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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on International Trade

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on the role of the EU within the UN – how to better achieve EU foreign policy goals  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on International Trade calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses the need for an ambitious sustainable development agenda on the part of the UN, and, in line with Article 21(d) TEU, is of the opinion that European trade policy needs to be coordinated and implemented in a coherent way in order to revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development;
2. Considers that trade policy is crucial in combating climate change, and therefore urges the EU to ensure that its trade policy decisions are in line with the imperative to decarbonise global production and consumption;
3. Urges the EU and its Member States to ensure the implementation of the Right to Food, as outlined in the UN resolution of 2011 on the right to food (A/66/158);
4. Shares the view expressed in UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2015 that the regulatory policy environment for investment must be reformed and that tax avoidance practices on the part of multinational enterprises must be ended in order to support domestic resource mobilisation for the SDGs<sup>1</sup>;
5. Is of the opinion that a possible permanent international court for the settlement of investment disputes should be situated within the UN system and should be based on the principles of multilateralism and of the rights and obligations of those subject to the court;
6. Calls for the systematic integration of the findings and recommendations on Gender Equality and Trade Policy of UN Women<sup>1</sup> into the revision of the EU Handbook on Sustainability Impact Assessments;
7. Is aware of the need to strengthen and implement the UNGPs<sup>2</sup>; urges the EU to contribute to a successful outcome of the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on transnational corporations and human rights<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Sustainable Development Goals.

<sup>2</sup> UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

<sup>3</sup> Full title: Intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights.