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Committee on Development

2010/2142(DEC)

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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Thijs Berman
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on discharge in respect of the implementation of the European Union general budget for the financial year 2009, Section III - Commission (2010/2142(DEC))

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Amendment 1
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Is concerned that the Court of Auditors found the supervisory and control systems for external aid and development to be merely partially effective in ensuring the regularity of payments and that payments were affected by material error; is concerned that errors in some final payments found by the Court were not detected by the Commission and that the Commission does not monitor the extent to which the Humanitarian Procurement Centres are used by partners; welcomes, *however*, the fact that the number of transactions affected by error (13 %) was less than half the number in previous years;

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Calls once again for greater involvement of parliaments and consultation of civil society in partner countries when drawing up and reviewing Development Co-operation Instrument (DCI) Country Strategy Papers;

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Or. en

Amendment 3
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Draft opinion
Paragraph 5a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Implores the Commission to consider the fact that local civil society in partner countries needs to be further developed, as well as granted particular selection criteria in qualifying for grants; deplors the fact that the funds from the Civil Society heading of the DCI are, to a large extent, being allocated to civil society awareness meetings in the Union, instead of being used towards promoting localism and ownership;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Calls once again on the Commission to demonstrate that it has spent at least 20 % of development aid on basic and secondary education and basic health;

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Or. en

Amendment 5
Nirj Deva

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7a. Highlights that development aid mechanisms should be also aimed at promoting wealth creation and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises, since wealth creation remains a crucial tool in alleviating poverty; recalls that an estimated EUR 800 billion is lost annually from developing countries through illicit capital flows, prevention of which could prove decisive in alleviating poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

Or. en