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OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

on women with disabilities
(2013/2065(INI))

Rapporteur: Corina Crețu

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls that an estimated one billion people worldwide¹ live with disabilities and that 80 % of them live in developing countries; stresses that women with disabilities are multiply disadvantaged, facing significant difficulties in obtaining access to adequate housing, health care, public transport, education, vocational training and employment, experiencing inequality in access to credit and other productive resources, and rarely participating in decision-making processes;
2. Underlines the fact that women with disabilities are exposed to higher risks of gender-based violence, sexual abuse and exploitation; stresses that in many developing countries significant barriers still exist to escaping violence, to reporting such crimes, and to accessing justice and legal and social services;
3. Stresses the importance of adopting a gender-sensitive approach to disability in the post-2015 development agenda;
4. Calls on the Commission and the EEAS to mainstream disability in development policy and in projects in a coordinated way and to promote a comprehensive poverty-reduction strategy in the geographic programmes for women with disabilities, aiming to unlock their economic potential; stresses that land reform must ensure gender equality in land ownership, including for women with disabilities;
5. Asks the Commission and the EEAS to put in place monitoring mechanisms to evaluate the impact of their policies on women with disabilities at country level; calls on the EU to support the efforts of partner countries in drafting and implementing employment laws, in compliance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and ILO Convention 159;
6. Calls on the Commission to promote initiatives aiming to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders to effectively implement international commitments to disability-inclusive development, in line with the objectives of the CRPD; recommends that the EU promote the participation of disabled people's organisations in international and national decision-making processes.

¹ World Report on Disabilities 2011, produced jointly by the World Health Organisation and the World Bank.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	17.9.2013
Result of final vote	+: 26 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Thijs Berman, Michael Cashman, Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Corina Crețu, Leonidas Donskis, Mikael Gustafsson, Filip Kaczmarek, Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Gay Mitchell, Norbert Neuser, Maurice Ponga, Jean Roatta, Birgit Schnieber-Jastram, Michèle Striffler, Keith Taylor, Patrice Tirolien, Ivo Vajgl
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Philippe Boulland, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Edvard Kožušník, Krzysztof Lisek, Isabella Lövin, Judith Sargentini
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Emma McClarkin, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska