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for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

on GDP and beyond – Measuring progress in a changing world
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Hopes that the Commission proposal to measure performance on environmental as well as purely economic indicators will be compatible and consistent with existing global initiatives, such as the UN Human Development Index;
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;
3. Intends to monitor closely any new instrument to ensure it does not lead to any reduction in development aid, notably as regards the EU's commitment to spend 0.7% of GDP on development by 2015.