

Amendment 4

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on behalf of the ECR Group

Report

A9-0374/2023

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Implementation of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation
Instrument – Global Europe
(2023/2029(INI))

Motion for a resolution**Recital I***Motion for a resolution*

I. whereas due to limited resources, the EU's external financing instruments have often been stretched to their limits; whereas, since the adoption of the Regulation establishing the Instrument, events such as the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, which worsened the global food crisis, triggered an energy, cost of living and debt crisis worldwide and created economic uncertainty, potentially further destabilising Member States and third countries, **and** the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated the situation to such a degree that an early mid-term evaluation (MTE) of the Instrument and a mid-term revision (MTR) of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) are necessary;

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Motion for a resolution

Recital M

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 3***Motion for a resolution*

3. Reaffirms, in the face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression, its unwavering support for Ukraine, in all its dimensions, including humanitarian assistance, recovery, reconstruction and modernisation, in the face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression; stresses, **however**, that this support should not come at the expense of ODA, other partners and third countries who are adversely affected by the Russian war of aggression and whose EU funding should not be cut; calls, therefore, for a thorough evaluation of the Instrument's resources, which should also assess whether they are sufficient to meet the Instrument's objectives as set down in the Regulation establishing the Instrument, for the Instrument's resources to be increased accordingly, and for it to be ensured that they continue to be relevant in the context of ongoing geopolitical challenges, allow the EU to be seen as a trustworthy partner and counteract the influence of other global powers;

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3. Reaffirms, in the face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression, its unwavering support for Ukraine, in all its dimensions, including humanitarian **and military** assistance, recovery, reconstruction and modernisation, in the face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression; stresses that this support **to defeat Russia should remain the priority, but where possible, however**, should not come at the expense of ODA, other partners and third countries who are adversely affected by the Russian war of aggression **and do not support it** and whose EU funding should not be cut; calls, therefore, for a thorough evaluation of the Instrument's resources, which should also assess whether they are sufficient to meet the Instrument's objectives as set down in the Regulation establishing the Instrument, for the Instrument's resources to be increased accordingly, and for it to be ensured that they continue to be relevant in the context of ongoing geopolitical challenges, allow the EU to be seen as a trustworthy partner and counteract the influence of other global powers;

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 5***Motion for a resolution*

5. Expresses deep concern about the escalation of geopolitical turmoil, authoritarian trends and recent attacks globally on the foundations of democracy and the rule of law; calls for the MTE to evaluate in depth the Instrument's capacity to achieve the EU's overall external policy goals, and particularly the objective of contributing to the promotion of multilateralism and sustainable development and of protecting, promoting and advancing democracy, the rule of law and human rights and fundamental freedoms; stresses that the EU's external democracy action, implemented under the Instrument, must adjust to a new geopolitical reality marked by competing governance models in order to better prevent and respond to democratic backsliding; calls on the Commission to assess through a critical lens, and with an appropriate level of information granularity, the progress made on the implementation of the Instrument across programmes, spending targets and benchmarks, abstaining from repeating shallow policy positions; reaffirms that according to the Treaties and the New European Consensus on Development, the primary objective of development cooperation should be to eradicate poverty

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and to foster the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of developing countries; stresses that the ‘policy first’ approach should be guided by the principles and objectives set out in the European Consensus on Development, the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 6***Motion for a resolution*

6. Calls, in particular, for an honest and thorough assessment of the use of Article 42(4) and recital 40 of the Regulation establishing the Instrument, the latter of which states that assistance could be suspended in the event of degradation in democracy, human rights or the rule of law in third countries; calls for ex ante assessments to determine the possible implications and risks of projects with regard to human rights, in line with Article 25(5) of the Regulation; calls for human rights monitoring throughout the implementation of projects in third countries, particularly for projects entailing a high risk of violations; calls for a suspension or modulation of projects that contribute to human rights violations in third countries; calls on the Commission to share all assessments relating to human rights with Parliament in a proactive manner; underlines the necessity for the EU to take a more principled approach with regard to partner countries that are moving in the opposite direction when it comes to central values and principles; supports the suspension of budget support as a good example in this regard;

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

7. ***Is concerned*** that the financing of assistance for Ukraine through the mobilisation of the Instrument's cushion, rather than through the appropriate budgetary instrument, has exhausted much of the cushion, leaving the Instrument with limited ability to respond to unforeseen challenges; welcomes the Commission proposal on establishing the Ukraine Facility¹⁰, which should ensure sustainable long-term financing for Ukraine while preserving the Instrument's ability to cope with future challenges;

¹⁰ Commission proposal of 20 June 2023 for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the Ukraine Facility (COM(2023)0338).

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7. ***Notes*** that the financing of assistance for Ukraine through the mobilisation of the Instrument's cushion, rather than through the appropriate budgetary instrument, has exhausted much of the cushion, leaving the Instrument with limited ability to respond to unforeseen challenges; ***highlights, however, that addressing the consequences of the full-scale war of aggression at the very doorstep of the EU adequately and in a timely way, including humanitarian aid for millions of refugees, rightly has been and still remains a priority for the EU; in this respect*** welcomes the Commission proposal on establishing the Ukraine Facility¹⁰, which should ensure sustainable long-term financing for Ukraine while preserving the Instrument's ability to cope with future challenges;

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 12***Motion for a resolution*

12. Expresses concern about the state of LGBTIQ+ rights worldwide, as well as the general backlash against women's rights, gender equality *and sexual and reproductive health and rights* in developing countries; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to address the setback to the recognition and protection of these rights; underlines, in this regard, the need to prioritise targeted support to civil society organisations (CSOs) and communities advocating *respect for sexual and reproductive health and rights*, women's rights, gender equality, the LGBTIQ+ community and other marginalised populations, including enhanced measures to decriminalise homosexuality; recalls that *at least 85 % of* new actions implemented under the Instrument should have gender equality as a principal or a significant objective and at least 5 % of those actions should have gender equality and women's and girls' rights and empowerment as a principal objective;

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12. Expresses concern about the state of LGBTIQ+ rights worldwide, as well as the general backlash against women's rights, gender equality *and the issue of poor access to healthcare* in developing countries; calls on the Commission and the EEAS to address the setback to the recognition and protection of these rights; underlines, in this regard, the need to prioritise targeted support to civil society organisations (CSOs) and communities advocating *for accessibility to appropriate healthcare*, women's rights, gender equality, the LGBTIQ+ community and other marginalised populations, including enhanced measures to decriminalise homosexuality; *reminds the EU about the need to prioritise promotion and protection of freedom of religion or belief throughout the implementation of the NDICI with sufficient resources to address the growing persecution of Christians and other persecuted religious groups*; recalls that *some of the* new actions implemented under the Instrument should have gender equality as a principal or a significant objective and at least 5 % of those actions should have gender equality and women's and girls' rights and empowerment as a principal objective;

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Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

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14a. Regrets that the EU continues providing funds to third countries that refuse to enter into return and readmission agreements with Member States; calls for the EU to suspend funds until the beneficiary state has concluded agreements enabling the return of migrants from Member States; stresses the importance of cooperation with our partners in order to dismantle criminal networks of human smugglers and human traffickers;

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Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

37. Considers that the geopolitical challenges that emerged with the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and the growing malign influence and assertiveness of the People's Republic of China require the Instrument's budget to be increased considerably; highlights that the challenges are spread all over the world, meaning the EU must increase its geopolitical influence while remaining committed to its values and principles; stresses that it will only be possible to respond to these challenges in a balanced way if the proportion of allocations for each area of the Instrument is kept the same; expresses concern that the EU is losing influence and visibility to alternative offers made by China and Russia; calls for the EU to respond to the expectations of partner countries and deliver quickly on the political agreements made with them, such as the Post-Cotonou Agreement, to reinforce its status as a reliable ally in development cooperation and to demonstrate that the international rules-based system can meet contemporary challenges;

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