



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Council and the Commission

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on a joint statement by the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission on the new European Consensus on Development – Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future (2017/2586(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on a joint statement by the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission on the new European Consensus on Development – Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future (2017/2586(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the agreement reached by the Foreign Affairs Council (Development), the Commission and Parliament on a new European Consensus on Development – Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future,
 - having regard to the European Consensus on Development of December 2005,
 - having regard to Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and to Article 208 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
 - having regard to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, entitled ‘Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’, adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit of 25 September 2015 in New York,
 - having regard to the Global Strategy for the European Union’s Foreign and Security Policy, published in June 2016,
 - having regard to the Commission communication of 22 November 2016 entitled ‘Proposal for a new European Consensus on Development – Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future’ (COM(2016)0740),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions, including that of 22 November 2016 on increasing the effectiveness of development cooperation¹ and notably that of 14 February 2017 on the revision of the European Consensus on Development²,
 - having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Notes the Commission’s proposal to revise the 2005 European Consensus on Development in order to reflect the new global development context following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as changes in the EU’s legal and institutional structure since the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty;
 2. Acknowledges the importance of a new European Consensus on Development as a key strategic document setting out a common vision, values and principles for the EU and its Member States regarding the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in their development cooperation policies;

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2016)0437.

² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2017)0026.

3. Acknowledges the recognition by the new Consensus that the primary objective of EU development policy is the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty in line with Article 208 TFEU; believes, furthermore, that tackling inequalities, as recognised in the Sustainable Development Goals, must also be a target; reiterates that this should be done fully in line with the principles of effective development cooperation: ownership of development priorities by developing countries, focus on results, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and accountability; recalls the position adopted by Parliament on financing for development and accountability, on migration and development and on security and development;
4. Insists on the need for accountability mechanisms for the monitoring and implementation of the SDGs and the 0.7 % ODA/GNI (Official Development Assistance/Gross National Income) objectives; calls for the EU and its Member States to submit a timeline on how to gradually achieve these goals and objectives, and for progress to be reported annually to Parliament;
5. Observes that certain recent proposals can be seen as refocusing development policy under the new prism of migration management; believes that there should be no conditionality between development assistance and cooperation from beneficiary countries on migration issues and opposes any attempts to link aid with border control, the management of migratory flows or readmission agreements; underlines the need for close parliamentary scrutiny and monitoring of agreements linked to migration management and of migration-linked use of development funds;
6. Underlines the need to follow strictly the recent ODA reform on the use of development instruments for security policy by applying a clear objective of poverty eradication and the promotion of sustainable development;
7. Does not endorse the joint statement by the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission on the new European Consensus on Development – Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future, owing to its divergence from Parliament’s position on these key elements and the fact that the new Consensus would constitute a step back in comparison with the European Consensus on Development agreed in 2005;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service.