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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011 -
Section III - Commission
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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:

- A. whereas the aim of the Union's 2011 budget is to build a future beyond the crisis,
- B. whereas the overall unemployment rate in the Union is 10% and the youth unemployment rate 20%,
 1. Deplores the fact that only 1.4% of the appropriations under heading 1a have been set aside to implement the agenda for a social policy designed to facilitate the transition to a post-crisis economy;
 2. Welcomes the decision to enter EUR 50 000 000 against the budget heading for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGAF) to cover payments;
 3. Notes the increase in payment appropriations for the European Social Fund (ESF); sees this as the result of the recent reforms, but takes the view that further, more radical reforms are needed;
 4. Questions the substantial reduction in payment appropriations for the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), a decision at odds with the objectives of the 2020 strategy;
 5. Deplores, against the background of the large-scale restructuring of firms and mass redundancies, the failure to increase appropriations against the budget headings covering EURES and industrial relations and social dialogue;
 6. Welcomes the flagship initiative 'Youth on the move' and supports the pilot project entitled 'Your first EURES job' as a means of providing young people with the funding they need to be mobile, thus increasing their chances of finding a job;
 7. Proposes that the margins should be used to increase funding for the Progress programme, as agreed with the Council and Commission during the negotiations on the European micro-financing instrument;
 8. Proposes a pilot project to improve the health, well-being and safety at work of older workers;
 9. Proposes the continuation of the pilot projects within its area of responsibility adopted during the 2010 budget procedure.