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of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on negotiations on the MFF 2014-2020: lessons to be learned and the way forward
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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Acknowledges the strategy defined by Parliament, namely to negotiate legislative proposals without interfering in the MFF figures; believes that Parliament needs to assess the strategy's outcome;
2. Regrets that the 2011 figures proposed by the Commission as the basis for the negotiation did not reflect the reality of Member States;
3. Regrets that elements pertaining to legislative proposals have been discussed and decided upon by the European Council instead of being agreed on at the level of the appropriate Council formation and the committee responsible;
4. Regrets that where the co-legislators agreed to extend the scope of the proposed financial programmes this could not be matched by corresponding increases in financial allocations; deplores the fact that the proposed ESF envelope of 25 % of cohesion policy funds could not be maintained in the negotiations for 2014-2020;
5. Regrets that despite obvious time pressure stemming from the upcoming expiry of the MFF and the European elections, the negotiations on the EGF and the FEAD were delayed, resulting in tight timetables for reaching agreements;
6. Points out the difficulty of individually negotiating horizontal elements which are similar to several multiannual programmes in different policy areas;
7. Stresses the problematic dependency of the negotiations concerning legislative proposals on the progress made in the negotiations on the global framework of the MFF;
8. Regrets that, despite the Treaty provisions, the Council decided to negotiate legislative proposals only on the basis of partial general approaches or general approaches without a mandate from the amendments proposed by Parliament.