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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Budgets

on the 2013 Budget - Mandate for Trilogue  
(2012/2016(BUD))

Rapporteur: Gay Mitchell

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Warns the Commission and the Member States that, unless additional funding for development aid is provided, they are likely to fail to live up to their international commitments with regard to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and risk missing by a wide margin the collective EU commitment of 0.7% ODA/GNI by 2015, and that most Member States will miss their individual ODA/GNI commitments in the same year;
2. Regrets that the total level of commitments under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), as proposed by the Commission in its draft budget for 2013, increases by less than the estimated inflation and that the proposed total DCI payment level is below that of 2012;
3. Insists that the EU and the Member States must take seriously their partnership with DCI-funded developing countries which receive funding under the DCI and that long-term predictability is an essential element of this partnership; insists that the poorest and most vulnerable populations in DCI beneficiary countries should not be made to bear the brunt of the substantial increases in funding of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument in response to the Arab Spring;
4. Regrets, in particular, the massive cuts to the DCI's geographical programmes in Asia, Central Asia, Iraq, Iran and Yemen; takes the view that, as these programmes are struggling to achieve the intended results in terms of poverty alleviation, democracy and human rights, they merit more, rather than less, attention and financial input;
5. Supports in principle the substantial increase in funding for the DCI's thematic programme on the environment and the sustainable management of natural resources; understands that the Commission is seeking additional support for promoting sustainable energy for developing countries in the run-up to the 2012 UN Rio+20 Conference and for financing the EU's recently announced initiative on 'Energising Development', which addresses energy inequality in the developing world; reiterates, however, that climate financing must be additional to currently programmed development funding and that funds for key MDG sectors, e.g. education and health, should not be diverted to climate action;
6. Urges the Commission to introduce funding to improve access to insurance in developing countries, particularly for health and pensions; encourages the Commission to support partner countries in putting into place wide-coverage insurance schemes that include the poorest and most vulnerable segments of society; is convinced that such schemes, if well designed, have the potential not only to lift people out of poverty and enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable by protecting their assets, but also to foster greater social cohesion and more inclusive growth.