

**Amendment 3****Luke Ming Flanagan**

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

**Report****A9-0160/2020****Jürgen Warborn**Implementation of the common commercial policy – annual report 2018  
(2019/2197(INI))**Motion for a resolution****Recital G***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

G. whereas *recent Eurobarometer figures show that around 60 % of EU citizens believe that they benefit from international trade*; whereas part of public opinion is highly informed about trade policy and trade agreements; *whereas half of those surveyed suggest* that the priorities of EU trade policy should be to create jobs in the EU and to defend environmental and health standards; whereas the Commission and the Member States must continue to develop a proper communication strategy on trade policy and trade agreements, which aims to *tackle fake news on trade and to transmit as much information as possible, while targeting specific stakeholders and raising economic operators' awareness about trade agreements*;

G. whereas *there is increasing demand from EU citizens to adjust the EU to the new challenges that our societies are facing*; whereas *a significant* part of public opinion is highly informed about trade policy and trade agreements *and considers* that the priorities of EU trade policy should be to create jobs in the EU and to defend environmental and health standards; whereas the Commission and the Member States must continue to develop a proper communication strategy on trade policy and trade agreements, which aims to *provide comprehensive, credible and neutral information to the public*;

Or. en

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#### **Amendment 4**

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#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital J**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas the COVID-19 outbreak has caused a multifaceted crisis with long-term consequences and *has* exposed the lack of resilience of the global value chains for certain key products, including medical equipment and devices; whereas the crisis has shown the need for more robust and resilient production chains, as well as the need to invest in strategic areas to increase the resilience of EU supply chains; whereas science-based reports point to growing risks of worldwide outbreaks of pandemics and of climate change-related phenomena impacting international relations; whereas G20 trade ministers have *committed to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on international trade and investment by continuing to work together to deliver a free, fair, non discriminatory, transparent, predictable and stable trade and investment environment, and by keeping our markets open* to ensure the continued flow across borders of vital medical supplies and equipment, critical agricultural products, and other essential goods and services;

##### *Amendment*

J. whereas the COVID-19 outbreak has *exposed the vulnerability of the EU economy and the dependence of its supply chains on third countries due to years of dogmatic trade liberalisation*, caused a multifaceted crisis with long-term consequences and exposed the lack of resilience of the global value chains for certain key products, including medical equipment and devices; whereas the crisis has shown the need for more robust and resilient production chains, as well as the need to invest in strategic areas to increase the resilience of EU supply chains; whereas science-based reports point to growing risks of worldwide outbreaks of pandemics and of climate change-related phenomena impacting international relations; whereas G20 trade ministers have *failed to properly address the roots of the crises by engaging in a reform of production chains in order to ensure economic diversification and resilience, as well as* the continued flow across borders of vital medical supplies and equipment, critical agricultural products, and other essential goods and services;

Or. en

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## Amendment 5

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## Motion for a resolution

### Paragraph 1

#### *Motion for a resolution*

1. *Notes* that significant aspects of the global context have been shifting and have proven to be unpredictable, with tensions occurring in the last two years; reiterates its support for an open, free, rules-based, predictable and fair multilateral trading system that needs to be safeguarded and ***promoted; points out that despite the difficult global economic climate, the EU recorded a surplus of EUR 84.6 billion (in 2018) in trade in goods with its trade agreement partners, compared to its overall trade deficit with the rest of the world of about EUR 24.6 billion; recalls that over 36 million jobs are being supported by exports to outside the EU;***

#### *Amendment*

1. ***Expresses concern*** that significant aspects of the global context have been shifting and have proven to be unpredictable, with tensions occurring in the last two years, ***and at the vulnerability of the EU economy and the dependence of its supply chains for essential products on third countries due to years of liberalisation;*** reiterates its support for an open, free, rules-based, predictable and fair multilateral trading system that needs to be safeguarded ***but reformed to be more transparent, democratic and respectful of the hierarchy of norms of international law; considers that a deep reorientation of the common commercial policy is needed to ensure the creation of quality jobs, the reinforcement of public services, the protection of strategic and vulnerable sectors of the economy and the diversification of economic activities, with the aim of tackling major challenges such as pandemics, climate change and poverty;***

Or. en

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#### Paragraph 3

#### *Motion for a resolution*

3. Insists that the EU trade strategy must ***continue to promote the Union's interests and values when contending with*** new challenges worldwide, increase the ***competitiveness*** of EU industry, and ***generate economic growth in*** line with the European Green Deal objectives; considers, therefore, that an ambitious multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral agenda, the conclusion of trade agreements that are fair and fruitful for both parties, ensuring a strict reciprocity and respecting Europe's high norms and standards in sensitive sectors, human rights and their effective protection, the elimination of unjustified trade barriers, and the use of trade defence tools where necessary constitute the best way to make the EU more competitive in a globalised world;

#### *Amendment*

3. Insists that the EU trade strategy must ***respond to*** new challenges worldwide, increase the ***resilience*** of EU industry, and ***be brought into*** line with the European Green Deal objectives; considers, therefore, that an ambitious ***international***, multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral agenda, the conclusion of trade agreements that are fair and fruitful for both parties, ensuring a strict reciprocity and respecting Europe's high norms and standards in sensitive sectors, human rights and their effective protection, the elimination of unjustified trade barriers, and the use of trade defence tools where necessary constitute the best way to make the EU more competitive in a globalised world;

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**Paragraph 5**

*Motion for a resolution*

5 Stresses the need to enhance exchange of information between the Member States; calls for further exchange of good practices, between Member States and between Member States and the Commission, with a view to achieving synergies and improving outcomes; in this regard, also stresses the need to improve assessment strategies on agreements, and considers that the Commission should ensure a better impact assessment for each trade agreement, to be carried out in due time and conducted by independent bodies;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

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**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Stresses that the Commission and the Member States must *work on a better communication strategy with regard to the benefits of EU trade policy and awareness-raising in order to effectively engage with society and stakeholders; recalls that roadmaps provide the opportunity for the Commission to communicate and explain the reasons behind a particular initiative and its objectives, as well as to* engage with society and stakeholders and receive feedback; considers that the Commission should ensure the full transparency of roadmaps and other consultation activities in order to maximise their impact and guarantee the involvement of stakeholders;

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7. Stresses that the Commission and the Member States must better engage with society and stakeholders and receive feedback; considers that the Commission should ensure the full transparency of roadmaps and other consultation activities in order to maximise their impact and guarantee the involvement of stakeholders;

Or. en

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**Amendment 9**

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**Paragraph 11**

*Motion for a resolution*

11. Laments the economic losses due to the disruption of international trade and global value chains as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have a particularly severe impact on developing countries; calls on the Commission to ensure that its trade provisions with developing countries support access to medicines and medical equipment;

*Amendment*

11. Laments the economic losses due to the disruption of international trade and global value chains as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have a particularly severe impact on developing countries; calls on the Commission to ensure that its trade provisions with developing countries support access to medicines and medical equipment, ***and ensure their food security;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 10**  
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**Paragraph 13**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

13. Stresses that this is a critical moment for promoting open, fair, balanced, sustainable, and values-based multilateralism and fostering the global trading system; deeply regrets the impasse of the WTO, which requires active steps and commitments from all WTO members; reiterates its commitment to defend the rules-based multilateral trading system;

13. Stresses that this is a critical moment for promoting open, fair, balanced, sustainable, and values-based multilateralism and fostering the global trading system; deeply regrets the impasse of the WTO, which requires active steps and commitments from all WTO members; reiterates its commitment to defend the rules-based multilateral trading system ***and international law***;

Or. en



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**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. *Welcomes the progress made on negotiations for the Multilateral Investment Court (MIC); notes that the International Court System (ICS) is intended to be a stepping-stone towards the MIC; regrets the extremely slow progress of Member States in dismantling intra-EU bilateral investment treaties (BITs), and urges the Commission to take action where appropriate;*

*Amendment*

17. *Shares the worldwide concern regarding abusive investor-state dispute settlement systems and calls on the Commission to refrain from promoting or negotiating any form of special justice or arbitration system for corporate and foreign investors, such as ISDS, ICS, MIC or others; calls on the Commission to suspend these systems when renegotiating current FTAs, and also to find a quick way out of the scandalous Energy Charter Treaty, which is costing Member States billions of euros and making their necessary shift to energy production in line with the Green Deal and the Paris Agreement more expensive and difficult; regrets the extremely slow progress of Member States in dismantling intra-EU bilateral investment treaties (BITs), and urges the Commission to take action where appropriate;*

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**Paragraph 20**

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20. Recalls that the EU should continue to work with the US as a partner with whom it has to find solutions to trade issues of common interest and also to threats and to trade frictions, including the extraterritorial application of laws adopted by the US which are contrary to international law; stresses that the EU should continue to engage in efforts to restore mutual trust and close trade relations while ensuring that European standards are respected; is of the view that *a limited* trade agreement with the US *could be considered as an important stepping-stone*;

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Or. en