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OPINION

of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

for the Committee on Development

on Development and Migration
(2005/2244(INI))

Draftsman: Ioannis Kasoulides

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Welcomes the Presidency Conclusions of the European Council of 15/16 December 2005 concerning "A global Approach to Migration" and the recent Commission proposals related to the brain drain, remittances, diasporas, temporary/circular migration, social security entitlements, multiple-entry visas, etc.;
2. Encourages the countries of transit and origin to take an active part in the new approach to migration and development;
3. Underlines the importance of remittances and stresses the need to find ways of transferring funds more quickly, securely and cheaply to the recipients, which would help to facilitate productive investment in developing countries;
4. Recognises the importance of diasporas in strengthening relations between the EU and countries of origin, particularly in the field of migration; calls for closer cooperation between institutions in developing countries and the EU Member States, including in the carrying-out of co-development projects;
5. Welcomes the initiatives to reverse the brain drain from certain countries and specialised sectors so that it is transformed into circular migration, and calls for support for building up mutual cooperation between the EU and the countries of origin by means of, for example, institutions and programmes such as AENEAS;
6. Calls for recognition of the important role of women in migration and in the development of their communities of origin, and urges that the gender dimension be taken into account in all development and migration programmes and projects;
7. Encourages the integration of the migration issue into EU external policies, following the example of the Barcelona Process;
8. Recognises the need for co-development cooperation and readmission agreements between the EU and migrants' countries of transit and origin, with respect for the universal principles of human rights and good governance;
9. Commends the Council proposal to hold a EuroMed Ministerial meeting on migration in 2006; also welcomes the Euro-African Summit on migration to be held in Rabat in July 2006, to debate the issue of immigration to Europe from the Maghreb and sub-Saharan Africa;
10. Recommends that the Council take appropriate measures to ensure better cooperation and coordination between those responsible for migration and those responsible for development in each Member State.

PROCEDURE

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