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*Committee on Budgets*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Development

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing accompanying measures for Sugar Protocol countries affected by the reform of the EU sugar regime  
(COM(2005)0266 – C6-0210/2005 – 2005/0117(COD))

Draftsman: Janusz Lewandowski



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## SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Commission asked for extra resources amounting to EUR 123 million in its preliminary draft budget for 2006. This only corresponded to a partial financing of the tsunami reconstruction (EUR 180 million pledged for 2006). The European Parliament already deemed this unsatisfactory in its July resolution before the first budgetary conciliation, as it would imply reductions for some other policies. This was most clearly manifest in the dramatic reduction of the human rights programme proposed by the Commission.

This funding-gap leading to reductions was present even before any appropriations were entered for this new support action following sugar reform.

The Council has refused any use of the flexibility instrument and has therefore cut other programmes not only to the tune of the EUR 123 million mentioned above but, additionally, also making room for the additional EUR 40 million requested by the Commission in this proposal.

In addition to the serious situation for Human Rights, there are now substantial across-the-board cuts over many budget chapters, including geographical regions such as Asia, TACIS, Latin America and MEDA and thematic actions such as NGO cooperation.

The Committee on Budgets therefore considers that the proposal is currently incompatible with the financial ceiling and could only be financed in the context of an overall solution for external actions with the Council.

## AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Development, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

### Draft legislative resolution

#### Amendment 1 Paragraph 1 a (new)

***1a. Considers that the financial framework is only compatible with the heading 4 ceiling of the financial perspective in the case of an overall financing solution for heading 4, pursuant to the provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure;***

#### *Justification*

*There is a large funding-gap for external actions and the current proposal would lead to*



*reductions for other programmes unless an overall financing solution for heading 4 could be reached with the Council.*

## **Proposal for a Regulation**

### Amendment 2 Article 8

#### ***Overall amount***

The financial ***reference amount*** for implementation of this Regulation for 2006 is EUR 40 million

The financial ***framework*** for implementation of this Regulation for 2006 is EUR 40 million. ***This financial framework shall not take away funding from the existing programmes. The budgetary authority shall determine the appropriate means of financing this amount in accordance with the provisions of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.***

#### ***Justification***

*There is a large funding-gap for external actions and the current proposal would lead to reductions for other programmes unless an overall financing solution for heading 4 could be reached with the Council.*



## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing accompanying measures for Sugar Protocol countries affected by the reform of the EU sugar regime.
<b>References</b>	COM(2005)0266 – C6-0210/2005 – 2005/0117(COD)
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<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Hans-Peter Martin, Jacek Emil Saryusz-Wolski, Margarita Starkevičiūtė
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