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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Development

on poverty reduction and job creation in developing countries: the way forward  
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## SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Highlights the importance of promoting a wider definition of poverty, as adopted by the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen 1995, which includes deprivation, social exclusion and a lack of participation, and the idea of a social growth model as put forward in the United Nation's 'Rethinking Poverty - Report on the World Social Situation 2010';
2. Demands that responses to the global economic crisis be devised by country and region and include the measures mentioned in the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) policy instrument 'A Global Jobs Pact' in order to facilitate investment in employment-intensive and environment-friendly sectors and social protection systems;
3. Calls for all job creation measures to be based on the ILO's Decent Work Agenda in order to facilitate an equitable distribution of the benefits of economic growth;
4. Emphasises that small farming based on decentralised, green and sustainable means of production facilitates job creation and sustainable development;
5. Calls for priority to be given to education, vocational training, technology education, skills training, lifelong learning, access to finance, health and safety and encouraging entrepreneurial initiative schemes primarily for small and micro enterprises to create a sustainable workforce, thereby focusing especially on young people and women;
6. Demands that all EU development policies with an impact on job creation and poverty reduction focus on measures which require governments, civil society, companies, foundations and local communities to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015;
7. Calls for reinforced development policy coordination between the Commission and the EU Member States to prevent the different policy actions from having a negative impact on the achievement of the MDGs.