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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck
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on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010,
Section III – Commission
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Amendment 1
Sabine Lösing, Willy Meyer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Sabine Lösing, Willy Meyer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Considers that all European Union actions in the world should adhere strictly to international law;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. States its general satisfaction with spending under the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) but points out that further efforts must be made to strengthen regional cooperation in South-East Europe, in particular in fields such as transport and energy, education, reconciliation measures and trade, and to further promote sustainable economic development in the region;

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2. States its general satisfaction with spending under the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) but points out that further efforts must be made to strengthen regional cooperation in South-East Europe, in particular in fields such as transport and energy, education, ***regional parliamentary cooperation***, reconciliation measures and trade, and to further promote sustainable economic development in the region;

Or. en

Amendment 4

María Paloma Muñiz De Urquiza, Raimon Obiols, Luis Yañez-Barnuevo García, Iratxe García Pérez, Teresa Riera Madurell

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Reaffirms its commitment to gender equality policies and mainstreaming and recalls that the promotion of both should be a key element of the external action of the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 5

María Paloma Muñiz De Urquiza, Raimon Obiols, Luis Yañez-Barnuevo García, Maria Badia i Cutchet

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Considers that education and vocational training must be pillars of the

new sustainable economic and social model promoted abroad by the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Traian Ungureanu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Reaffirms its support for the implementation of a deepened and differentiated European Neighbourhood Policy, based on its two pillars, namely the recently launched Eastern Partnerships and the Union for the Mediterranean within the Barcelona Process; points out that the additional funds provided for in the PDB 2010 will not be sufficient to achieve the objective of significantly strengthening the EU's relations with its eastern neighbours;

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Or. en

Amendment 7
Elmar Brok

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls on the EU to develop long-term strategic thinking to clarify external and

security policy priorities; urges the EU to establish a sound system of analysis linked to existing European agencies such as the EU institute for Security Studies (EUISS) in order to identify long-term trends from an EU perspective;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Elmar Brok

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recalls its resolution on transatlantic relations of 26 March 2009, which underline that the EU-US relationship is the most important strategic partnership for the EU; emphasises the importance of enhancing the awareness and understanding of European issues and perspectives in the United States; urges that the 2010 EU budget should contribute to strengthening ties between the transatlantic partners' civil societies, for instance through student exchanges;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Traian Ungureanu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Geoffrey Van Orden

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Sabine Lösing, Willy Meyer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Notes that in the event that the Lisbon Treaty is adopted it will consolidate the military aspects of CFSP;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Sabine Lösing, Willy Meyer

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Notes that the Lisbon Treaty will have substantial implications on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) by reorganising the administrative responsibilities and introducing new policy fields; points out that, since the institutional set-up is not yet determined, the necessary budgetary appropriations should be made available gradually as the scope and role of the new organisational structures become clearer;

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Amendment 13
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck

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Or. en