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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 32**

**Draft opinion**

**Joe Higgins**

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on the EU Policy Coherence for Development and the 'Official Development Assistance plus concept' (ODA +)  
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**Amendment 1**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

**1. Stresses that the Commission's strategy paper entitled 'Global Europe: Competing in the world' is by no means a contribution towards Policy Coherence for Development, but instead underlines the predatory nature of the trade promoted by the EU in the interests of EU-based multinationals;**

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

1. Stresses that the Commission's strategy paper entitled 'Global Europe: Competing in the world' **is by no means a** contribution towards Policy Coherence for Development, but instead **underlines the predatory nature of the trade promoted by the EU in the interests of EU-based multinationals;**

*Amendment*

1. Stresses that the Commission's strategy paper entitled 'Global Europe: Competing in the world' **has not been the best** contribution towards Policy Coherence for Development, but instead **has sought to raise the competitiveness of EU companies by gradually opening up markets in developing countries; notes that the strategy has failed to be consistent with development objectives; urges the Commission therefore to reform its external policy in this regard, to ensure that trade becomes a tool for development and sustainable development worldwide;**

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Emphasises the importance of coherence between trade and development policies for better development and tangible implementation, and welcomes in this respect the EU 2009 Report on Policy Coherence for Development (COM(2009)0461) and the balanced approach taken by DG Trade in implementing trade agreements that not only promote the strategic economic interests of the EU but also underline the need for good governance and the implementation of fundamental European values;***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Marielle De Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Reiterates the need for coherence between trade policy and other (environmental and social) policies, notably in regard to trade agreements containing incentives for the production of biofuels in developing countries;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 5**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2. Stresses that the neo-liberal agenda of trade liberalisation, implemented forcefully by all major economic powers over the past 20-25 years, has led to an ever greater gap opening up between rich and poor globally;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Stresses that the European Union is by far the biggest aid donor in the world (EU aid rose to €49 billion in 2008, representing 0.40% of GNI), and that aid volumes are expected to increase to €69 billion in 2010 to meet the collective promise of 0.56% of EU GNI made at the G8 Gleneagles Summit in 2005; points out that this would release an additional €20 billion for development objectives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Marielle De Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2a. Reiterates the importance of coherence between trade and development policies and stresses that the implementation of trade agreements should serve as an opportunity for the European Commission to promote good governance and the application of fundamental European values;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 8  
Marielle De Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2b. Stresses that systematic consultation of labour organisations and trade unions on the implementation of social and environmental standards in non-EU countries, notably before the conclusion of EPAs or the granting of GSP +, would ensure a better coherence in trade policies benefiting sustainable development in developing countries;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 9  
Marielle De Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2c. Points out that impact studies must be carried out before and during the***

*implementation of trade agreements with developing countries in order to ensure coherence with their specific sustainable development needs and their agriculture needs in particular;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 10**  
**Marielle De Sarnez**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*2d. Calls on the Commission to ensure that trade policy with developing countries is first and foremost a tool for sustainable development guaranteeing food sovereignty and easy access to generic medicines, in particular, for these countries;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3. Recognises that according to the Commission's Aid for Trade (AfT) monitoring report 2009 (COM(2009)160 final, p. 30), the EU's AfT commitments to the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States fell from €2975 million in 2005 to €2097 million in 2007, that the ACP's share of the EU's overall AfT commitments fell from 50% to 36% over the same period, and that this is not*

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*consistent with prior promises to prioritise poverty eradication and development;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Welcomes, in this connection, all the existing initiatives in the area of trade with developing countries at EU and WTO levels, in particular the Everything But Arms (EBA) initiative, GSP and GSP+ , the asymmetry and transitional periods in all existing European Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and the Aid-for-Trade Work Programme 2010-2011, and calls for the revision of the last of these, with a view to giving it greater leverage to foster sustainable growth;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Yannick Jadot**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3a. Considers the recent EU decision to re-establish export subsidies for milk powder and other dairy products a blatant violation of the core principles of policy coherence for development, and calls on the Council and Commission to revoke that decision immediately;*

**Amendment 14**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*4. Notes that there has been mass opposition by the trade union movement and civil society, for example in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya and Senegal, to the introduction of EPAs and stresses that trade should be conducted in the interests of working people and the poor masses in Europe and around the world;*

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 15**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*4a. Stresses the need to take relevant aspects of Policy Coherence for Development into account in bilateral and regional trade agreements and multilateral trade agreements firmly anchored in the rules-based WTO system, and in this connection urges the Commission and the Member States to actively engage with all other relevant WTO partners that can contribute to bringing about a balanced, ambitious and development-oriented outcome to the Doha Round in the very near future;*

*Amendment*

**Amendment 16**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Recalls the adoption, in October 2007, of the EU Strategy on Aid for Trade, with a commitment to increase the collective EU trade-related assistance to €2 billion annually by 2010 (€1 billion from the Community and €1 billion from the Member States);***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5. Underlines the fact that the so-called 'Singapore issues', such as liberalisation of services, investment and government procurement, the introduction of competition rules and stronger enforcement of intellectual property rights, do not serve the aim of achieving the eight Millennium Development Goals;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

5. Underlines the fact that the so-called 'Singapore issues', such as liberalisation of services, investment and government procurement, the introduction of competition rules and stronger enforcement of intellectual property rights, do not serve the aim of achieving the eight Millennium Development Goals;

*Amendment*

5. Underlines the fact that the so-called 'Singapore issues', such as liberalisation of services, investment and government procurement, the introduction of competition rules and stronger enforcement of intellectual property rights, do not serve the aim of achieving the eight Millennium Development Goals; ***underlines that the Singapore issues were removed from the Doha Round negotiations because of developing countries' opposition;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls on the developing countries, especially those that benefit most from EU aid, to ensure good governance in all public matters, and especially in the management of aid received, and urges the Commission to take all necessary steps to ensure transparent and efficient aid implementation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**David Martin**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Welcomes the safeguard clause on food security drafted into the Economic Partnership Agreements, and encourages the Commission to ensure its effective implementation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7. Deplores the TRIPS+ provisions included in the CARIFORUM-EC Economic Partnership Agreement, and in the agreement that is being finalised with the countries of the Andean Community, provisions which create barriers to access to essential medicines.***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Jan Zahradil**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Calls on the Commission, in order to ensure that DG Trade has a coherent mandate for trade negotiations, to take due account of Parliament's preconditions for giving its consent to the conclusion of trade agreements.***

**Amendment 23**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7a. Welcomes the Commission's recent comments to the effect that it will look again at Regulation (EC) No 1383/2003, which has had unintended consequences for the transit through the EU of generic medicines which were ultimately destined for developing countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7b. Believes that initiatives such as the Unitaid patent pool for HIV/Aids medicines can help bring coherence to the EU's health and intellectual property policies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7c. Welcomes the Commission's support for proposals to help indigenous communities to exploit and benefit from their traditional knowledge and genetic resources;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26  
David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7d. Welcomes the Commission's comments to the effect that the EU could lower tariffs on environment-friendly goods with like-minded countries in the event that an agreement cannot be found within the WTO;***

Or. en

**Amendment 27  
David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7e. Supports the Commission in facilitating the transfer of technology to developing countries, specifically low-carbon and climate-resilient technology which is essential for climate change adaptation;***

Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7f. Recognises the important role that the EU's GSP+ system can play in encouraging good governance and sustainable development within developing countries, and encourages the Commission to ensure that this tool is effective and that ILO and UN conventions are properly implemented on the ground;***

Or. en

**Amendment 29**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7g. Suggests to the Commission that a Trade and Sustainable Development Forum under each bilateral trade agreement could be a useful method of gaining input from workers' organisations and trade unions on the implementation of social, labour and environmental standards in third countries;***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7h. Acknowledges the economic importance of remittances to developing countries, but stresses the need to address the issue of 'brain drain' in the implementation of bilateral trade agreements, in particular within the health sector;***

Or. en

**Amendment 31**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7i. Highlights the work done by many civil society organisations on tax evasion by EU multinationals in developing countries, such as the recent report by the British NGO Christian Aid, and asks the Commission to take their recommendations into account in future negotiations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**David Martin**

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

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***7j. Supports the Commission's proposal to make the Sustainability Impact Assessment process more effective, and recommends a more inclusive approach as well as earlier publication of each stage of the Assessment, which could ensure that results are better taken into account during the negotiations.***

Or. en