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AMENDMENTS

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GDP and beyond - Measuring progress in a changing world
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Amendment 1

Franziska Keller, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. Underlines that the concept of "growth", that refers to quantitative economic measures, is not to be confused with "development", that refers to qualitative criteria, that encompasses quality of life and the improvement of living conditions (quality of the environment, health, education, fair redistribution of incomes, social connections, etc.); urges accordingly the EU to refrain from a simple "growth-oriented" development policy;

Or.en

Amendment 2

Franziska Keller, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1b. Stresses that the correlation between welfare and GDP is not automatic but conditional, as GDP excludes a range of non-market activities (such as childcare, care for the elderly and the ill, etc.) that influence well-being; points out equally that if wellbeing and GDP can go hand-in-hand in developing countries, there are also cases where policies can contribute to well-being while slowing down growth, as in the case of the preservation of the forestry ecosystem; believes therefore that, in line with the objective of development policy coherence, alternative indicators to

the GDP are needed to provide a representative picture of economic conditions, social aspects and environmental conditions;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Franziska Keller, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. *Expects* that shifting attention towards broader and more sustainable indicators will lead also to more systematic focus on social and environmental factors in developing countries, including climate change, health, education and governance, and thereby enable development policies to target the most needy and disadvantaged populations;

Amendment

2. *Recalls* that ***GDP is not a good measure of welfare; expects*** that shifting attention towards broader and more sustainable indicators will lead also to more systematic focus on social and environmental factors in developing countries, including climate change, health, education and governance, and thereby enable development policies to target the most needy and disadvantaged populations; ***emphasises the need to extend National Accounts to environmental and social issues to enable this set of indicators to perform adequately;***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Anna Záborská

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Welcomes the initiative taken by the European institutions to stop limiting the way in which the wealth of nations and the wellbeing of citizens are measured;

Or. fr

Amendment 5
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Stresses, with a view to ensuring that the principle of fairness is upheld, and in the words of Article 9 of the Beijing Declaration, that the implementation of the various development cooperation policies, including through national laws and the formulation of strategies, policies, programmes and development priorities, is the sovereign responsibility of each State, in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and that taking account of, and fully respecting, the various religious and ethical values, cultural backgrounds and philosophical convictions of individuals and their communities should contribute to the full enjoyment by women of their human rights in order to achieve equality, development and peace;

Or. fr

Amendment 6
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Welcomes the sustained commitment of Churches, recognised religious communities and faith-based NGOs and their unflagging support for human progress;

Or. fr

Amendment 7
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Emphasises that any action taken in support of children's rights should respect the primordial role of the child's parents and immediate family as well as primary caretakers and guardians, and in particular the need to improve the position of mothers;

Or. fr

Amendment 8
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3d. Points out that responsibility for ensuring a nation's well-being and wealth lies with its government and Parliament, which owes its legitimacy to the democratic process, and not with civil society in its various manifestations;

Or. fr

Amendment 9
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3e. Stresses that the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness fails to take account of a series of factors which should be central to the 'beyond GDP' debate on development, as its basic premise is that

any economic growth will reduce poverty, an assumption which reinforces the limited vision of the developmentalist approach while overlooking the correlation between aid and a whole range of challenging development issues such as debt cancellation, a sustainable environment, fairer trade agreements, human development, intergenerational solidarity, etc.

Or. fr