DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2018 (2019/2065(DEC))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes the Union’s focus on serious and sound financial management issues and underlines the importance of increasing the attribution of funds aiming to support good governance, democracy and the rule of law in developing countries;

2. Welcomes the fact that budget support payments financed by the EDF in 2018 amounted to 796 million euros; urges the Commission, however, to assess more clearly and define the development outcomes to be achieved through budget support in each case and, above all, to enhance control mechanisms concerning recipient States' conduct in the fields of corruption, the respect for human rights, the rule of law and democracy;

3. Considers that the design of the European Union Emergency Trust Fund (‘EUTF’) should have a clearer shape; is confident that DG DEVCO will follow the recommendations made in the Court of Auditors' Special Report 32/2018;

4. Reiterates the international organisations’ obligation to forward to the Court of Auditors, at the latter’s request, any document or information necessary to carry out its task as provided for in the TFEU; reminds the Commission to monitor the compliance of international organisations’ with that obligation in order to avoid further failures, as occurred during a recent audit of a water supply and sanitation project in Mozambique.