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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Budgetary Control

for the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

on EU funds for gender equality
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SUGGESTIONS

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

- A. whereas the EU's strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015 is about to come to an end, providing an opportunity for a stocktaking exercise;
 - B. whereas the United Nations Beijing Platform for Action called in 1995 for a gender-sensitive approach to budgetary processes;
 - C. whereas one of the most telling measures of gender equality is equal pay;
 - D. having regard to the Council of Europe report on Gender Budgeting: final report of the Group of specialists on gender budgeting – Strasbourg 2005;
1. Notes that gender budgeting should be an instrument of democratic governance that will help to ensure that gender equality becomes a reality; is of the opinion that the current gulf between male and female pay for the same work is totally unacceptable;
 2. Notes that gender budgeting is considered in certain policy areas (employment, social affairs and inclusion, home affairs, justice, development and cooperation, research and innovation, education and culture), but believes it should be included in all policy areas;
 3. Believes that properly implemented gender budgeting has a positive effect, improving employment prospects and remuneration for women generally, while also broadening the labour base;
 4. Notes that gender equality goals are too often subsumed by other policy goals that are addressed within the same budget line;
 5. Regrets the lack of gender-aggregated data and gender-specific indicators required to monitor and evaluate the action receiving funding from the EU budget to tackle gender equality;
 6. Asks the Commission and the Member States to promote a holistic debate on policies and budgetary choices with a view to strengthening the policies contributing to gender equality and eventually achieving the ultimate goal of equal pay for equal work for all.