

Brussels, 27 September 2023

Coordinators' meeting of 20 September 2023
Coordinators' decisions and recommendations

1. Appointment of rapporteurs for reports and opinions

i) Motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure on the readmission of migrants from the French department of Mayotte

Decision: No action

ii) Motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure on the situation in the Sahel and European development cooperation notably in Burkina Faso

Decision: No action

iii) Possible DEVE opinion on the legislative proposal amending Decision 2017/1324 on the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean area

Decision: It was decided not to draft an opinion

iv) Possible DEVE opinion on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and timber products to the European Union (FLEGT)

Decision: It was decided to draft an opinion on the consent procedure and on the accompanying non-legislative resolution. The opinion is attributed to S&D for 1 point

v) Discharge to the 2022 budget

Decision: The two opinions (on the general budget and EDF) are attributed to Mr Comin I Oliveres (NI) for zero points

2. Work programme of DEVE missions to be organised in the second half of 2023

Decisions:

- In view of the fact that only two Members have confirmed their participation, the DEVE ad-hoc delegation to Nigeria (November green week) is cancelled. Given the importance of engaging with Nigerian authorities, the choice of this destination should be reconsidered during the next legislature and in view of the importance of Nigeria, some actors could be invited for a future DEVE exchange of views.
- Regarding the DEVE ad-hoc delegation foreseen to take place in Honduras during the December green week, political groups are invited to submit the names of interested Members by 13 October.

3. Invitation to participate in the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva

Decision: It was decided to accept the invitation to attend the second Global Refugee Forum, which will take place from 13 to 15 December 2023. As LIBE and DROI coordinators have also confirmed their interest, a joint request for authorisation should be sent to the Conference of Presidents for a delegation of seven MEPs plus chairs hors quota.

4. Remaining expertise budget for 2023

Decision: With the remaining expertise budget, it was decided to request four products to the policy departments on the following topics:

1. Reforming of the global financial architecture in response to global challenges and as a way forward for overcoming pluricrisis, restoring debt sustainability and achieving the SDGs.
Focused paper to be presented before April 2024.

2. (Military) coups and development cooperation with Africa

Longer paper of which at least preliminary findings can be presented in April 2024 at the latest. The scope will be further defined so as to cover elements raised by coordinators for example on the root causes or the role of disinformation in partner countries.

3. Humanitarian Assistance to persons with disabilities

Workshop to be organised between January and March 2024

4. Opportunities and challenges of the green transition for pastoralism and indigenous people in Africa

Workshop to be organised between January and March 2024. One of the cases to be covered will be the situation of the Maasai in Tanzania.

It was also agreed that the topic on the use of Special Drawing Rights (S&D study proposal) will be integrated in the DEVE Workshop still to be organised on "Enabling stronger policies against poverty and inequality in developing countries through supporting their fiscal space"

5. Request from groups

Decision:

It was agreed to organise an exchange of views with Imme Scholz, co-chair of the UN Independent Group of Scientists at one of the upcoming DEVE meetings. It was announced that the requested exchange of views on Zimbabwe would take place on 21 September together with AFET.