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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the European Court of Auditors: Special Report No. 1/2012 – Effectiveness of European Union development aid for food security in Sub-Saharan Africa (2012/2059(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 in its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses the imperative need to intensify efforts to improve food security in the face of continued hunger, malnutrition and vulnerability in many sub-Saharan African and other developing countries and the hugely insufficient progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal 1 to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger;
2. Agrees with the Court of Auditors that a greater focus on food security is necessary in the EU's development assistance;
3. Calls on the EEAS to implement the Court of Auditors' recommendation to systematically assess the food security situation and the scope for relevant EU assistance in each country and to base this on FAO, WFP and other data and analyses; also calls on the EEAS to develop early warning systems for food insecurity, and to implement prevention strategies;
4. Notes that after the 2008 food crisis, which severely affected different sub-Saharan African countries, food prices have gradually returned to similar levels and that volatility and speculation are likely to continue; calls on the Commission to elaborate response strategies for different contingencies, making any relevant proposals; takes the view that a Food Facility should be included in the 2014-2020 MFF; believes that financial speculation exacerbates food price volatility and that it is therefore also necessary to take effective action against such speculation, for instance, through regulation and control of derivative markets;
5. Remains convinced of the importance of scaling up the nutrition aspect of development aid for food security and requests the Commission to provide a written report on its progress on this by spring 2013;
6. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continuously improve the targeting of beneficiaries and to fix realistic, precise and measurable objectives for its food security interventions;
7. Shares the Court of Auditors' conclusions on the need to increase small- and medium-sized farmers' access to information and education, as well as to credits; agrees also on the need to invest in post-harvest infrastructure; believes that build-up at different levels of adequate food reserves should be facilitated;
8. Notes that the overall impact of EU action on food security is also determined by the EU's policies on agriculture, fisheries, energy and trade; stresses the need to ensure Policy Coherence for Development, in accordance with article 208 TFEU, and that these policies should embody and comply with the "do no harm" principle.