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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on violation of the rights of indigenous peoples in the world, including land  
grabbing  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls Article 208 TFEU, Agenda 2030 and the fact that the EU is bound by a rights-based approach to development;
2. Deplores the allegations that ODA projects have negatively affected the rights of indigenous peoples; regrets that the REDD+ programme has failed to secure tenure rights for local forest communities; urges the EU to support the inclusion of human rights obligations in all domestic and international mitigation and adaptation instruments;
3. Urges partner countries to recognise and protect indigenous peoples' rights to customary ownership and control of their lands and natural resources as set out in the UNDRIP and ILO Convention 169; calls for the EU to support partner countries in this and in applying the principle of free, prior and informed consent to large-scale land acquisitions;
4. Stresses that bilateral investment agreements fail to recognise indigenous peoples' land rights; recalls that international investment law has to respect international human rights law; calls on development finance institutions to strengthen their human rights safeguards;
5. Welcomes the fact that the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests will become binding for the External Investment Plan; insists that they should be binding for all EU ODA projects;
6. Calls for the EU to take legally binding measures to hold corporations accountable for breaches of human rights in third countries and to provide effective remedy, complaint and sanction mechanisms.