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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on International Trade

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Recalls that ODA alone is not sufficient to meet development needs and that the private sector plays an essential role in the realisation of inclusive and sustainable development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
2. Stresses that when acting in development, the private sector should abide by shared principles and common values, and that development objectives and effectiveness should prevail;
3. Calls on the EU to ensure that its activities, both in the field of development and trade, promote and respect human rights;
4. Underlines that trade is not an end in itself, but that an inclusive, free and fair trade policy aligned with the SDGs can contribute to poverty eradication; recalls the principle of policy coherence for development, requiring that the objectives of development cooperation be taken into account in policies that are likely to affect developing countries; calls on the EU to systematically evaluate the impact of its trade policies on developing countries;
5. Reiterates the importance of the multilateral rules-based order as the most effective way to achieve an inclusive global trading system; emphasises the importance of comprehensive provisions on social, labour and environmental standards in trade agreements; welcomes the Commission's commitment to include a chapter on Trade and Sustainable Development in all trade agreements;
6. Stresses that Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) are an important instrument to promote sustainable development through trade, if accompanied by appropriate structural measures;
7. Strongly supports the further mainstreaming of digital technologies and services in the EU's development policy; calls on the Commission to increase investments in developing digital infrastructure in the Global South.