Amendment 13 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

A9-0160/2020

Jörgen Warborn

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Regrets that the current administration *is* considering withdrawing from the General Procurement Agreement; *urges the* administration *to remain a party to that agreement;*

Amendment

22. Deeply regrets that the current administration has not signed the Paris agreement, has withdrawn from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and from the Vienna agreement on the Iranian nuclear programme, and is now considering withdrawing from the General Procurement Agreement; hopes that the next administration will reconsider those political options, which are very damaging for the American people and for the world;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Welcomes the entry into force of the EU-Japan FTA of 1 February 2019, and notes that, according to the first elements given after one year of implementation¹³, EU exports to Japan went up by 6.6 % compared to the same period the year before;

¹³null

Amendment

32. Takes note of the entry into force of the EU-Japan FTA of 1 February 2019 and the beginning of its implementation, and calls on the Commission to renegotiate it in order to adapt it to the new challenges that the EU and the rest of the world are facing;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 33

Motion for a resolution

33. *Welcomes* the entry into force of the EU-Singapore trade agreement of 21 November 2019; welcomes the progress towards implementation of the EU-Vietnam agreement and calls for continued speedy progress, notably in the establishment of joint institutions and the ratification of outstanding core ILO conventions and commitments on human rights issues, urging the Commission to ensure their concrete enforcement in liaison with the EEAS; calls on the Member States to proceed with ratification of the EU-Vietnam **Investment Protection Agreement** (EVIPA) so that it can, together with the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA), enter into force as soon as possible; notes that in 2018 the EU exported around EUR 13.8 billion worth of goods to Vietnam, and points out that the rules-based free trade agreements (FTAs) and investment protection agreements (IPAs) will ensure predictability and rule of law for investors, as well as positively increasing exports in both ways and creating stability and trust for SMEs; views these agreements as a step towards concluding an FTA with the entire Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region;

Amendment

33. **Takes note of** the entry into force of the EU-Singapore trade agreement of 21 November 2019 **and the** implementation of the EU-Vietnam agreement and calls for **its revision in order to bring it into line** with **new challenges such as climate change and pandemics**;

Amendment 16 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Highlights the importance of strengthening mutually beneficial trade and political relations with Latin America: recalls that the European Union and Latin America maintain close cooperation based on their historical, cultural and economic ties, with the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region representing the EU's fifth largest trade partner; believes that the EU's presence in the region is fundamental in terms of enhancing cooperation based on shared values, as well as being a vector for pursuing the EU's external action policy, notably in terms of strengthening the multilateral rules-based trade system; invites the Commission to clarify its intention concerning future trade and association agreements on the issue of the split of the text;

Amendment

35. Highlights the importance of strengthening mutually beneficial trade and political relations with Latin America: recalls that the European Union and Latin America maintain close cooperation based on their historical, cultural and economic ties, with the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region representing the EU's fifth largest trade partner; believes that the EU's presence in the region is fundamental in terms of enhancing cooperation based on shared values, as well as being a vector for pursuing the EU's external action policy, notably in terms of strengthening the multilateral rules-based trade system; considers that it would be very undemocratic to proceed with the intention of excluding national parliaments from the process of ratifying association agreements in their entirety, considering the huge impact that they have on the daily lives of their citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 17 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36

Motion for a resolution

36. Stresses the importance of the recently concluded *modernisation* of the EU-Mexico association agreement and the conclusion of the Mercosur association agreement, which both have the potential to deepen our strategic partnership with Latin America, to create additional opportunities in our trade relations with those countries, and to help diversify supply chains for the European economy; considers that the association agreement between the EU and Mercosur represents the largest 'bloc to bloc' deal of its kind and has the potential to create a mutually beneficial open market area encompassing approximately 800 million citizens; points out that this agreement, like all EU trade agreements, must ensure fair competition and guarantee that European production standards and methods are upheld; points out that the agreement contains a binding chapter on sustainable development that must be applied, implemented and fully assessed, as well as specific commitments on labour rights and environmental protection, including the implementation of the Paris climate agreement and the relevant implementing rules;

Amendment

36. **Takes note** of the recently concluded *initialling* of the EU-Mexico association agreement and the EU-*Mercosur* association agreement; points out that these agreements contain chapters on sustainable development but no mechanism to make them enforceable, and asks the Council to refrain from signing them; calls on the Commission to renegotiate EU trade policy entirely in order to ensure full compliance with the Paris agreement and ILO standards and to acknowledge, in the light of the deficiencies observed during the pandemic, the urgent need for the EU to recover independent capacities of production in all strategic sectors;

Or. en

Amendment 18 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Is convinced that the modernisation of the association agreement with Chile will serve to further boost the EU's presence in the wider region and help promote an international trade agenda based on sustainable development, stronger protection for environmental and labour standards and respect for human rights; calls on the Commission to ensure that the ongoing negotiations deliver on these principles and that an agreement can be reached in a timely manner;

Amendment

37. *Considers* that the modernisation of the association agreement with Chile *should be aligned with the* international trade agenda based on sustainable development, stronger protection for environmental and labour standards and respect for human rights; calls on the Commission to ensure that the ongoing negotiations deliver on these principles;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Shares the deep concerns the parliaments of several Member States have regarding the EU-Mercosur agreement, given the danger it represents for the Amazonian region, for indigenous communities, for small- and mediumscale farmers from both regions, for industrial jobs in Argentina and Brazil, for food security in the EU due to the massive use of pesticides whose use is forbidden in the EU – although the EUchemical industry is exporting many of them - and for democracy, considering the breach of the rule of law and the repression of minorities in Brazil and Paraguay;

Or. en

Amendment 20 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Implementation of the common commercial policy – annual report 2018 (2019/2197(INI))

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Calls for an ambitious agenda to be pursued when it comes to negotiating FTAs, in particular with Australia and New Zealand, Tunisia, Morocco and Indonesia and in line with the Green Deal, bearing in mind the sensitive nature of certain agricultural products such as beef, sheepmeat, dairy products and fruit; reiterates its call for the swift opening of investment negotiations with Taiwan, and invites the Commission to open a scoping exercise;

Amendment

38. Calls for the immediate freezing of negotiations on any new FTAs, namely with Australia and New Zealand, Tunisia, Morocco and Indonesia, until a new trade policy has been established which is in line with the Green Deal, due to the sensitive nature of certain agricultural products such as beef, sheepmeat, dairy products and fruit;

Or. en

Amendment 21 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 43

Motion for a resolution

43. Recalls the positive developments concerning the EU-Canada trade agreement (CETA); notes that during its first full calendar year of implementation, bilateral trade in goods, including agrifood products, grew by 10.3 %, compared to the average of the previous three years; recalls that the EU's trade surplus with Canada rose by 60 % and created additional opportunities for our exporters; also recalls that since the provisional entry into force of the agreement the two parties have created a solid partnership by accompanying the original text with important recommendations on trade, climate action and the Paris agreement, trade and gender, and SMEs, and considers this to be proof of the dynamic of a trade agreement in its implementation; invites the Commission to transmit to Parliament more recent data relating to exports by EU SMEs and the overall sustainability of the agreement; recalls the importance of strengthening implementation and followup of the TSD chapter;

Amendment

43. Expresses its deep concern over Canada's violation of the EU-Canada trade agreement (CETA), as pointed out by Commission food security experts in 2014 and more recently in 2020, in particular with regard to the traceability of beef meat from Canada, the lack of cooperation from the Canadian authorities which makes it impossible for the EU to verify that no growth hormones are used, and the *tolerance* of the *responsible bodies of* the EU border and health authorities regarding violations of food security; stresses that this agreement must be renegotiated in order to make it compatible with the Green Deal and with the precautionary principle and to make the TSD chapter enforceable;

Or. en

Amendment 22 Luke Ming Flanagan on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Highlights the importance of involving the national parliaments, civil society and the private sector of all parties in trade negotiations in particular; calls for greater participation and consultation of social partners and civil society in the negotiation and implementation of trade agreements, notably within the remit of domestic advisory groups, whose monitoring role could be extended to all parts of trade agreements, and not limited solely to TSD chapters;

Amendment

Highlights the importance of 48. involving the national parliaments, civil society and the private sector of all parties in trade negotiations in particular; calls for greater participation and consultation of social partners and civil society in the negotiation and implementation of trade agreements, notably within the remit of domestic advisory groups, whose monitoring role could be extended to all parts of trade agreements, and not limited solely to TSD chapters; calls on the Commission to establish a clear and independent procedure to deal with claims, such as the one that was tabled by the Peruvian civil society organisations;

Or. en