;

***production** to benefit more effectively from the opportunities offered by the EPAs; to compensate the net loss of customs revenue and encourage tax reform **fostering knowledge exchange on the most cost effective measures for implementing fiscal adjustments** so that public investments in social sectors are not reduced and to invest in the production chain in order to diversify export production; and to produce more highly processed export goods **utilising and promoting already locally available resources, i.e. staff as well as means of production, infrastructure etc.**; in this regard, EPAs should not limit the ability of governments to use export taxes on basic raw materials to encourage the development of value added processing;*

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Marie-Arlette Carlotti and Alain Hutchinson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Reiterates its view that the EPAs must be financed not by the EDF but by additional aid for trade, to which the EU committed itself in 2005, namely EUR 2 000 000 000 annually, starting in 2010, 50% of which would go to ACP countries; opposes any kind of conditionality linked to the EPAs in the matter of granting European aid and calls on the Commission to guarantee that access to the funds of the 10th EDF is kept separate from the results and pace of the negotiations;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 35**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Stresses that EPAs concluded with individual ACP countries, or with a group of countries not including all countries within one region, run the risk of undermining regional integration. Calls upon the Commission to recalibrate its approach taking account of this risk, and to refrain from concluding EPAs which might endanger regional integration;***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Alain Hutchinson**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Stresses that the increases in Official Development Assistance promised by the Member States should, as a priority, be used to redouble efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goals in those ACP countries which are hardest hit by the consequences of the global financial and food crisis, which has threatened, and continues to threaten, the success achieved in attaining these goals;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 37**  
**Pierre Schapira**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Also underlines that all agreements must respect the asymmetry in favour of the ACP countries regarding both the range of products targeted and the transition periods, and that the EPAs must provide firm guarantees of protection for those sectors which the ACP countries identify as sensitive;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 38**  
**Pierre Schapira, Alain Hutchinson and Anne Van Lancker**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3b. Underlines that, since conformity with the rules of the WTO requires only an agreement on trade in goods, the Commission must not impose negotiations on services or the ‘Singapore subjects’ if the ACP countries do not want them; points out that, in any case, public services must remain outside the framework of liberalisation laid down by the EPAs;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 39**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Motion for a resolution*

4. Stresses that support measures linked to the EPAs ***should*** take into account the importance of regional integration and economic relations with other developing countries to the development of the ACP countries;

*Amendment*

4. Stresses that support measures linked to the EPAs ***have to*** take into account the importance of regional integration and economic relations with other developing countries to the development of the ACP countries; ***notes, that the extension of preferences to third parties which ACP exporters do enjoy, will trend to result in loss of tariff preferences and undermine the ACP countries' competitive position and hence reducing the value of traditional preference;***

Or. en

**Amendment 40**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***4a. Stresses that trade-in-goods agreements suffice to render EU ACP trade regimes WTO compatible, calls upon the Commission to refrain from pushing non-trade-in-goods issues such as the Singapore issues or services, unless explicitly called for by the partner countries;***

Or. en

## Amendment 41

Pierre Schapira and Glenys Kinnock

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Urges the Commission to give ACP negotiators sufficient time to evaluate the agreement and to make suggestions before adopting the relevant agreement;

##### *Amendment*

5. Urges the Commission to ***allow the ACP countries to renegotiate the disputed clauses before the agreements are signed, and to*** give ACP negotiators sufficient time to evaluate the agreement and to make suggestions before adopting the relevant agreement; ***stresses in particular the importance of taking into account the concerns of partner countries and their parliaments, local authorities and civil society in the framework of negotiating full EPAs, which should not be concluded under pressure and in haste, as they exceed the requirements of the WTO;***

Or. fr

## Amendment 42

Johan Van Hecke

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Urges the Commission to give ACP negotiators sufficient time to evaluate the agreement and to make suggestions before adopting the relevant agreement;

##### *Amendment*

5. Urges the Commission to give ACP negotiators sufficient time to evaluate the agreement and to make suggestions before adopting the relevant agreement, ***taking into consideration the WTO time schedules;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5. Urges the Commission to give ACP negotiators sufficient time to evaluate the agreement and to make suggestions before adopting the relevant agreement;

*Amendment*

5. Urges the Commission to give ACP negotiators sufficient time to evaluate the agreement and to make suggestions before adopting the relevant agreement. ***After such an evaluation, if a country chooses not to take part, it should not be pressured to join, as agreed upon in article 37(6) of the Cotonou agreement;***

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Marie-Arlette Carlotti and Anne Van Lancker**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***5a. Stresses that EPAs agreements should incorporate a revision clause for a revision 3 years after their signature, to which National Parliaments, European Parliament and Civil Society must be formally associated; this period will enable a detailed evaluation of the impact of EPAs on the economies and regional integration of the ACP countries and appropriate reorientations to be carried out;***

*Amendment*

Or. xm



**Amendment 45**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Considers that any trade agreement between ACP and EU, affecting the livelihood of the population, should be the result of an open and public debate with full participation of ACP national parliaments; and calls therefore that the ACP-EU Economic Partnership Agreements should be first ratified by the respective ACP parliaments before the EP proceed to the ratification process;***

Or. en

**Amendment 46**  
**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***5a. Underlines, considering that customs revenues are the most important source of income in ACP countries, that the 'most-favoured nation clause' might hamper South-South trade and development and stresses that EPAs should not include the 'standstill clause' which fixes the tariffs at their current rates within the transition periods and would even affect products which are on the exclusion list;***

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6**

*Motion for a resolution*

6. Urges the ACP governments to implement necessary reforms in order to realise good governance, in particular in the field of public administration, such as in public financial management, collection of customs duties, tax revenue system, fight against corruption and mismanagement;

*Amendment*

6. Urges the ACP governments to implement necessary reforms in order to realise good governance, in particular in the field of public administration, such as in public financial management, collection of customs duties, tax revenue system, fight against corruption and mismanagement; ***in this context the sovereignty of spending the taxpayers' money has to remain in the ACP-governments' hands to ensure that spending in social sector has precedence over expenditures or subsidy for the private sector;***

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Glenys Kinnock**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

***6a. Underscores the need for stronger monitoring and evaluation provisions in the EPAs which will determine the impact of the EPA on country and regional development and poverty reduction objectives - not merely EPA compliance levels - and provide for a redress mechanism to allow for the amendment or repeal of any aspect of the EPA that undermines a process of regional integration, or damages chances of reducing poverty or achieving the MDGs;***

*Amendment*

**Amendment 49**  
**Anne Van Lancker**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***6a. Stresses that there is a need to increase transparency in the negotiations and their outcomes in order to allow for public scrutiny by policy makers, parliamentarians and civil society representatives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Council, the Commission and governments of the EU Member States to do their utmost to re-establishing an atmosphere of confidence and ***trust*** in so far as it has been damaged in the course of negotiations;

7. Urges the Council, the Commission and governments of the EU Member States to do their utmost to re-establishing an atmosphere of confidence and ***constructive dialogue*** in so far as it has been damaged in the course of negotiations ***and to recognise the ACP states as equal partners in the negotiation and implementation process;***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Johan Van Hecke**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Urges the Council, the Commission and governments of the EU Member States to do their utmost to re-establishing an atmosphere of confidence and trust in so far as it has been damaged in the course of negotiations;

*Amendment*

7. Urges the Council, the Commission and governments of the EU Member States **and ACP countries** to do their utmost to re-establishing an atmosphere of confidence and trust in so far as it has been damaged in the course of negotiations;

Or. en

**Amendment 52**  
**Frithjof Schmidt**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

8. Stresses that the implementation of the EPAs should be monitored by a parliamentary body, which has to be provided for in the EPA texts, and that this Parliamentary body should in each case evolve from ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) and its bodies and remain closely connected to, or part of, JPA;

*Amendment*

8. Stresses that the implementation of the EPA should be monitored by **the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly(JPA) and its regional and sub-regional assemblies in conformity with Article 17 of the Cotonou ACP-EC Partnership Agreement**;

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Marie-Arlette Carlotti**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Motion for a resolution*

**8. Stresses that the implementation of the EPAs should be monitored by a**

*Amendment*

**8. Recommends close parliamentary control of the negotiations and the**

*parliamentary body, which has to be provided for in the EPA texts, and* that this Parliamentary body should in each case evolve from the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) and its bodies and remain closely connected to, or part of, the JPA;

*implementation of the EPAs, and firmly supports the involvement of national parliaments, the European Parliament and the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in all stages of the procedure; asks that the Commission guarantee that the composition and operating procedures of 'parliamentary committees' as envisaged in Article 231 of the agreement reached between the EU and CARIFORUM work towards this objective, and stresses* that this Parliamentary body should in each case evolve from the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) and its bodies and remain closely connected to, or part of, the JPA;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 54 Jürgen Schröder**

#### **Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

8. Stresses that the implementation of the EPAs *should* be monitored by a parliamentary body, *which has to be provided for in the EPA texts, and* that this Parliamentary body should *in each case evolve from* the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (*JPA*) *and its bodies and remain closely connected to, or part of, the JPA*;

##### *Amendment*

8. "Stresses that the implementation of the *Cariforum* EPA *will* be monitored by a parliamentary body *and that this should be the case for any other full EPA*; that parliamentary body should *be composed - on the EP side - of Members of the Committee on Development and the Committee on International Trade; to ensure overall consistency in development and trade policy it should function under enhanced cooperation with* the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly";

Or. en

## Amendment 55

Helmuth Markov, on behalf of the committee on International Trade

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 8

##### *Motion for a resolution*

8. Stresses that the implementation of the EPAs should be monitored by a parliamentary body, which has to be provided for in the EPA texts, and that this Parliamentary body should ***in each case evolve from*** the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (*JPA*) ***and its bodies and remain closely connected to, or part of, the JPA***;

##### *Amendment*

8. Stresses that the implementation of the EPAs should be monitored by a parliamentary body, which has to be provided for in the EPA texts, and that this Parliamentary body should ***be composed - on the EP side - of Members of the Committee on International Trade and of the Committee on Development to ensure overall consistency in trade and development policy and should cooperate with*** the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly ;

Or. en

## Amendment 56

Anne Van Lancker and Marie-Arlette Carlotti

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 8 a (new)

##### *Motion for a resolution*

***8a. Stresses in particular the crucial role of national parliaments and non-state actors in the monitoring and control of EPAs and asks that the European Commission guarantee their systematic involvement in the on-going negotiation procedures; this requires a clear agenda for further negotiations, to be agreed by ACP countries and the EU and based on a participatory approach;***

##### *Amendment*

Or. xm

**Amendment 57**

**Anne Van Lancker, Marie-Arlette Carlotti and Alain Hutchinson**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8b. recommends that the timetable of the European Parliament should, while guarding a measure of flexibility, await and take account of the opinions of the ACP parliaments on the outcomes of the EPA negotiations, before giving its assent;***

Or. en

**Amendment 58**

**Marie-Arlette Carlotti**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9. Considers that the EDF Regional Strategy Papers and Regional Indicative Programmes should contain important, systematic and well considered support for EPA implementation, taking into account the necessary reform process that would make the EPA a success;***

***deleted***

Or. fr

**Amendment 59**

**Marie-Arlette Carlotti and Alain Hutchinson**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9a. Deplores the fact that the current interim agreements devote neither space nor attention specifically to the issues of food sovereignty and the right to food and do not favour agricultural and trade policy instruments which enable market regulation and the protection of sustainable family agriculture; stresses that this aspect must be placed at the centre of the negotiations in order to guarantee the coherence of trade policy and all the EU's policies with regard to food sovereignty and the right to food;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 60**

**Fiona Hall**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9a. Urges the Commission to include development benchmarks in the EPA and interim EPAs to measure the socio-economic impact of the EPAs on key sectors, to be determined according to the priorities of each region;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 61**

**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**



*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9a. Calls for the necessary integration of the outermost regions (such as the Caribbean) into their regional environment to be taken into account and the instruments of this integration to be provided: free movement of goods and persons (tourist visas to be readily available), tax and customs facilities and support for the establishment of interregional airlines; calls for every effort to be made so that the EPAs will, for the ACP as well as for the outermost regions, form part of a ‘win-win’ system;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 62**

**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Felekna Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9a. Stresses the importance of public services for development and democracy and consequently asks the Commission to act with caution when considering the liberalisation of service sectors, and in particular to exclude water, health and education from liberalisation,***

Or. en

**Amendment 63**

**Madeleine Jouye de Grandmaison and Felekna Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9b. Stresses that EPAs must also promote equal participation of women and men for the benefit of all development processes through women's equal access to productive resources, land, capital, credit and technology, gainful employment, and decision-making;***

Or. en

**Amendment 64**

**Feleknas Uca**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 9 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***9a. Stresses that it is crucial that forests, biodiversity and indigenous people or forest-dependent people are not put at risk; in this regard, ACP countries should be allowed to implement rules that limit the export of timber and other unprocessed raw materials and be allowed to use these laws in order to protect forests, wildlife and domestic industries;***

Or. en