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Gay Mitchell
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Amendment 1
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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3. Insists that the EU and the Member States must take seriously their partnership with DCI-funded developing countries which receive funding under the DCI and that long-term predictability is an essential element of this partnership; insists that the poorest and most vulnerable populations in DCI beneficiary countries should not be made to bear the brunt of the substantial increases in funding of the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument in response to the Arab Spring;

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Or. fr

Amendment 2
Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Supports ***in principle*** the substantial increase in funding for the DCI's thematic programme on the environment and the sustainable management of natural resources; understands that the Commission is seeking additional support for promoting sustainable energy for

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developing countries in the run-up to the 2012 UN Rio+20 Conference and for financing the EU's recently announced initiative on 'Energising Development', which addresses energy inequality in the developing world; reiterates, however, that climate financing must be additional to currently programmed development funding and that funds for key MDG sectors, e.g. education and health, should not be diverted to climate action;

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Or. en

Amendment 3
Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

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Amendment

5a. Calls on the Commission to ensure that a more controlled and coherent approach is taken to the funding of alternative energies in the fight against climate change, so as to make sure that the EU does not indirectly provide financial support for activities that give rise to price distortions and speculation in connection with food raw materials or are conducive to land grabbing;

Or. it

Amendment 4
Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Commission to provide financial support for targeted development cooperation measures to forestall and combat land grabbing, which is becoming increasingly common, and to promote the establishment of a code of conduct at EU and international level;

Or. it

Amendment 5
Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Urges the Commission to introduce funding to improve access to ***insurance in developing countries, particularly for health and pensions***; encourages the Commission to support partner countries in putting into place wide-coverage insurance schemes that include the poorest and most vulnerable segments of society; is convinced that such schemes, if well designed, have the potential not only to lift people out of poverty and enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable by protecting their assets, but also to foster greater social cohesion and more inclusive growth.

6. Urges the Commission to introduce funding to improve access to ***fair healthcare and pension systems based on mutual and non-profit insurance schemes in keeping with social economy models***; encourages the Commission to support partner countries in putting into place wide-coverage insurance schemes that include the poorest and most vulnerable segments of society; is convinced that such schemes, if well designed, have the potential not only to lift people out of poverty and enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable by protecting their assets, but also to foster greater social cohesion and more inclusive growth.

Or. it

Amendment 6
Bill Newton Dunn

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Urges the Commission to **introduce** funding to improve access to insurance in developing countries, particularly for health and pensions; encourages the Commission to support partner countries in putting into place wide-coverage insurance schemes that include the poorest and most vulnerable segments of society; is convinced that such schemes, if well designed, have the potential not only to lift people out of poverty and enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable by protecting their assets, but also to foster greater social cohesion and more inclusive growth.

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6. Urges the Commission to **dedicate significant** funding to improve access to insurance in developing countries, particularly for health and pensions; encourages the Commission to support partner countries in putting into place wide-coverage insurance schemes that include the poorest and most vulnerable segments of society, **including through support for the microfinancial services sector**; is convinced that such schemes, if well designed, have the potential not only to lift people out of poverty and enhance the resilience of the most vulnerable by protecting their assets, but also to foster greater social cohesion and more inclusive growth.

Or. en

Amendment 7
Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

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6a. Stresses the need for the Commission to ensure that the assistance is effective and has a direct impact on poverty eradication, human development and social cohesion; asks the Commission, in this connection, to introduce, as part of capacity building measures for non-state actors, arrangements for funding small-

scale projects involving private stakeholders, such as SMEs, cooperatives and local associations;

Or. it

Amendment 8
Patrizia Toia

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 (new)

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Amendment

7. Insists that the European Consensus on Development remains the guiding document for EU aid and development cooperation, especially in relation to health and education; urges the Commission to ensure that the Development Cooperation Instrument remains a relevant and effective tool for implementing the European Consensus on Development, especially on the support to and integration of health, education and relevant cross cutting issues such as gender equality and HIV/AIDS;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Gay Mitchell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 (new)

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7. Underlines the importance of maintaining sufficient funding levels for the humanitarian aid budget lines as well as the Emergency Aid Reserve; insists that, bearing in mind the marked increase in the frequency, severity and scale of

humanitarian crises and natural disasters witnessed over the last few years, the EU must be ready to quickly mobilise funding in response to such crises abroad;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Gay Mitchell

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 (new)

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8. Is concerned about the proposed cuts in administrative expenditure, inter alia for technical assistance, evaluations and audits, both in headquarters and EU delegations abroad, as these activities are key to upholding the most rigorous evaluation and audit standards; given that, in 2011, the Commission requested 18 additional full-time staff for 2012 "to ensure proper sound financial management of the great number of grants of small amount under the DCI"¹, is concerned about the proposed substantial redeployment of staff from DCI to ENPI activities and points to the risks in terms of quality of the DCI's financial management which this weakened staffing level may lead to;

Or. en

¹ Draft General Budget of the European Commission for the Financial Year 2012, Working Document Part II Commission Human Resources, COM(2011)300, May 2011, p 87