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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

for the Committee on Development

on EU donor coordination on development aid  
(2013/2057(INL))

Rapporteur: Jean-Jacob Bicep

(Initiative – Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure)

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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. Notes that whilst donor coordination has been demanded by the international community over the past decade, low progress has been made, according to the 2011 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration. Welcomes the opportunity to review the existing mechanisms to further enhance intra-EU coordination in order to achieve better development outcomes and greater value for money; underlines, in this context, the necessity of a coordination mechanism for cross-country division of labour, as well as for better coordination of in-country interventions at EU level. Stresses that the current efforts to implement joint programming of EU and Member States' aid should be stepped up as means to reduce fragmentation, increase its impact and confer a greater visibility to the European development aid).
2. Notes, however, that better coordination is also needed with the international community and, more importantly, with local actors, specifically with local governments, national parliaments, civil society and NGOs. Recalls that the Millennium Development Goal 8, "forming a global partnership for development", encourages wide participation and close collaboration between all development actors.
3. Encourages better coordination with international actors through international fora such as the United Nations Development Programme and the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; stresses that, by pooling the resources provided by donor countries, multilateral development organizations have the potential to increase aid effectiveness and maximize efficiency. Notes that the use of resources put in place by international organisations also helps donors exchange information on the development activities, resulting in greater transparency and accountability. Nevertheless feels that the EU must better coordinate with the Member States in order to increase its influence and better champion their ideas and proposals in international fora and organisations.
4. Underlines the importance of developing countries' ownership of the development processes in that they are allowed to decide the packages of reforms and policies best suited to their needs; stresses that it is important to support the development of these countries' capacity so that they can build up the skills, know-how and institutions required to manage their own development effectively; stresses the importance of free trade, a market economy and entrepreneurship in order for developing countries themselves to be able to fight poverty and thus create sustainable economic development and reduce their dependency on aid. Stresses likewise the importance of promoting and defending good governance and that it is important that authorities in recipient countries should combat corruption and build up their fiscal infrastructure in order to be able to safeguard their tax revenue and combat tax evasion and unlawful capital flight; notes also the importance of supporting and doing more to coordinate with local actors such as private organisations and NGOs within civil society, which, as they are close by, are better placed to identify the development needs and can promote the development process of countries; stresses that in many cases public-private partnerships can help to make aid

more effective and better coordinated.

5. Considers that EU delegations in third countries should assume greater responsibility for coordinating the development cooperation of the EU and of EU Member States with recipient countries, including in relation to other international donors.
6. Emphasizes the growing role of non-traditional donors, as well as private-sector investments, and philanthropic financial flows to developing countries that pose additional coordination challenges. Takes the view that the new framework for EU donor coordination on development aid should also explore the opportunities for integrating these aspects, building on the commitments undertaken through the Busan Partnership for Effective Development.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	24.10.2013
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 53 -: 4 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Bastiaan Belder, Elmar Brok, Tarja Cronberg, Arnaud Danjean, Susy De Martini, Mark Demesmaeker, Michael Gahler, Marietta Giannakou, Ana Gomes, Andrzej Grzyb, Richard Howitt, Anna Ibrisagic, Liisa Jaakonsaari, Jelko Kacin, Tunne Kelam, Paweł Robert Kowal, Eduard Kukan, Vytautas Landsbergis, Ryszard Antoni Legutko, Krzysztof Lisek, Sabine Lösing, Ulrike Lunacek, Willy Meyer, Alexander Mirsky, Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Norica Nicolai, Raimon Obiols, Justas Vincas Paleckis, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Alojz Peterle, Tonino Picula, Mirosław Piotrowski, Bernd Posselt, Hans-Gert Pöttering, Cristian Dan Preda, Tokia Saïfi, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, György Schöpflin, Werner Schulz, Adrian Severin, Sophocles Sophocleous, Charles Tannock, Geoffrey Van Orden, Nikola Vuljanić, Boris Zala
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Charalampos Angourakis, Reinhard Bütikofer, Marije Cornelissen, Véronique De Keyser, Kinga Gál, Barbara Lochbihler, Emilio Menéndez del Valle, Doris Pack, Marietje Schaake, Ivo Vajgl, Janusz Władysław Zemke