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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Budgets

on the mandate for the trilogue on the 2012 draft budget  
(2011/2019(BUD))

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## SUGGESTIONS

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

### **Honouring our global commitments**

1. Points up the fact that, without additional sources of funding, the Member States will be unable to honour the commitments entered into in connection with the Millennium Development Goals; advocates establishing a European tax on financial transactions with a view to funding global public goods;
2. Points out that funds earmarked for development cooperation must target poverty alleviation; calls for all cooperation with developing countries which does not meet the OECD Development Assistance Committee's criteria to be funded through instruments other than those earmarked for development cooperation;
3. Urges that expenditure committed to mitigate the impact of climate change on developing countries come from an additional financial injection and not be the result of reclassifying funds originally allocated for development purposes;
4. Considers that the emerging economies - India, China and Brazil - should no longer be reliant on official development assistance, given that poverty in those countries can be combated with own resources generated by high-growth economies;
5. Calls on the Commission to concentrate development aid on the poorest countries and on the least favoured sections of their populations;
6. Rejects any attempt to merge the development cooperation and humanitarian aid budgets; considers that humanitarian aid and civil protection in non-EU countries are underfunded, especially in view of the growing number of humanitarian crises and natural disasters; takes the view that the ratio between the budget for humanitarian aid and the budget for development assistance should be about 10%;
7. Takes the view that, owing to the efforts of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, substantial progress has been made in combating these evils; regards the amount allocated to the Global Fund for this purpose as insufficient, however;
8. Urges that funding for mechanisms to improve access to financial services in developing countries be continued and stepped up;

### **Rebalancing the budget and complementarity**

9. Notes the growing disparity between the chronic underfunding of heading 4 (external policy) and the new political commitments entered into, particularly as regards development policy; calls, accordingly, for the ceiling for heading 4 to be raised for 2012 and 2013 and for the next funding period;

10. Urges the Council not to cut administrative-expenditure lines, since they are necessary for full and effective implementation of multiannual programmes;
11. Calls on the Commission to set up - in-house - a permanent, autonomous and high-quality strategic think tank on development policy and on how it will evolve in the future;
12. Calls on the Commission to provide Parliament with exhaustive information, in a timely manner, on utilisation of the European Development Fund;
13. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to encourage, in a spirit of complementarity, more frequent coplanning of their development programmes in countries not receiving budget support, with a view to ensuring that actions on the ground complement each other.