**Frank Engel,** *on behalf of the PPE Group***.** – Madam President, there are a few things that I want to say about this report and I’ll have to be brief. I’ll start with thanking the rapporteur, Mr Enrique Guerrero, for his inclusive approach and for having been willing to take on board suggestions and particular preoccupations of colleagues from other political denominations. That’s always appreciated, and I believe we have come up with a good report.

On the topics: one, we need more coherence, Commissioner, you know that that is something that our external partners are demanding of us, that is something that external partners would wish for. We are confusing people with the diversity of the instruments that we have, and setting up another new instrument every year does not really help. More coherence is certainly going to be needed.

We are not doing enough, I believe, on micro assistance. We have seen again and again and again on parliamentary missions lately and in the bigger picture that where true development could start, where people could take charge of their own destinies, there is no one to support them with EUR 500 or EUR 1000 in order to be able to do that. We have no instruments that foster that. It would fall well within the remit of the future development bank, as the report by Enrique states, and such a development bank would have to have recourse to innovative financial instruments.

Finally, budget support will need to remain on the agenda and with greater funding than it has now. Because the patronising attitude that we’ve had in the past has made us look second or third in line in terms of preference of many recipient states, and that effects the notional validity of the partnership was well. More budget support in the future will be unescapable.