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Amendment 1
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Welcomes the Commission's intention to contribute to economic and social recovery, while recalling*** that the principle of gender mainstreaming, as enshrined in the Amsterdam Treaty, should be accepted in the recovery plans, meaning not only that a gender equality perspective should apply to measures designed specifically to promote equal opportunities, but also that it should be incorporated in all policies and at all levels of the budgetary process by means of gender budgeting;

Amendment

1. ***Stresses*** that the principle of gender mainstreaming, as enshrined in the Amsterdam Treaty, should be accepted in the ***economic and social*** recovery plans ***announced by the Commission***, meaning not only that a gender equality perspective should apply to measures designed specifically to promote equal opportunities, but also that it should be incorporated in all policies and at all levels of the budgetary process by means of gender budgeting;

Or. pt

Amendment 2
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Welcomes*** the Commission's intention to contribute to economic and social recovery, ***while recalling that*** the principle of gender mainstreaming, ***as enshrined in the Amsterdam Treaty, should be accepted*** in the recovery plans, ***meaning not only that a gender equality perspective should apply to measures designed specifically to promote equal opportunities, but also that it should be incorporated in all policies and at all levels of the budgetary process by means of gender budgeting;***

Amendment

1. ***Takes note of*** the Commission's intention to contribute to economic and social recovery; ***stresses that budgetary and macro-economic policies in the EU have been gender blind throughout, demands that Parliament, the Council and the Commission accept*** the principle of gender mainstreaming in the recovery plans, ***as enshrined in the Amsterdam Treaty and as defined by the UN as a strategy for making women's and men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and***

programmes in all political, economic and societal spheres;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the Commission's intention to contribute to economic and social recovery, while recalling that the principle of gender mainstreaming, as enshrined in the Amsterdam Treaty, should be accepted in the recovery plans, **meaning not only** that **a** gender equality **perspective** should apply to measures designed specifically to promote equal opportunities, but also that it should be incorporated in all policies and at all levels of the budgetary process by means of gender budgeting;

Amendment

1. Welcomes the Commission's intention to contribute to economic and social recovery, while recalling that the principle of gender mainstreaming, as enshrined in the Amsterdam Treaty, should be accepted in the recovery plans; **demands** that gender equality should **not only** apply to measures designed specifically to promote equal opportunities, but also that it should be incorporated in all policies and at all levels of the budgetary process by means of gender budgeting;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the Commission to set up a gender budgeting working group within its Directorate-General for Budget; also calls on the Commission to carry out a separate annual gender impact assessment of the EU budget, and to be presented as an annexed document; suggests that such an annex serve as a

gender mainstreaming monitoring document, on which Parliament's Committee for Women's Rights and Gender Equality should deliver a report;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. With a view to the mid-term evaluation of many multiannual programmes foreseen for 2010, *asks* the Commission *to* develop a monitoring and evaluation system that shows the effect on men and women of various budget lines in terms of the implementation of the principle of gender equality;

Amendment

2. With a view to the mid-term evaluation of many multiannual programmes foreseen for 2010, *demand*s *that* the Commission develop a monitoring and evaluation system that shows the effect on men and women of various budget lines in terms of the implementation of the principle of gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. *While still awaiting the study on the feasibility of gender budgeting*, reiterates the call for the use of the gender budgeting approach in assessing and restructuring all *relevant* budget programmes, measures and policies, in determining to what extent resources are allocated in gender equal or unequal ways and ultimately in achieving gender neutrality, whereby equal consideration is given regardless of gender;

Amendment

3. Reiterates the call for the use of the gender budgeting approach in assessing and restructuring all budget programmes, measures and policies, in determining to what extent resources are allocated in gender equal or unequal ways and ultimately in achieving gender neutrality, whereby equal consideration is given regardless of gender;

Amendment 7
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Calls for more financial resources to be made available to combat all forms of discrimination against women, in particular inequalities regarding pay;

Or. el

Amendment 8
Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Regrets that the communications budget has no instruments enabling DG Communications to give a general budgetary focus to gender questions; stresses the importance and role of EU communications policy in increasing awareness of gender issues and calls for adequate financial resources to be made available for measures of this kind;

Or. es

Amendment 9
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for greater emphasis to be placed on the reconciliation of family and working life in the preparation of the preliminary draft budget with a view to facing demographic challenges and meeting the Lisbon targets on employment of women;

Amendment

4. ***Demands that the Council and the Commission evaluate the Lisbon Strategy, particularly the broad economic policy guidelines and the employment guidelines from a gender perspective;*** calls for greater emphasis to be placed on the reconciliation of family and working life in the preparation of the preliminary draft budget with a view to facing demographic challenges and meeting the Lisbon targets on employment of women;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Number 4

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4. Calls for greater emphasis to be placed on the reconciliation of family and working life in the preparation of the preliminary draft budget with a view to facing demographic challenges and meeting the Lisbon targets on employment of women;

Amendment

4. Calls for greater emphasis to be placed on the reconciliation of family and working life in the preparation of the preliminary draft budget with a view to facing demographic challenges and meeting the Lisbon targets on employment of women, ***to enable them to fully enjoy all their rights and, in particular, to combat wage discrimination;***

Or. pt

Amendment 11
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Points out that the gender aspect of the economic downturn cannot be excluded any longer, demands that the Council and the Commission assess all projects and programmes concerning the credit crunch and the economic crisis, in particular the European Economic Recovery Plan, in terms of their separate effects on women and men, including legislation, policies and programmes, in all areas and at all levels, so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated;

Or. en

**Amendment 12
Iratxe García Pérez**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Stresses the need to launch pilot projects in fields such as inter-generational solidarity, recognising the economic value of work done by carers, who are mainly women, the contribution made by men to child-rearing, the reconciliation of family and working life, etc.;

Or. es

**Amendment 13
Ilda Figueiredo**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Calls for greater financial resources to be allocated to the combating of violence against women;

Amendment

5. Calls for greater financial resources to be allocated to the combating of violence against women ***and stresses the need for effective measures to safeguard human rights and promote high-quality public services and employment rights, so as to combat social inequalities and the poverty which mainly affects women and children;***

Or. pt

Amendment 14
Ilda Figueiredo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Considers that special attention should be paid to trafficking in human beings, in particular women and girls, when examining strengthening of internal and international security;

Amendment

6. Considers that special attention should be paid to trafficking in human beings, in particular women and girls, when examining strengthening of internal and international security, ***and reaffirms the need to provide greater support for the victims of this practice;***

Or. pt

Amendment 15
Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Considers that special attention should be paid to trafficking in human beings, in particular women ***and girls***, when

Amendment

6. Considers that special attention should be paid to trafficking in human beings, in particular women, ***adolescents***

examining strengthening of internal and international security;

and children when examining strengthening of internal and international security;

Or. es

Amendment 16
Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls for the maintenance of budget lines to develop policies to assist persons suffering from ‘DYS’ problems (dysphasia, dyspraxia, dyslexia, dyscalculia or attention deficit disorder, etc.) and people with disabilities, particularly as regards better support for parents whose children suffer from disabilities and ‘DYS’ problems, and to assist the transition from school to working life for persons with ‘DYS’ problems and disabilities;

Or. es

Amendment 17
Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Commission to urge the Member States to make greater use of the structural funds, within the framework of the European Social Fund, as a way of promoting equality between men and women;

Amendment 18
Iratxe García Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide aid in particular to Kosovo, the Middle East, Afghanistan and Georgia; asks the Commission, however, to take into account the necessity of women's participation in establishing and maintaining peace and in securing democracy; stresses, therefore, the importance of ensuring the reinsertion and participation of women in the restoration of social, economic and political life in those areas.

Amendment

7. Welcomes the Commission's intention to continue to provide aid in particular to Kosovo, the Middle East, **with special emphasis on Palestine**, Afghanistan and Georgia; asks the Commission, however, to take into account the necessity of women's participation in establishing and maintaining peace and in securing democracy; stresses, therefore, the importance of ensuring the reinsertion and participation of women in the restoration of social, economic and political life in those areas.

Amendment 19
Franziska Katharina Brantner

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Demands that the European Commission Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) prioritise aid and financial assistance for women victims of gender-based violence perpetrated during conflicts;

Amendment 20
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Calls on the Commission to launch a multi-annual European media campaign on the subject ‘Do you know where your child is now?’, in close cooperation with civil society organisations, so as to promote greater awareness as regards parental responsibility, greater protection of children against all forms of violence and combating trafficking in children more effectively;

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7b. Ask the Commission to monitor Member States' best practices as regards carers and to communicate those best practices to all Member States, in order to show that carers play a central role in the field of intergenerational solidarity and to encourage the implementation of strategy relating carers in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7c. Ask the Commission to promote and monitor Member States' best practices in the field of carers and to communicate those best practices to all Member States, in order to show that carers play a central role in the field of intergenerational solidarity and to encourage the implementation of strategy relating to carers in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 d. Urges the Commission, as part of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010, to give priority to funding projects which place the emphasis on genuine partnerships with the poorest, in particular on the role of the poorest women (drawing on the extensive experience of the International Movement ATD Fourth World, which has received political and financial support from the Commission and the Economic and Social Committee), to support the activities organised to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October and to give priority to funding projects seeking to promote the right to education, particularly for girls;

Amendment 24
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 e. Calls on the European Union to strive determinedly to eliminate all forms of discrimination against girls (from conception onwards) and to allocate adequate resources to combat the inequalities deriving therefrom;

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 f. Stresses that Community assistance should not be given to any authority organisation or programme which supports or participates in the management of a programme which involves human rights abuses such as coercive abortion, involuntary sterilisation or infanticide; this implements the specific Cairo ICPD prohibition on coercion or compulsion in sexual and reproductive health matters; calls on Commission to present each year a report on the implementation of the EU's external assistance covering this programme.

Or. fr

Amendment 26
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 g. Calls on the Commission to take specific measures to extend its partnerships, including at financial level (e.g. by implementing the budget lines on gender equality and combating discrimination), with the various networks of European women's associations which have genuine representation in at least half of the Member States of the European Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 27
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 h. Calls on the Commission to earmark budget appropriations for studies into the development of measures designed to highlight the value of invisible work in the field of inter-generational solidarity and the contribution it makes to the Union's GDP;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 i. Calls on the Commission to earmark appropriations for specific initiatives to validate the skills acquired in carrying out educational tasks, caring for dependent persons and household management so that these skills are taken into consideration upon re-entry into the labour market; points out that soft skill assessment is central to skill assessment according to the best traditions of national experimentation with systems to make demand for labour intersect with the labour supply;

Or. fr