

Amendment 18

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Motion for a resolution**Recital J***Motion for a resolution*

J. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has deepened the already significant SDG financing gap and caused an overall decline in resources of USD 700 billion, while, at the same time, a significant increase is needed to respond to the pre-pandemic gap in developing countries; whereas 80 % of the cushion has already been used and an increase to it ***should be considered***; whereas the EU's current political and financial leadership ***and the efforts by the EU are not sufficient for achieving the European Consensus on Development, the SDGs and the goals of the Paris Agreement and addressing other acute global challenges, in particular worsening climate change, the consequences of COVID-19 and violent conflicts, meaning that*** joint engagement at international level is required to ensure that the Instrument is able to respond to these emerging challenges;

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J. whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has deepened the already significant SDG financing gap and caused an overall decline in resources of USD 700 billion, while, at the same time, a significant increase is needed to respond to the pre-pandemic gap in developing countries; whereas 80 % of the cushion has already been used and an increase to it ***would be irresponsible given the current fiscal, economic and social climate in many EU countries***; whereas the EU's current political and financial leadership ***is already notable, especially regarding the historic sums being directed toward development and humanitarian aid under the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework; whereas the EU cannot be the sole international actor bearing the financial responsibility for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or the Paris agreement; whereas*** joint engagement at international level is required to ***convince other international actors to do their fair share of global development efforts and*** ensure that the Instrument is able, ***in its current framework***, to respond ***in an appropriate and reasonable way*** to these emerging challenges;

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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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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 **realistic** approach with regard to partner countries that are moving in the opposite direction when it comes to central values, principles **and interests of the EU and its Member States**; supports the suspension of budget support as a good example in this regard; **emphasises, further, that cooperation on migration by**

*the beneficiary country should be made a
systematic condition for receiving
European development aid, particularly in
relation to the readmission of migrants;*

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

14. Reaffirms the commitment outlined in the Instrument to addressing the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement; is of the opinion that, without prejudice to unforeseen circumstances, the commitment within the Instrument to dedicate an indicative 10 % of the Instrument's financial envelope to actions supporting the management and governance of migration and forced displacement within the objectives of the Instrument ***should be respected*** and that this clause should ***not*** be reopened; notes, ***however***, that 14 % of the funds committed in 2021 contributed to the migration spending target; expects to receive regular substantial updates on the state of play;

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14. Reaffirms the commitment outlined in the Instrument to addressing the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement; is of the opinion that, without prejudice to unforeseen circumstances, the commitment within the Instrument to dedicate an indicative 10 % of the Instrument's financial envelope to actions supporting the management and governance of migration, ***including returns and readmissions***, and forced displacement within the objectives of the Instrument ***is not sufficient*** and that this clause should be reopened; notes that 14 % of the funds committed in 2021 contributed to the migration spending target; expects to receive regular substantial updates on the state of play;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

***14a. Insists that funds under the
Instrument be made conditional on the
effective implementation of return and
readmission agreements with beneficiary
states;***

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution**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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37. Considers that the *current* geopolitical challenges that *have* emerged *do not* require the Instrument's budget to be increased considerably; highlights that the challenges are spread all over the world, meaning the *EU's Member States* must increase *their* geopolitical influence while remaining committed to *European interests*; 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, *with the notable exception of migration management in Africa and the Middle East*; expresses concern that *EU Member States are* losing influence and visibility to alternative offers made by China, Russia, *Türkiye and other international actors*; 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 *the EU's* status as a reliable *and independent* ally in development cooperation; *welcomes the enhanced provisions on migration included in the successor agreement to the Cotonou Agreement, called the Samoa Agreement, and recalls the provisions of*

Regulation 2021/947/EU, in particular those of Annex II thereto related to ‘return and readmission’, which emphasise that EU development aid should be made conditional on the beneficiary country’s cooperation in relation to the prevention of illegal migration and the implementation of readmission agreements;

Or. en