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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

for a recommendation to the Council on the 65th session of the United Nations  
General Assembly  
(2010/2020(INI))

Rapporteur: Enrique Guerrero Salom

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## **SUGGESTIONS**

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its draft recommendation:

### **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

- a) to exercise strong leadership in view of the high-level plenary meeting on the MDGs, promoting in particular the following objectives:
  - reconfirmation of the MDG objectives and targets as the minimum to be achieved by 2015, fighting any attempts to dilute, weaken or delay the promises made;
  - agreement by developed and developing countries on accelerated action, including clear, concrete plans and commitments, as the world falls far short of the MDGs' promise and more than one billion people still live in extreme poverty, with this figure expected to increase;
  - agreement on mobilising additional resources and launching more effective action for those targets in respect of which only scant progress has been made so far, including education, MDG 5 on maternal health and MDG4 on child mortality;
  - a clear signal that a new, even more ambitious agenda for poverty eradication will be adopted before 2015, ensuring continued efforts towards full eradication of poverty in the near future;
  - pushing for better coordination between UN agencies and a more coherent UN operational framework to avoid fragmentation in order to achieve the MDGs;
- b) to communicate in the strongest terms that, as well as being a moral obligation, achieving the MDGs will also make a major contribution to promoting international prosperity, stability, security and social justice;
- c) to underline that the international community has to make additional efforts to tackle the adverse effects of the global economic crisis and climate change on developing countries; propose innovative funding mechanisms such as an international tax on financial transactions;
- d) to make concrete commitments to ensure better coordination, policy coherence and the fulfilment of MDG 8 as well as to reduce the financing gap in order to reach the 2010 Gleneagles target of approximately USD 154 billion (at 2008 prices) in total ODA;
- e). asks the Council to reassert, in the framework of the high-level plenary meeting on the MDGs, its collective commitment of spending 0.7% of GNI on ODA by 2015, based on clear and binding timetables for each Member State.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	1.3.2010
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+ :            20 - :            0 0 :            0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Thijs Berman, Michael Cashman, Nirj Deva, Leonidas Donskis, Charles Goerens, Catherine Greze, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Eva Joly, Franziska Keller, Norbert Neuser, Bill Newton Dunn, Maurice Ponga, Birgit Schnieber-Jastram, Ivo Vajgl, Anna Záborská, Iva Zanicchi, Gabriele Zimmer
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Cristian Dan Preda, Judith Sargentini