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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Manuel Bompard**  
(PE691.447v01-00)

Protecting workers from asbestos  
(2019/2182(INL))



**Amendment 1**  
**Cindy Franssen, Deirdre Clune**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. whereas a financial framework, based on the use of Union Structural and Investment Funds, should be established to support building owners and linking the removal of asbestos to other public policies and programmes (such as energy efficiency, improvements of the living environment and social housing) for reasons of efficiency and the use of synergies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. whereas the European Green Deal sets the ambition of zero-pollution, to be delivered through a cross cutting strategy to protect citizens' health from environmental degradation and pollution while calling at the same time for a just transition that leaves nobody behind;***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. whereas the EU Action Plan: 'Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil' aims at reducing pollution “to levels no longer considered harmful to health and natural ecosystems and that respect the boundaries our planet can cope with, thus creating a toxic-free environment”;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1c. whereas Article 37 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights requires that a high level of environmental protection and the improvement of the quality of the environment be integrated into the policies of the Union and ensured in accordance with the principle of sustainable development;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1d. whereas, according to Article***

*191(1) of the TFEU, Union policy on environment shall contribute to the pursuit of objectives; such as protecting the health of its citizens, protecting and improving the quality of the environment, promoting the prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources, and promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems;*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1e. whereas, according to Article 191(2) of the TFEU, Union policy on environment shall be based on the precautionary principle and on the principles that preventive action should be taken, that environmental damage should as a priority be rectified at source and that the polluter should pay;*

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1f. whereas, the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment is becoming universally recognised as the number of states recognising this right*

*has grown over the past few years with more than 155 countries recognising this right, or elements of this right, in their national legal systems;*

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital 1 g (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ig. whereas, the European Social Pillar of Rights calls for a high level of protection of workers' health and safety at work, including from exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at the workplace, while the Pregnant Workers Directive<sup>1a</sup> presents serious loopholes regarding the prevention of harm from asbestos.*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Council Directive 92/85/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding (OJ No L 348, 28 .11 92, p. 1)*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**-1. Recalls that a high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities;**

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that ***worldwide hundreds of millions of people are*** exposed to asbestos ***every year***, despite its health risks having been known for decades;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that ***asbestos remains one of the most significant occupational health challenges; 125 million people worldwide have been*** exposed to asbestos ***in the workplace<sup>1a</sup>***; despite its health risks having been known for decades;

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<sup>1a</sup> ***WHO, Asbestos: elimination of asbestos-related diseases 2018.***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people are exposed to asbestos every year, despite its health risks having been known for decades;

*Amendment*

1. ***Stresses that the EU must ensure the right of all people living in the EU to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment;*** recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people are exposed to asbestos every year, despite its health

risks having been known for decades;  
*points out that, in recent years, the rate of death from asbestos fibres has even accelerated;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people are exposed to asbestos every year, despite its health risks having been known for decades;

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people are exposed to asbestos every year, despite its health risks having been known for decades; *whereas a study by the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health puts the number of persons dying each year as a result of exposure to asbestos at some 250 000<sup>1a</sup>;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Furuya S, Chimed-Ochir O, Takahashi K, David A, Takala J. Global Asbestos Disaster. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. 2018; 15(5):1000.  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph15051000>*

Or. fr

**Amendment 13**  
**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people **are** exposed to asbestos every year, despite its health risks having

*Amendment*

1. Recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people, **children included, are continuously** exposed to asbestos every



been known for decades;

year, despite its health risks having been known for decades;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 14**

**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1**

#### *Draft opinion*

1. Recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people are exposed to asbestos every year, *despite* its health risks having been known for decades;

#### *Amendment*

1. Recalls that worldwide hundreds of millions of people are exposed to asbestos every year, *and that* its health risks having been known for decades;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 15**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 1 a (new)**

#### *Draft opinion*

#### *Amendment*

***1a. Stresses that all types of asbestos-related diseases such as lung cancer and pleural mesothelioma – caused by the inhalation of asbestos-suspended fibres thin enough to reach the alveoli and long enough to exceed the size of macrophages, as well as different types of cancer caused not only by the inhalation of airborne fibre but also by the ingestion of water containing such fibres coming from asbestos pipes – have been recognised as a health hazard and can take several decades, and in some cases more than 40 years, to become apparent;***

**Amendment 16**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Recalls that the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), recognised asbestos as a proven carcinogen (group 1) responsible for lung cancers and mesothelioma as well as larynx and ovarian cancers; whereas research on other cancers induced by asbestos should be promoted;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Points out that, in addition to the active, continuous or periodic exposure of workers to asbestos, there is also the problem of passive occupational exposure involving persons working in the vicinity of other workers dealing with asbestos;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 18**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**1b.** *Stresses that asbestos is a non-threshold carcinogen, meaning that every level of exposure, however low, brings a risk of developing cancer;*

Or. en

**Amendment 19**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the existence of different types of non-occupational exposure to asbestos, whether of para-occupational, domestic or environmental origin;

2. Stresses the existence of different types of non-occupational exposure to asbestos, whether of para-occupational, domestic or environmental origin;

*Points out that according to recent studies, non-occupational exposure to asbestos may explain about 20% of the mesotheliomas in industrialized countries;*

*Recalls that indirect or passive forms of exposure to asbestos, such as the case of asbestos dust brought home by workers, have significant consequences for health ;*

*Is concerned that a large proportion of public schools built before 1997 still contain asbestos, creating a risk of exposure for children/students and school staff;*

*Urges that a census of schools with asbestos should be carried out at European level and that renovation should therefore be considered as a priority in schools buildings;*

*Stresses that women are also exposed to asbestos-related risks and that pregnant*

*women are particularly vulnerable to asbestos. Underlines that nearly 25% of mesothelioma cases in the U.S. occur in women.*

*Call therefore for a modification of the Pregnant Workers Directive<sup>1a</sup>;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Council Directive 92/85/EEC of 19 October 1992 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding (OJ No L 348, 28.11.92, p. 1)*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**  
**Cindy Franssen, Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the existence of different types of non-occupational exposure to asbestos, whether of para-occupational, domestic or environmental origin;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the existence of different types of non-occupational exposure to asbestos, whether of para-occupational, domestic or environmental origin; *in that regard, calls on the Commission to update, no later than 31 December 2022, the Asbestos at Work Directive<sup>1a</sup> with a view to amending the existing binding occupational exposure limit value (OEL) for asbestos, taking into account the latest scientific knowledge and technical developments, including an evaluation of different types of asbestos fibres and their adverse health effects, as well as to start the process for updating the list of fibroussilicates within the scope of the directive and in this context consider the inclusion of actinolite, anthophyllite, tremolite, grunerite and riebeckite as well as winchite, richterite, fluoro-edenite, and erionite, as well as an assessment of a*

*differentiated limit value for different types of asbestos fibres;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Directive 2009/148/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to asbestos at work (OJ L 330, 16.12.2009, p. 28–36)*

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. Stresses the existence of different types of non-occupational exposure to asbestos, whether of para-occupational, domestic or environmental origin;

*Amendment*

2. Stresses the existence of different types of non-occupational exposure to asbestos, whether of para-occupational *(including exposure to asbestos dust brought home by workers)*, domestic *(including the presence of household objects containing asbestos)* or environmental origin *(materials present in buildings and facilities or industrial materials)*;

Or. fr

**Amendment 22**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

*2a. Draws attention to the presence of asbestos in many products which are still in use, such as abrasives, adhesives, car and bicycle parts, lubricants, paints and*

*textiles, most of which are imported;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 23**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b.** *Draws attention, therefore, the need for stringent checks on imports of articles from third countries which still allow the use of asbestos;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 24**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking;

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking; ***stresses that, despite the difficulty of making a precise assessment, many studies suggest that the degree of environmental exposure to asbestos has been underestimated<sup>1a 1b</sup>; points out, therefore, that, depending on the source of exposure, levels of environmental exposure to asbestos may reach occupational levels of exposure<sup>1c</sup>;***

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<sup>1a</sup> *Krówczyńska M, Wilk E. Environmental and Occupational Exposure to Asbestos as a Result of Consumption and Use in Poland. Int J*

*Environ Res Public Health.*  
2019;16(14):2611. Published 2019 Jul 22.  
doi:10.3390/ijerph16142611

<sup>1b</sup> *Agence nationale de sécurité sanitaire de l'alimentation, de l'environnement et du travail (National Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety) (2016), L'amiante: Présentation, effets sanitaires, expositions et cadre réglementaire (Asbestos: presentation, impact on health, forms of exposure and regulatory framework) (<https://www.anses.fr/fr/content/l%E2%80%99amiante>)*

<sup>1c</sup> *Haute autorité de Santé (High Authority for Health) (2009), Exposition environnementale à l'amiante (Environmental exposure to asbestos): état des données et conduite à tenir (state of scientific knowledge and action required) ([https://www.has-sante.fr/jcms/c\\_759760/fr/exposition-environnementale-a-l-amiante-etat-des-donnees-et-conduite-a-tenir](https://www.has-sante.fr/jcms/c_759760/fr/exposition-environnementale-a-l-amiante-etat-des-donnees-et-conduite-a-tenir))*

Or. fr

**Amendment 25**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking;

***Considers that exposure to asbestos is a form of environmental and health inequality fostering feelings of injustice and being “left behind” amongst vulnerable populations;***

**Amendment 26**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking, ***in some cases more than 30 years after direct or indirect exposure;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 27**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking, ***including populations living close to construction sites, train infrastructures, shipyards and power plants;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Alexandr Vondra**



**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that **asbestos** diseases have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with **degraded flocking**;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that **different cancers and various diseases of the lungs** have been observed in populations living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with **friable asbestos**;

Or. en

**Amendment 29  
Deirdre Clune**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been **observed in populations** living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking;

*Amendment*

3. Recalls that asbestos diseases have been **detected in communities** living or having lived in the vicinity of industrial sites or premises with degraded flocking;

Or. en

**Amendment 30  
Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Stresses that a series of studies carried out by the US Environmental Protection Agency<sup>1a 1b</sup> starting in 2006 revealed significant levels of asbestos in rivers and their nearby tributaries; points out that, according to these studies, the level of asbestos is sufficiently toxic to prevent vegetation from growing properly and to cause harm to fauna; calls on the European Environment Agency to carry**

*out similar studies in the near future;*

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*<sup>1a</sup> Washington State Department of Health (2009), Advisory for Swift Creek Naturally Occurring Asbestos*

*<sup>1b</sup> United States Environmental Protection Agency, Swift Creek ([https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=3639](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=3639))*

Or. fr

**Amendment 31**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Recalls, that despite the Europe-wide ban on asbestos (1999, to be implemented by 2005), asbestos still kills people in Europe. Whereas all types of asbestos are dangerous and its hazard impact has been documented and subject to regulations, and despite the ban on the use of asbestos, it is still found in many ships, trains, machinery, bunkers, tunnels, galleries, pipes in public and private water distribution networks and especially in buildings, including many public and private buildings;*

Or. en

**Amendment 32**

**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Recalls that there are several diseases related to asbestos, both malignant and non-malignant, and that the cumulative effect of non-malignant diseases related to asbestos has been proved to be a risk factor for death related to and caused by asbestos;**

Or. en

**Amendment 33**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Recalls that the synergistic effect of smoking and asbestos exposure increases the risk of developing lung cancer considerably; calls on Member States to propose a smoking cessation program to all workers exposed to asbestos;**

Or. en

**Amendment 34**

**Deirdre Clune**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Recalls a WHO study<sup>1a</sup> which outlines a substantial increase in risk for lung cancer due to co-exposure of tobacco smoke and asbestos fibres;**

*1a WHO, Asbestos: elimination of asbestos-related diseases 2018, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Evaluation of the practical implementation of the EU occupational safety and health (OSH) directives in EU Member States.*

Or. en

**Amendment 35**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3b. Highlights that actions to enhance prevention are major public health investments for healthier lives but also for the cost/benefit balance in the management of healthcare systems;**

Or. en

**Amendment 36**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3c. Recalls that improving early diagnosis, treatments and rehabilitation are priorities of the EU Beating Cancer Plan and should benefit patients suffering from asbestos-related diseases;**

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. *Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has shown that ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres significantly increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has ***shown that*** ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres ***significantly*** increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers;

*Amendment*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has ***raised the important question of whether*** ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers; ***stresses that, even if this analysis alone cannot make it possible to definitively conclude, at this stage, on the link between the ingestion of asbestos via water and the development of cancers of the gastrointestinal tract, the precautionary principle should apply given the uncertainties involved; considers that more research should be conducted on this important question;***

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has shown that ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres significantly increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers;

*Amendment*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has shown that ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres significantly increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers<sup>1a</sup>; ***stresses that the samples taken in the course of that study revealed significant concentrations of asbestos fibres in tap water in Tuscany, reaching levels of up to 700 000 fibres per litre;***

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*<sup>1a</sup> Agostino Di Ciaula, Valerio Gennaro. Rischio clinico da ingestione di fibre di amianto in acqua potabile. Epidemiologia & Prevenzione, <https://epiprev.it/3608>*

Or. fr

**Amendment 40**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Draft opinion*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has shown that ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres significantly increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers;

*Amendment*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has shown that ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres significantly increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers;

***Calls on the Member States to carry out regular monitoring of the quality of the water used for the abstraction of drinking water and to take the necessary preventive and mitigation measures in case there is a risk to human health;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 41**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

##### *Draft opinion*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has shown that ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres significantly increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers;

##### *Amendment*

4. Recalls that a study by Italian scientists has shown that ingestion of water containing asbestos fibres significantly increases the risk of gastric and colorectal cancers; ***further recalls that in line with WHO recommendations asbestos-cement pipes should no longer be used or approved for drinking water;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 42 Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

***4a. Considers that the European Plan on Beating Cancer and the Parliament's upcoming Resolution from its Special Committee on Beating Cancer are opportunities to include asbestos as one of the causes that significantly increase the risk of cancers for workers, children, or inhabitants in areas close to asbestos factories and mines or in buildings containing asbestos;***

Or. en

**Amendment 43**

**Deirdre Clune**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Recalls WHO recommendations<sup>1a</sup> that it is not necessary to include asbestos fibres in Annex I of the Drinking Water Directive<sup>1b</sup> and issued on the basis of extensive reviews, which concluded that the weight of evidence does not support the contention that asbestos fibres in drinking-water are of concern for health;**

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**<sup>1a</sup> WHO, Regional office for Europe, Drinking Water Parameter Cooperation Project Support to the revision of Annex I Council Directive 98/83/EC on the Quality of Water Intended for Human Consumption (Drinking Water Directive) Recommendations, 2017.**

**<sup>1b</sup> Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (OJ L 330, 5.12.1998, p. 32–54)**

Or. en

**Amendment 44**

**Marie Toussaint**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Stresses that vulnerable populations suffer the most from these health consequences but often have limited access to health care. Calls for special financial support to be given to them;**



**Amendment 45**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Takes the view that the complete eradication of asbestos which is still present and of all products containing asbestos worldwide should be a priority objective for the EU;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 46**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Stresses, that background concentration levels of asbestos in the atmosphere should be known and measured all over Europe;**

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b. Considers that citizens should receive equal protection from exposure to asbestos in their living spaces; urges the Commission in this regard to ensure the protection of all citizens by introducing exposure limit values for asbestos in living spaces as it is necessary, notably in view of para-occupational exposure by means of which exposed workers transport asbestos fibres to the house setting;**

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b. Recalls that, apart from the naturally occurring sites from where it is extracted, asbestos may be found as degraded flocking not only in water but also in soils and in the atmosphere;**

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4c. Recalls that more information is needed with regard to population**

*exposure through contact with commercial products containing asbestos, such as housing materials and their disturbance through normal activity; adds that risks arising from populations exposed to naturally occurring asbestos materials is also an area where information is lacking;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 50**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

#### **Draft opinion Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4d. Stresses that increased environmental exposure in view of the deterioration of the building stock in the EU leads to more cases of mesothelioma;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 51**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

#### **Draft opinion Paragraph 4 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4e. Urges the Commission and Member States in this regard to support research into the risks related to such environmental asbestos exposure pathways;*

**Amendment 52**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. ***Calls on*** the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter;

*Amendment*

5. ***Urges*** the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans, ***with funding and specific local, regional and national roadmaps***, to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter; ***emphasises the need for the social partners and other stakeholders, including asbestos victims' groups, to be fully involved in the drafting, implementation and assessment of the European strategy and the national plans;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 53**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
 on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on

this matter;

this matter;

*Stresses that the attribution of the cost of asbestos removal should be based on the polluter pays principle.*

*Stresses that asbestos waste should be made inert prior to its environmentally sound disposal and calls on the Commission to propose a corresponding revision of relevant EU waste legislation;*

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Alexandr Vondra**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. *Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter;*

*Amendment*

5. *Believes that additional European legislation is not the right approach to control asbestos; considers a non-legislative approach that improves the awareness of asbestos risks, educates employers and workers on the legislative requirements that already exist, and provides practical guidance on how to comply with those requirements would be a far more effective approach in reducing exposure to asbestos; notes moreover that this approach could be targeted to areas of particular risk, or groups of vulnerable people, and involve the social partners and other stakeholders at EU, national and regional levels;*

Or. en

**Amendment 55**  
**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter; ***points out that the safe removal of asbestos is an example of the need to apply the Principle of Health in all policies and is directly connected to recent and upcoming Union policy initiatives such as the Green Deal with the Renovation Wave and Europe's Beating Cancer Plan;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**  
**Cindy Franssen, Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should coordinate the national action plans, in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter; ***underlines in this context the need for a coherent methodology for risk assessment to ensure a Union level playing field and to avoid fragmentation of the single market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should *coordinate* the national action plans, *in particular through the adoption of a framework directive on this matter*;

*Amendment*

5. Calls on the Commission to set out a European strategy for the complete elimination of asbestos; calls on all Member States *which have not yet done so* to adopt national action plans to implement that strategy; considers that the Commission should *facilitate coordination of* the national action plans;

Or. fr

**Amendment 58**  
**Alexandr Vondra**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*5a. Is of the opinion that before any additions to existing EU legislative requirements can be considered, robust scientific evidence of the need for change must be provided, supported by a thorough impact assessment clearly setting out costs and benefits;*

Or. en

**Amendment 59**  
**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Jan Huitema**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**5a. *Insists that the transition toward a European Union free of asbestos should be socially fair and include support for private owners and SMEs;***

Or. en

**Amendment 60**  
**Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6. *Considers that a comprehensive renovation and asbestos removal plan for the European drinking water distribution network should be drawn up and implemented;***

*deleted*

Or. en

**Amendment 61**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

6. Considers that a comprehensive renovation and asbestos removal plan for the European drinking water distribution network should be drawn up and implemented;

**6. *Expresses concern at the state of the drinking water supply network in the EU and the presence of asbestos-cement pipes, the deterioration of which is releasing asbestos fibres into the water;*** Considers, as part of the European strategy for the elimination of asbestos and with support from the European and Member State recovery plans, that a comprehensive renovation and asbestos removal plan for the European drinking water distribution network should be drawn



up and implemented;

Or. fr

**Amendment 62**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

6. Considers that a comprehensive renovation and asbestos removal plan for the European drinking water distribution network should be drawn up and ***implemented***;

*Amendment*

6. Considers that a comprehensive renovation and asbestos removal plan for the European drinking water distribution network should be drawn up and ***submitted to the Member States for implementation***;

Or. fr

**Amendment 63**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Welcomes the opportunity offered by the renovation wave presented by the Commission on 14 October 2020 to eradicate asbestos completely from buildings; stresses the imperative need to guarantee the highest possible level of protection for workers and local people exposed to asbestos during rehabilitation and demolition operations;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 64**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**

on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**6a. Recalls the anticipated increase in construction work in view of the Renovation Wave which will be accompanied by increased occupational and environmental exposure to asbestos fibres; highlights the need for asbestos to be substituted with energy efficient materials in the context of the Renovation Wave;**

Or. en

**Amendment 65**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

***Stresses that some workers are much more exposed to asbestos than others, and that this situation of environmental inequality reinforces the already existing economic inequalities. Stresses in particular that construction workers are highly exposed to asbestos, since (in France) 97% of them are considered to be probably or very probably exposed to it at work;***

***Calls for the establishment of an early warning mechanism, internal and external to occupational structures, to report on the presence of asbestos;***

**Amendment 66**  
**Cindy Franssen, Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned; ***therefore calls on the Member States to improve the number, frequency, and quality of their inspections. The EU and the Member States should go well beyond the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) minimum objective of one inspector for every 10 000 workers;***

**Amendment 67**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned; ***stresses, therefore, the need to guarantee a high level of protection of the health and safety of workers, in particular by providing them with proper protective equipment and ensuring that family members are not exposed to asbestos on work clothes and tools;***

**Amendment 68**  
**Cindy Franssen, Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

***In case of a fire, all existing information regarding the presence and location of asbestos should be shared with firefighters;***

Or. en

**Amendment 69**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses that unsafe working conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned, ***and especially when work clothes are being maintained;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 70**  
**Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. Stresses that unsafe **working** conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

*Amendment*

7. Stresses that unsafe **labour** conditions for workers may expose society as a whole to risks of asbestos exposure, in particular the families of the workers concerned;

Or. en

**Amendment 71**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. *Insists on the need to carry out long-term epidemiological surveillance to assess the effectiveness of the measures taken; highlights that mesothelioma is a disease whose main risk-factor is asbestos and that the number of mesotheliomas diagnosed is a relevant indicator for epidemiological surveillance; calls therefore for the declaration of mesothelioma to competent authorities to be made mandatory;***

Or. en

**Amendment 72**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Jan Huitema**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b. *Insists on the need to ensure the availability of adequate waste facilities for the safe and sustainable disposal of***

*asbestos materials, located in the vicinity of construction sites; stresses that delivering asbestos waste to landfills is only a temporary solution and that risks of releasing asbestos fibres into the environment should be avoided;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 73**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Jan Huitema**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 7 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7c. Highlights that the waste management of asbestos is a challenge of strategic significance for the EU given the amount of asbestos still to be removed and already in landfills; calls on the Commission and Member States to consider all tools to support investment in sustainable treatment technologies, including channelling public spending through dedicated Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs); highlights that the treatments of asbestos should fully apply the precautionary principle;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 74**

**Manuel Bompard**

#### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Commission to support the dissemination of information on the various systems for the destruction of

**8. Stresses that the creation of landfills for asbestos waste can only be an interim solution; condemns the practice of**

asbestos products based on best available techniques;

***dumping asbestos waste in landfills for non-specific construction waste; calls on the Commission to support the dissemination of information on the various systems for the destruction of asbestos products based on best available techniques; urges the Commission to introduce programmes to provide effective support for research into inertia treatment technologies for waste containing asbestos with a view to recycling, safe re-use and a reduction in the landfilling of such waste; considers that the organised and systematic eradication of asbestos contributes to regional development objectives and should therefore be fully supported under the EU Structural Funds;***

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 75**

**Marie Toussaint**

on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 8**

#### *Draft opinion*

8. Calls on the Commission to support the dissemination of information on the various systems for the destruction of asbestos products based on best available techniques;

#### *Amendment*

8. Calls on the Commission to support the dissemination of information on the various systems for the destruction of asbestos products based on best available techniques;

***Calls on the Commission to create a European public register to identify the presence of asbestos in the EU and a best practice platform for asbestos removal;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 76**

**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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

*Draft opinion*

8. Calls on the Commission to support the dissemination of information on the various systems for the **destruction** of asbestos products based on best available techniques;

*Amendment*

8. Calls on the Commission to support the dissemination of information on the various systems for the **safe and orderly removal or disposal** of asbestos products based on best available techniques;

Or. en

**Amendment 77**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a. Points out one third of Europeans live in countries that have not yet banned the use of all forms of asbestos; stresses that 16 European countries still use asbestos, including as a building material, and continue to produce and export asbestos; urges the Commission to take decisive action under the Neighbourhood Policy to bring about the banning and complete eradication of asbestos throughout the European continent and in the states bordering the Mediterranean Sea;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 78**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8a.** *Considers the urgent need for an effective access to justice and redress for asbestos victims;*

*Calls on Member States to introduce legislation obliging employers to cover all medical costs of their workers due to asbestos exposure;*

*Stresses that health consequences due to asbestos exposure often manifest several decades after the exposure and can cause difficulties in establishing the causal link in court;*

Or. en

**Amendment 79**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**8b.** *Stresses that the provision of compensation for suffering resulting from anxiety that exists in some EU countries, such as France, for workers exposed to asbestos, is largely limited and leads to unequal treatment between asbestos victims;*

*Calls therefore on the Commission to introduce legislation establishing a general liability regime for diffuse pollution to provide compensation to victims for all damages from diffuse pollution, including that caused by asbestos;*

Or. en

**Amendment 80**  
**Marie Toussaint**  
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the EU to work with other international organisations and third countries to achieve a global ban on asbestos;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the EU to work with other international organisations and third countries to achieve a global ban on asbestos; ***stresses that asbestos should not be part of international trade, and that waste asbestos should not be exported to third countries;***

***Calls on the EU to prohibit imports and exports of asbestos from the EU to third countries. Stresses that the future EU legislation on due diligence should take into account the environmental and human rights impacts of companies' activities, and should thus contribute to the liability of companies in relation to asbestos;***

***Calls on the Commission to strengthen the effectiveness and the scope of the Rotterdam Convention by playing a leading role in putting an end to the blocking of the inclusion of chrysotile asbestos in the listing of hazardous chemicals, by a few European and non-European countries, and achieving as soon as possible a global ban on asbestos;***

***Calls on the EU to work together with third countries and international organisations such as the World Health Organisation, the International Labour Organisation or the United Nations Environment Programme, in order to achieve a global strategy for asbestos removal;***

***Calls on the EU to work also with the states bordering the Mediterranean Sea within the framework of the Neighbourhood Policy to achieve a ban and complete eradication of asbestos throughout the European continent;***

**Amendment 81**  
**Manuel Bompard**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the EU to work with other international organisations and third countries to achieve a global ban on asbestos;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the EU to work with ***the World Health Organisation, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Environment Programme***, other international organisations and third countries to achieve a global ban on asbestos, ***promote higher levels of occupational health and workplace safety worldwide, and improve information and support for victims of asbestos-related diseases; calls on the EU to make representations to asbestos-exporting countries urging them close asbestos mines;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 82**  
**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Calls on the EU to work with other international organisations and third countries to achieve a global ban on asbestos;

*Amendment*

9. Calls on the EU to work with other international organisations, ***notably the World Health Organization***, and third countries to achieve a global ban on asbestos;

Or. en

**Amendment 83**  
**Cindy Franssen, Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9a. *Highlights the importance of ensuring sufficient and focused support to employers in transposing these protective measures, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises, in order to avoid non-compliance; recalls the importance of adequate financial support from relevant existing EU funds to ensure proper support and to encourage correct and safe removal of any asbestos detected;***

Or. en

**Amendment 84**  
**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Jan Huitema**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9a. *Stresses that, as the demand for asbestos-related work is likely to grow significantly with the Renovation Wave, there is a crucial need to support research and development in order to strengthen the protection of workers and of the environment, and to improve the reliability and speed of asbestos screening, measurement, removal, and safe waste management;***

Or. en

**Amendment 85**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López,**

**Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9a. Stresses the need to establish public registers relating to asbestos and minimum standards relating to their implementation; recalls that such minimum standards relating to public registers need to be linked to health and safety policies and to environmental and public health regulations;**

Or. en

**Amendment 86**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9a. Urges the EU to consider as a top priority the inclusion of chrysotile asbestos in the list in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention and to take all the steps required to bring this about;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 87**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9b. Is alarmed at the current upsurge in the global asbestos trade; condemns the efforts on the part of the powerful global**

*asbestos lobby to prevent the imposition of a global asbestos ban; condemns the fact the EU continues to export asbestos, in particular in vessels sent for dismantling to third countries; stresses that EU-based companies are continuing to develop activities linked to the mining of asbestos in third countries; considers that the imposition of a duty of care on European companies can represent a contribution by those companies to the global eradication of asbestos and guarantee access to justice for non-European victims of asbestos-related diseases; hopes that the negotiations on the International Treaty on Business and Human Rights will also take account of the issue of impunity linked to the mining of asbestos;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 88**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9b.** *Highlights the need for the treatment of asbestos waste and the safe handling, removal and substitution of this substance in waste streams to be at the heart of the strategy to be developed by the Commission; recalls the need for greater circularity in the construction sector and the importance of preventing asbestos waste from entering the circular economy;*

Or. en

**Amendment 89**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 9 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9c. Recalls that the disposal of asbestos waste in landfills is a short-term solution which is leading to the release of asbestos fibres into the environment to the detriment of public health;**

Or. en

**Amendment 90**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 9 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9d. Calls on the Commission to promote the establishment throughout the EU of centres for the treatment and inertisation of waste containing asbestos, combined with phasing out all delivery of such waste to landfills;**

Or. en

**Amendment 91**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9e.** *Highlights the need for the EU to fight in international fora against the dumping of asbestos in developing countries;*

Or. en

**Amendment 92**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9f.** *Emphasises the need for synergies between the strategy to be developed by the Commission, the circular economy objectives including the labelling system and the strategy for a sustainable built environment; highlights also the need for synergies to be created between the strategy and existing initiatives concerning the development of a knowledge base in relation to the substitution of hazardous substances of concern;*

Or. en

**Amendment 93**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**9g. Recalls the need for transparency with regard to the presence and composition of asbestos fibres in waste streams with a view to improving dismantling and decontamination techniques in order to facilitate the recovery of waste; encourages the creation of synergies with the database being set up by the European Chemicals Agency to gather information and improve knowledge about substances of concern in products and in products when they become waste;**

Or. en

#### **Amendment 94**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. The development of models to detect, monitor and check asbestos in private and public buildings, land, infrastructure, logistics and piping;

*Amendment*

1. The development of models to detect, **register**, monitor and check asbestos in private and public buildings, land, infrastructure, logistics and piping;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 95**

**Christian Doleschal**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. The development of models to detect, monitor and check asbestos in private and public buildings, land,

*Amendment*

1. The development of models to detect, monitor and check asbestos in private and public buildings, land,

infrastructure, logistics and piping;

infrastructure (**construction**), logistics and piping;

Or. de

### **Amendment 96**

**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 2**

###### *Draft opinion*

2. The definition of models for monitoring asbestos fibres suspended in the air in the workplace, built-up areas and landfills, and fibres present in drinking water supplied through asbestos cement pipes;

###### *Amendment*

2. The definition of models for monitoring asbestos fibres suspended in the air in the workplace, built-up areas and landfills, ***in particular brownfield sites to be rehabilitated***, and fibres present in drinking water supplied through asbestos cement pipes;

Or. fr

### **Amendment 97**

**Deirdre Clune**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 2**

###### *Draft opinion*

2. The definition of models for monitoring asbestos fibres suspended in the air in the workplace, built-up areas and landfills, ***and fibres present in drinking water supplied through asbestos cement pipes***;

###### *Amendment*

2. The definition of models for monitoring asbestos fibres suspended in the air in the workplace, built-up areas and landfills;

Or. en

### **Amendment 98**

**Christian Doleschal**

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

*Draft opinion*

2. The definition of models for monitoring asbestos fibres suspended in the air in the workplace, built-up areas and landfills, and fibres present in drinking water supplied through asbestos cement pipes;

*Amendment*

2. The definition of models for monitoring asbestos fibres suspended in the air ***and dust containing asbestos*** in the workplace, built-up areas and landfills, and fibres present in drinking water supplied through asbestos cement pipes;

Or. de

**Amendment 99**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. The registration of all cases of mesothelioma;***

Or. en

**Amendment 100**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos;

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos, ***in particular as regards the characteristics of asbestos, its effects on health (including synergistic effects linked to smoking), the types of materials, products***

*and places likely to contain asbestos and the relationship between their condition and the probability of them releasing fibres, the relevant public authorities and the financial aid available to carry out safe asbestos removal;*

Or. fr

### **Amendment 101**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

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

##### *Draft opinion*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos;

##### *Amendment*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks, *including of the synergistic effect of tobacco use and asbestos exposure*, and legal obligations relating to asbestos *and existing accompanying measures for the safe removal of asbestos*;

Or. en

### **Amendment 102**

**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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

##### *Draft opinion*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos;

##### *Amendment*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos, *especially on the fact of its delayed and*

*cumulative effects on human health;*

Or. en

**Amendment 103**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos;

*Amendment*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers ***and their families***, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos;

Or. fr

**Amendment 104**  
**Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

3. The development of information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos;

*Amendment*

3. The development of ***European Union-wide*** information campaigns on asbestos to provide relevant information to workers, employers, owners, tenants, users of buildings and infrastructure, and citizens about the risks and legal obligations relating to asbestos;

Or. en

**Amendment 105**  
**Deirdre Clune**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. The establishment of centres for the treatment and inerting of waste containing asbestos **by providing for** the phasing out of the disposal of such waste in landfills;

*Amendment*

4. The establishment of centres for the treatment and inerting of waste containing asbestos **thus facilitating** the phasing out of the disposal of such waste in landfills;

Or. en

**Amendment 106**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. The **establishment of centres** for the treatment **and inerting of waste containing** asbestos **by providing for the phasing out of the disposal of such** waste **in landfills**;

*Amendment*

4. The **integration of an EU-wide plan in the strategy to be developed by the Commission** for the treatment **of** asbestos **waste and the safe handling, removal and substitution of this substance in** waste **streams**;

Or. en

**Amendment 107**

**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nils Torvalds, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Jan Huitema**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. The establishment of centres for the treatment and inerting of waste containing asbestos by providing for the phasing out of the disposal of such waste in landfills;

*Amendment*

4. The establishment of centres **and the promotion of research** for the treatment and inerting of waste containing asbestos by providing for the phasing out of the disposal of such waste in landfills;

**Amendment 108**

**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. *The establishment of* centres for the treatment and inerting of waste containing asbestos by providing for the phasing out of the disposal of such waste in landfills;

*Amendment*

4. *Aid and encouragement to establish* centres for the treatment and inerting of waste containing asbestos by providing for the phasing out of the disposal of such waste in landfills;

Or. fr

**Amendment 109**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. The establishment of centres for the treatment and inerting of waste containing asbestos by providing for the phasing out of the disposal of such waste in landfills and other harmful practices such as its disposal in waterbodies;*

Or. en

**Amendment 110**

**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b. The development of a strategic plan for the EU to increase its activity and influence on global level with regard to the fight against dumping of asbestos in developing countries;**

Or. en

**Amendment 111**  
**Manuel Bompard**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites **and the provision of detailed information on landfills containing asbestos waste in order to prevent the uncontrolled release of asbestos fibres into the air, the accidental displacement of soils in which these materials are buried and the associated public health risks;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 112**  
**Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nicolae Ștefănuță**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

5. The establishment of a European

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framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, **together with a mapping of** the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, **based on asbestos certificates delivered after the screening of buildings to map** the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

Or. en

**Amendment 113**  
**Deirdre Clune**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

*Amendment*

5. The establishment of a European framework **for national asbestos removal strategies, including a legislative proposal** for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

Or. en

**Amendment 114**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

*Amendment*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers **and minimum standards relating to their implementation**, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

Or. en

**Amendment 115**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. ***The establishment of*** a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

*Amendment*

5. ***Encouragement for the Member States to establish*** a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;

Or. fr

**Amendment 116**  
**Alexandr Vondra**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, ***together with a mapping of the exact location of asbestos on public and private sites;***

*Amendment*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, ***which could start at the local level for public buildings and public infrastructure;***

Or. en

**Amendment 117**  
**Christian Doleschal**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping

*Amendment*

5. The establishment of a European framework for public and accessible asbestos registers, together with a mapping

of the exact location of asbestos on public *and private* sites;

of the exact location of asbestos on public sites;

Or. de

## Amendment 118

Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 6

*Draft opinion*

6. *A roadmap for asbestos-free workplaces and an asbestos-free environment, which could establish priority sectors and be subject to periodic evaluation every five years of the progress made by the national and regional authorities;*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

## Amendment 119

Alexandr Vondra

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 6

*Draft opinion*

6. A roadmap for *asbestos-free workplaces and an asbestos-free environment*, which could establish *priority sectors and be subject to periodic evaluation every five years of the progress made by the national and regional authorities;*

*Amendment*

6. A roadmap for *reviewing the effectiveness of all existing legal requirements*, which *acknowledges, as part of this evaluation, that as long as asbestos and asbestos-containing materials are in good condition or encapsulated and not likely to be disturbed, then for safety reasons it is better to leave them in place and manage any resulting risks. Recalls that if asbestos is in poor condition and is likely to be disturbed, then removal could be required, but this should be based on an assessment of the risk on a case-by-case basis;*

### Amendment 120

Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, Martin Hojsík, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Nicolae Ștefănuță, Jan Huitema

#### Draft opinion Paragraph 6

##### *Draft opinion*

6. A roadmap for asbestos-free workplaces and an asbestos-free environment, which could establish priority sectors and be subject to periodic evaluation every five years of the progress made by the national and regional authorities;

##### *Amendment*

6. A roadmap for asbestos-free workplaces and an asbestos-free environment, which could establish priority sectors, ***comprise support for safe removal***, and be subject to periodic evaluation every five years of the progress made by the national and regional authorities;

Or. en

### Amendment 121

Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová  
on behalf of the S&D Group

#### Draft opinion Paragraph 7

##### *Draft opinion*

7. The ***active involvement of the social partners and other stakeholders, such as asbestos victims' groups***.

##### *Amendment*

7. The ***measurement and access to information with regard to background concentration levels of asbestos in the atmosphere all over the EU and the introduction of exposure limit values for living spaces***.

Or. en

### Amendment 122 Manuel Bompard

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

*Draft opinion*

7. The active involvement of the social partners and other stakeholders, such as asbestos victims' groups.

*Amendment*

7. The active involvement of the social partners and other stakeholders, such as asbestos victims' groups, ***in the drafting, implementation and assessment of a roadmap for asbestos-free workplaces and an asbestos-free environment.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 123**  
**Joëlle Mélin, Stefania Zambelli**

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

*Draft opinion*

7. The active involvement of the social partners and other stakeholders, such as asbestos victims' groups.

*Amendment*

7. The active involvement of the social partners and other stakeholders, such as asbestos victims' groups, ***representatives of national health services and representatives of operators.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 124**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. The identification of funding instruments including both EU and national funds for the implementation of the Strategy to be adopted by the***

*Commission.*

Or. en

**Amendment 125**  
**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7a. *The need to include asbestos-related diseases as a key issue in preventive public health.***

Or. en

**Amendment 126**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**7b. *To support research into the risks related to environmental asbestos exposure pathways.***

Or. en

**Amendment 127**  
**Cyrus Engerer, Biljana Borzan, Sara Cerdas, Rovana Plumb, Sándor Rónai, Nicolás González Casares, Petar Vitanov, César Luena, Estrella Durá Ferrandis, Javi López, Milan Brglez, Monika Beňová**  
on behalf of the S&D Group

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7c. The active involvement of the social partners and other stakeholders, such as asbestos victims' groups, tenants and environmental organizations.***

Or. en