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*Committee on Budgets*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on the budgetary control of EU funds in Afghanistan  
(2008/2152(INI))

Rapporteur: Laima Liucija Andrikiene

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Insists that the Commission tackle the worrying coordination shortcomings regarding EU financial assistance to Afghanistan not only between Member States and the Commission but also amongst Member States; Calls on the Commission to develop a strategy involving the donors and the Afghan authorities, designed to improve coordination and communication between them;
2. Recalls that aid effectiveness is a key principle of EU development policy; in this regard, stresses the importance of the Commission's aid effectiveness agenda and takes note of the EU Council conclusions of 26 May 2008 in regard to EU aid effectiveness in Afghanistan;
3. In order to increase allocations for long-term priority objectives of the EU in Afghanistan, i.e. sustainable development and the fight against poverty, calls on the Commission to reshuffle, in the course of the drafting of the Multi-Annual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2010-2013, the distribution of Community funds between the three main focal and three non-focal areas, as well as to infrastructure development and alternative livelihoods contributing to the reduction of poverty and facilitating the change from an opium-based economy to an alternative economic and social system; therefore urges the Commission to increase allocations for health, education and infrastructure sectors; also recalls the European Union's commitment regarding the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
4. Expresses its concern about the poor quality of the administration of assistance funds by the Afghan central administration and the lack of transparency in the management of this assistance; considers it to be of prime importance that the next MIP 2010-2013 take into due consideration the concrete results of the fight against corruption and adapt EU assistance accordingly.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	10.11.2008
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 17 -: 0 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Reimer Böge, Simon Busuttil, Paulo Casaca, Brigitte Douay, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Catherine Guy-Quint, Jutta Haug, Anne E. Jensen, Alain Lamassoure, Janusz Lewandowski, Margaritis Schinas, Helga Trüpel, Kyösti Virrankoski, Ralf Walter, Nina Škottová, Jan Mulder