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OPINION

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for the Committee on Development

on preparation of the multiannual financial framework regarding the financing of EU cooperation for African, Caribbean and Pacific States and Overseas Countries and Territories for the 2014-2020 period (11th European Development Fund)
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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Calls once again for the budgetisation of the European Development Fund (EDF), as this would contribute to the more effective promotion of Union priorities and thematic support and would enhance the visibility, as well as the consistency, of the EU's actions as the world's largest donor of development aid; invites the Commission to present a roadmap for the budgetisation of the EDF after 2020, containing details on the timeline and procedure for its inclusion in the Union budget;
2. Insists that the incorporation of the EDF into the EU budget should not influence the overall financial allocation for the other priority areas and policies of the Union; recalls the commitment given by the Member States in relation to official development assistance, and asks for the incorporation of the EDF into the budget to be carried out in such a way as not to have a detrimental effect on their contributions;
3. Underlines the importance of the complementary nature of EU and Member States' assistance, and the catalyst effect of the former in terms of intervening in regions where bilateral assistance is not delivered; is particularly supportive of joint programming between Member States' and EU actions; likewise considers it crucial to ensure coherence between development cooperation policies and other European policies that are likely to affect developing countries; considers that coordination between the EU and other aid donors is also essential;
4. Believes that transparency and accountability are fundamental when allocating EDF funds and monitoring the projects financed, including direct aid to national budgets;
5. Calls for close attention to be paid to the specific situation of ACP countries and regions exiting (no longer receiving) bilateral aid on grounds of GDP;
6. Considers that development aid harmonised at EU level ensures better predictability of financial flows for the beneficiary countries; insists on better targeting of resources where they are most needed, such as in least developed countries, and where financing would result in the greatest possible impact; calls for enhanced coordination and coherence of development aid efforts between Member States and the Union, inter alia through instruments for development cooperation within the EU budget, such as the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI);
7. Recalls that the 2015 deadline for meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), and the collective Official Development Aid (ODA) target of 0.7 % of gross national income (GNI), fall within the next MFF period; stresses, accordingly, that an appropriate overall level of development aid and funding is required for the Union and its Member States to meet their international development commitments; urges Member States to take immediate action to meet their ODA targets and fulfil their development pledges;
8. Notes the need for reinforced use of innovative financial instruments, such as blending of

grants and loans, in order to boost financial resources for development;

9. Notes the earmarking of 5 % of EDF credits for support expenditure with a view to taking more fully into account the fact that such expenditure is needed for the management and implementation of the Fund;
10. Welcomes the increased flexibility of use of the unspent resources allocated to the ACP States to support emergency assistance and short-term humanitarian relief.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.1.2013
Result of final vote	+: 23 -: 8 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Marta Andreasen, Zuzana Brzobohatá, Jean-Luc Dehaene, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazábal Rubial, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Ingeborg Gräßle, Lucas Hartong, Monika Hohlmeier, Anne E. Jensen, Ivailo Kalfin, Sergej Kozlík, Jan Kozłowski, Alain Lamassoure, Giovanni La Via, Claudio Morganti, Jan Mulder, Juan Andrés Naranjo Escobar, Nadezhda Neynsky, Dominique Riquet, Potito Salatto, Alda Sousa, László Surján, Derek Vaughan, Angelika Werthmann
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