Amendment 69 Mick Wallace on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 94

Motion for a resolution

94. Welcomes the adoption in March 2020 of the law on farmland turnover, which should contribute to the unlocking of Ukraine's huge potential in the agricultural sector, as well as the adoption in May 2020 of the law on the improvement of certain instruments of banking activity regulation, which reinforces the banking system and prevents PrivatBank from being returned to its former owners;

#### Amendment

94. **Deplores** the adoption in March 2020 of the law on farmland turnover, which will ensure further privatisation and monopolisation of Ukrainian land and Ukraine's agricultural sector in the hands of land bankers such as HCH Capital who have already amassed a land bank of 700 000 hectares in Russia and Ukraine;

Or. en

Amendment 70 Malin Björk, Nikolaj Villumsen, Silvia Modig on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 96

Motion for a resolution

96. Calls on *Ukraine to adhere to the future rulings of the Arbitration Panel regarding* the moratorium on unprocessed wood exports, while enforcing mandatory due diligence throughout the entire value chain of forestry commodities and improving governance in the forestry sector;

#### Amendment

96. Calls on the Commission to respect Ukraine's efforts to preserve national forests, and to maintain the moratorium on unprocessed wood exports, while enforcing mandatory due diligence throughout the entire value chain of forestry commodities and improving governance in the forestry sector;

Or en

Amendment 71 Emmanuel Maurel on behalf of The Left Group

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EU Association Agreement with Ukraine (2019/2202(INI))

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 102 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

#### Amendment

102a. Calls on the Association Council to prioritise the implementation of international labour standards and EU legislation and practices in the areas of social policy, employment and labour, collective bargaining regulation, social dialogue, gender inequality and labour legislation reform to ensure that the social partners' interests are balanced and employees' rights are protected in compliance with the provisions of the Association Agreement (Articles 419-421 and 424) and ILO Conventions 81, 87, 98, 117, 122, 129, 144, 154 and 173;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 102 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

#### Amendment

102b. Calls on the Commission to ensure that trade unions, as well as civil society in all its diversity, are involved in the monitoring of the implementation of the Association Agreement; calls on the Government of Ukraine and the Commission to support not only those NGOs with a pro-European approach, but also those which investigate violations of the DCFTA, in particular in the social sphere;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Emmanuel Maurel
on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 102 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

#### Amendment

102c. Notes that the Ukrainian labour market faces serious challenges since labour migration flows to EU countries are constantly increasing; underlines that it is absolutely essential for there to be a governmental approach to developing a labour environment that provides decent working conditions for employees of Ukrainian enterprises, including health and safety at work, legally declared jobs with state social security coverage, salaries paid on time and in full, the right to union membership and representation of interests, and meaningful collective bargaining towards binding collective agreements;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Mick Wallace
on behalf of The Left Group

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## Motion for a resolution Paragraph 110

Motion for a resolution

Requests that the Commission screen Ukraine's compliance with European Union *acquis* in the energy sphere with a view to the further integration of energy markets; fully supports Ukraine's integration with the European continental power grid (ENTSO-E); urges Ukraine to improve the coordination of policies and actions of the international (e.g. the Commission, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank, the World Bank, the KfW, ENTSO-E and the Energy Community) and the Ukrainian institutions supporting the Ukrainian energy sector;

#### Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 75
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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 126

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

126. Supports enhanced EU-Ukraine cooperation, in particular on border management, national asylum and identity management systems based on biometric means, countering money laundering and the financing of terrorism, combating organised crime and serious international crimes, and deepening cooperation between Ukraine and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX);

Or. en

Amendment 76
Mick Wallace
on behalf of The Left Group

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EU Association Agreement with Ukraine (2019/2202(INI))

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 127

Motion for a resolution

Notes that further progress has been made concerning the alignment of Ukrainian customs and border procedures to those of the Union, as well as the ongoing institutional reforms of the Tax and Customs Administrations; welcomes the law on the Single Legal Entity (SLE) for the State Customs Service (SCS), as well as the laws on Authorised Economic Operators (AEO), and on the introduction of the National Electronic Transit System (NCTS), that were adopted in Autumn 2019; also welcomes the adoption in July 2019 of a 'Strategy for integrated border management up to 2025' and the subsequent 2020-2022 action plan; regrets, however, the stalling of the EUfunded project for the modernisation of six checkpoints on the border with the Union and deplores the very long waiting times that are still experienced at those borders; urges the Ukrainian authorities, moreover, to adopt all the outstanding measures and regulations needed to make the AEO and NCTS systems fully operational and to ensure that the new management of the SCS is swiftly appointed from among competent candidates through a transparent and unbiased public selection procedure; urges the Ukrainian authorities to criminalise the smuggling of all goods as a crucial element of the integrated border

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Or. en

Amendment 77
Mick Wallace
on behalf of The Left Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 128

Motion for a resolution

128. Calls for the EU and the Ukrainian and Moldovan authorities to speed up the process of blocking illegal trade and shutting down contraband channels in Transnistria as a safe haven for smugglers which has been exploited by criminals and oligarchs, serves to strengthen Russian influence and has been one of the major factors protracting the conflict;

#### Amendment

128. Calls for the EU and the Ukrainian and Moldovan authorities to speed up the process of blocking illegal trade and shutting down contraband channels in Transnistria as a safe haven for smugglers which has been exploited by criminals and oligarchs;

Or. en

Amendment 78 Mick Wallace on behalf of The Left Group

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EU Association Agreement with Ukraine (2019/2202(INI))

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 135

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Calls for all EU institutions, the *135*. Member States and the Ukrainian authorities to build campaigns to better inform citizens about the opportunities stemming from the Eastern Partnership initiative and AA/DCFTA implementation, raising awareness about the benefits of closer association and linking them to the positive developments on labour markets in Ukraine and the other associated countries; encourages the Ukrainian authorities to better communicate the benefits of the AA/DCFTA and of EU assistance to the citizens of Ukraine and to put in more efforts to ensure that the opportunities offered by AA/DCFTA and EU assistance and programmes reach local level, including in the remote parts of the country, in particular rural areas, so as to enable inhabitants to push for positive changes in their communities;

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Or. en

Amendment 79
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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 136

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

*136*. Commends Ukrainian civil society, young people and NGOs for their activities in all areas of public and political life, and, in particular, for their support to the implementation of the AA/DCFTA, for addressing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, for combating disinformation campaigns, for providing assistance and relief to IDPs and other vulnerable groups and bolstering societal resilience and media literacy among the Ukrainian people; encourages the Ukrainian central and local governments to continue fostering close cooperation with civil society, including by providing increased financial support for its activities; calls on the Commission to prioritise support to these NGOs and civil society organisations; welcomes, in this regard, the 'Civil Society Facility' programme comprising EUR 20 million, which will support the strengthening of civil society organisations' capacity to participate in decision making and public life; urges the Ukrainian authorities, in the light of several draft laws on the functioning and work of civil society organisations and other associations, not to adopt any laws

which are not in line with Ukraine's domestic and international human rights

obligations, and to guarantee the

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# functioning of civil society without undue interference;

Or. en