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Amendment 23

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on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Report

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Jürgen Warborn

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

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48a. Considering the gross violation of human rights by security forces in Colombia, calls on the Commission to apply the democratic and human rights clauses of such agreements since they are essential elements of them; points out that this suspension can be partial and focused on those economic sectors that are benefiting from the assassination and displacement of the population, such as oil palm and banana production; calls on national parliaments that have not ratified this agreement to refrain from doing so until such time as an efficient mechanism is put in place that is able to guarantee compliance with the road map and with the essential elements of the agreement;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

49. Recalls its position expressed in its previous report on the implementation of the common commercial policy; underlines that the 15-point action plan of 27 February 2018 set out by the Commission's services represents a good basis for reflection in order to improve TSD chapter implementation; points out that the new-generation agreements include human rights *clauses and* sustainable development chapters, to be implemented comprehensively and in their entirety in order to safeguard and promote the observance of human rights, the Union's values and high labour, social and environmental standards; notes the evaluation of the sustainable development chapters included in the Commission report on implementation of FTAs, and calls for a timely implementation of existing TSD provisions; asks the Commission to develop a precise and specific methodology for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of these chapters, given that such an evaluation cannot be made on the basis of quantitative data only; calls on the Commission to present proposals on how to strengthen the enforcement of the sustainable development chapter in trade agreements;

Amendment

49. Recalls its position expressed in its previous report on the implementation of the common commercial policy; underlines that the 15-point action plan of 27 February 2018 set out by the Commission's services represents a good basis for reflection in order to improve TSD chapter implementation; points out that the new-generation agreements include *the reference to democracy and human rights as essential elements of the agreements, as with the previous ones, but also include* sustainable development chapters, to be implemented comprehensively and in their entirety in order to safeguard and promote the observance of human rights, the Union's values and high labour, social and environmental standards; notes the evaluation of the sustainable development chapters included in the Commission report on implementation of FTAs, and calls for a timely implementation of existing TSD provisions; asks the Commission to develop a precise and specific methodology for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of these *essential elements and those TSD* chapters, given that such an evaluation cannot be made on the basis of quantitative data only; calls on the Commission to present proposals on how to strengthen the enforcement of *the human rights and*

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democracy clauses and the sustainable
development chapter in trade agreements;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 56

Motion for a resolution

56. Believes that TSD chapters in trade agreements should be one of the drivers of the external dimension of the European Green Deal; underlines that **any** new carbon adjustment mechanism **should be compatible with WTO rules as well as EU FTAs; stresses that EU companies should not be put at a competitive disadvantage;**

Amendment

56. Believes that TSD chapters in trade agreements should be one of the drivers of the external dimension of the European Green Deal; underlines that **the EU must act at WTO level to guarantee that no WTO rule will oppose the** new carbon adjustment mechanism **nor any measures that are necessary to tackle climate change;**

Or. en

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Amendment 26

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. ***Welcomes the announcement by the Commission of the appointment early in 2020 of a Chief Trade Enforcement Officer (CTEO) to monitor and improve compliance with the EU's trade agreements; notes that rules under EU trade agreements should be properly enforced in order to ensure their effectiveness and address market distortions; underlines the need for this newly created post to focus on*** implementation and enforcement of our trade agreements, as well as ***on*** breaches of market access and trade and sustainable development commitments; is of the opinion that the CTEO should not only monitor and enforce environmental and labour protection obligations under the EU trade agreements with third countries, but also focus on implementation of all chapters of trade agreements in order to guarantee that these are used to their full potential; calls on the Commission to further clarify this role;

Amendment

63. ***Takes note*** of the appointment of ***the new*** Chief Trade Enforcement Officer (CTEO) to monitor and improve ***the*** implementation and enforcement of our trade agreements, as well as ***to examine*** breaches of market access and trade and sustainable development commitments; is of the opinion that the CTEO should not only monitor and enforce environmental, ***human rights*** and labour protection obligations under the EU trade agreements with third countries, but also focus on implementation of all chapters of trade agreements in order to guarantee that these are used to their full potential; calls on the Commission to further clarify this role;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 64

Motion for a resolution

64. Calls on the Council to ensure a rapid and swift agreement on the International Procurement Instrument, in order to provide legal security, reciprocity and a level playing field for EU operators; calls for the inclusion of a global catalogue of essential emergency healthcare products, to avoid future abuses by third-country providers in international trade during a global pandemic; notes that the Union's public procurement markets are the most open in the world and that certain third countries have *very* limited access to such markets; stresses the importance of promoting reciprocity and mutual benefit in the area of access to markets and public procurement, to the benefit of EU companies;

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Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 69

Motion for a resolution

69. Is concerned at the continuous expansion of arbitration mechanisms between investors and states through investment agreements; recalls that such parallel judicial systems are designed to favour corporate interests and rights but not companies' duties and responsibilities, and can put states' policy space and legitimate right to regulate at risk; denounces the fact that law firms have begun promoting advice on how foreign investors could bring suits in arbitration as a result of COVID-related government measures; calls for a moratorium on all arbitration claims related to measures targeting health, economic, and social dimensions of the pandemic and its effects;

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Or. en