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# AMENDMENTS 1 - 31

Draft opinion Alexandra Geese (PE681.038v01-00)

The EU Gender Action Plan III (2021/2003(INI))

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# Draft opinion Paragraph 1

# Draft opinion

1. Welcomes the gender action plan III (GAP III), and in particular, the commitment of 85 % of the EU's official development aid (ODA) being allocated to programmes having gender equality as a significant or as a principal objective; calls for 20 % of ODA in each country to be allocated to programmes having gender equality as one of its principal objectives; expects no ODA spending to counter gender-equality achievements; emphasises the need for coordinated and coherent EU action and calls for close cooperation with other actors;

# Amendment

Welcomes the gender action plan 1. III (GAP III), and in particular, the commitment of 85 % of the EU's official development aid (ODA) being allocated to programmes across all sectors having gender equality as a significant or as a principal objective; calls for 20 % of ODA in each country to be allocated to programmes having gender equality as one of its principal objectives; expects no ODA spending to counter gender-equality achievements; emphasises the need for coordinated and coherent EU action and calls for close cooperation with other actors to support gender equality and women's empowerment and ensure that women and girls are not left behind; stresses the need for intensified and targeted action to advance the promotion of gender equality and to achieve the UN SDG 5 by 2030 at the latest;

Or. en

Amendment 2 Alexandra Geese on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Or. en

#### Amendment 3 Victor Negrescu

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Or. en

# Amendment 4 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

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Or. en

Amendment 5 Hélène Laporte, Joachim Kuhs

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other actors;

# Amendment 6 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

#### Draft opinion Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Highlights that all crisis have a strongly gendered impact and none more than the current COVID-19 pandemic; underlines that due to the asymmetric impact of the pandemic on sectors and occupations as well as the different position of men and women in the labour market, more women than men have lost their jobs and are more likely to be among furloughed workers;

Or. en

Amendment 7 Dimitrios Papadimoulis on behalf of The Left Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 2

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2. Highlights that funding needs to be accessible for local and small civil society organisations that work most closely with girls and women in all their diversity; emphasises the key role of the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and stresses that administrative and implementation barriers should be avoided, since they might hamper the involvement of the most relevant actors; recalls the

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2. Highlights that funding needs to be accessible for local and small civil society organisations, *such as women's rights organisations and social movements*, that work most closely with girls and women in all their diversity *and can actively contribute towards linking the 85% target to the actual funding needs of specific regions*; emphasises the key role of the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and

urgent need for significant funding *for* sexual and reproductive health and rights;

stresses that administrative and implementation barriers should be avoided, since they might hamper the involvement of the most relevant actors; recalls the urgent need for significant funding *to support, protect and further enhance universal access to* sexual and reproductive health and rights;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Alexandra Geese on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Amendment

Highlights that *in order to* 2. *maximise the impact of EU action* funding needs to be accessible for local and small civil society organisations and other relevant local actors that work most closely with girls and women in all their diversity with special focus on single parents and vulnerable situations; emphasises the key role of the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and stresses that administrative and implementation barriers should be avoided, since they might hamper the involvement of the most relevant actors; recalls the urgent need for significant funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights;

Or. en

Amendment 9 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

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#### Amendment

2. Underlines that funding needs to be accessible for local and small civil society organisations that work most closely with girls and women in all their diversity and different life situations; emphasises the key role of the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and stresses that administrative and implementation barriers should be avoided, since that might impede the work of the most relevant actors; recalls the urgent need for significant funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights;

Or. en

# Amendment 10 Fabienne Keller, Valérie Hayer, Olivier Chastel, Vlad Gheorghe

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2. *Highlights* that funding needs to be accessible for local and small civil society organisations *that work most closely with* girls *and* women in all their diversity; emphasises the key role of the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and stresses that administrative and implementation barriers should be avoided, since they might hamper the involvement of the most relevant actors; recalls the urgent need for significant funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights;

#### Amendment

2. *Stresses* that funding needs to be accessible for *associations, NGOs,* local and small civil society organisations *which are helping* girls, women *and LGBTIQ people* in all their diversity; emphasises the key role of the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and stresses that administrative and implementation barriers should be avoided, since they might hamper the involvement of the most relevant actors; recalls the urgent need for significant funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights;

Or. en

# Amendment 11 Hélène Laporte, Joachim Kuhs, Anna Bonfrisco, Valentino Grant

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Highlights that funding needs to be 2. accessible for local and small civil society organisations that work most closely with girls and women in all their diversity; emphasises the key role of the neighbourhood, development and international cooperation instrument and stresses that administrative and implementation barriers should be avoided. since they might hamper the involvement of the most relevant actors; recalls the urgent need for significant funding for sexual and reproductive health and rights; stresses the need for closer monitoring of beneficiaries; points out that the EU needs to closely monitor the use of these funds; points out that the European Parliament must be kept informed of how funds are used;

Or. fr

Amendment 12 Dimitrios Papadimoulis on behalf of The Left Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Underlines that women have been over-proportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic and social consequences, constituting a majority of workers particularly affected by unemployment and lockdowns, while also being victims of the sharp increase of domestic and gender-based violence;

expects funding in essential services to ensure that victims of gender-based violence have access to protected shelters, social welfare, legal aid and housing, including those in fragile and humanitarian crisis situations; highlights that adequate and quality services can promote socio-economic integration and provide psycho-social support to the victims of all forms of gender-based violence;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Dimitrios Papadimoulis on behalf of The Left Group

#### Draft opinion Paragraph 3

#### Draft opinion

3. Welcomes the increased level of support for gender-responsive budgeting, the creation of specific gender indicators and the collection of gender-disaggregated data; expects the Commission to consult Parliament on the monitoring system;

#### Amendment

Welcomes the increased level of 3. support for gender-responsive budgeting that can have a fundamental impact on inclusive social and economic growth, foster employment, reduce poverty and increase GDP; stresses the need to recognise gender-responsive budgeting as a fundamental policy objective; welcomes the creation of specific gender indicators and the collection of quality, genderdisaggregated and globally comparable data; expects the Commission to consult Parliament on the monitoring system so that the efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability and the added value of the GAP III can be properly assessed;

Or. en

Amendment 14 Alexandra Geese on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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3. Welcomes the increased level of support for gender-responsive budgeting, the creation of specific gender indicators and the collection of gender-disaggregated data; expects the Commission to consult Parliament on the monitoring system;

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Welcomes the increased level of 3. support for gender-responsive budgeting. the creation of specific gender indicators and the collection of gender-disaggregated data and in particular, welcomes the support announced by the Commission regarding the inclusion of the module on gender responsiveness in all new public expenditures and financial accountability assessment reports; expects the Commission to consult Parliament on the monitoring system in line with the agreement as per Article 16 (f) of the Inter-institutional Agreement on budgetary discipline;

Or. en

# Amendment 15 Fabienne Keller, Valérie Hayer, Olivier Chastel, Vlad Gheorghe

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3. Welcomes the increased level of support for gender-responsive budgeting, the creation of specific gender indicators and the collection of gender-disaggregated data; expects the Commission to *closely monitor the implementation of The Gender Action Plan III and to* consult Parliament on the monitoring system;

Or. en

# Amendment 16 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

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# Draft opinion Paragraph 3

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3. Welcomes the increased level of support for gender-responsive budgeting, *the creation of specific gender indicators and the collection of gender-disaggregated data*; expects *the Commission to consult Parliament on the monitoring system*;

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3. Welcomes the increased level of support for gender-responsive budgeting, *including via programmes to support public finance management*; expects *concrete steps towards supporting universal social protection systems, and recognising, reducing and redistributing unpaid care and domestic work*;

Or. en

# Amendment 17 Hélène Laporte, Joachim Kuhs, Anna Bonfrisco, Valentino Grant

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

#### Draft opinion

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#### Amendment

3. *Takes note of* the increased level of support for gender-responsive budgeting, the creation of specific gender indicators and the collection of gender-disaggregated data; expects the Commission to consult Parliament on the monitoring system;

Or. fr

Amendment 18 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. Welcomes the intention to increase overall funding for education with 10% of the humanitarian aid budget devoted to

funding for education in emergencies; underlines that gender-responsible budgeting should also support programmes aimed at enhancing women's capacity as political leaders and promoting young leaders programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 19 Alexandra Geese on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Welcomes the accomplishments made so far on gender in landing policies of the European Investment Bank and calls on the Bank to scale up its efforts and in particular to take into account to the maximum extent possible the policy goals of the GAP III in its external landing mandate;

Or. en

Amendment 20 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Emphasises the importance of investing in women-entrepreneurship and women-led businesses, as well as funding projects offering business development services and support for employment, including for women in recovery contexts and in forced displacement;

# Amendment 21 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3c. Welcomes the creation of specific gender indicators, which must be clear, measurable and time-bound, and the collection of gender-disaggregated data; expects the Commission to consult the Parliament on the monitoring system which should be in line with, but not limited to, the SDGs and should include EU specific indicators based on international human rights standards, such as the CEDAW, the Istanbul Convention, the IPCD program of action and its review conferences, the EU Strategic Approach to WPS and the relevant ILO conventions;

Or. en

Amendment 22 Margarida Marques, Elisabetta Gualmini, Paolo De Castro, Pierre Larrouturou

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

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3d. Recalls that the Interinstitutional Agreement adopted on 16 December 2020 accompanying the 2021-2027 MFF Regulation, sets gender equality as an horizontal principle for the 2021-2027 period and forms an integral part of budgetary transparency; calls on the Commission to develop and present to the European Parliament the methodology to

measure gender relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027, including as far as NDICI implementation is concerned;

Amendment 23 Hélène Laporte, Joachim Kuhs

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for the establishment of an extensive and comprehensive training programme to underpin the implementation of the GAP III, and for the EU to develop gender equality guidelines for all EU actors implementing the GAP III:

Or. fr

Amendment 24 Alexandra Geese on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

# Draft opinion Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for the establishment of an extensive and comprehensive training programme to underpin the implementation of the GAP III, and for the EU to develop gender equality guidelines for all EU actors implementing the GAP III;

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4. Calls for the establishment of an extensive and comprehensive training programme to underpin the implementation of the GAP III *namely on gender mainstreaming*, *gender budgeting*, *gender impact assessments and gender analyses as well as gender-based violence;* and for the EU to develop gender equality guidelines for all EU actors implementing the GAP III; *and in particular, to employ a full time gender focal points in each EU* 

delegation with sufficient resources and time to perform their tasks as well as gender advisers in military CSDP missions;

Or. en

Amendment 25 Dimitrios Papadimoulis on behalf of The Left Group

#### Draft opinion Paragraph 4

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4. Calls for the establishment of an extensive and comprehensive training programme to underpin the implementation of the GAP III, and for the EU to develop gender equality guidelines for all EU actors implementing the GAP III;

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4. Calls for the establishment of an extensive and comprehensive training programme to underpin the implementation of the GAP III, and for the EU to develop *clear and specific* gender equality guidelines *and set binding targets* for all EU actors implementing the GAP III;

Or. en

Amendment 26 Alexandra Geese on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

# Draft opinion

5. Expects that the gender transformative approach of the GAP III be fully respected and that the principle of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics be fully upheld in the implementation of all funds and accessibility for projects and applicants; believes that this entails the proactive inclusion of civil society

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5. Expects that the gender transformative approach of the GAP III be fully respected and that the principle of non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics be fully upheld in the implementation of all funds and accessibility for projects and applicants; believes that this entails the proactive inclusion of civil society organisations working on the intersection of women's rights and LGBTIQ rights.

organisations working on the intersection of women's rights and LGBTIQ rights *in particular for projects focused on genderbased and/or domestic violence, education, SRHR and combatting gender stereotypes;* 

Or. en

Amendment 27 Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

5a. Recalls the necessity of advancing equal participation and leadership given the fact that only a small number of women occupy top management positions; stresses the need to combat any discrimination regarding the occupation of management positions based on gender; underlines the necessity of gender-balanced leadership;

Or. en

Amendment 28 Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Recalls that women and men should have equal opportunities, equal access to employment and equal pay for equal work in order to be economically independent; underlines that women and men should equally share care responsibilities and have access to adequate social protection, public

Or. en

Amendment 29 Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Underlines that gender-based violence is condemned and must be prevented; calls for assessment and improvement of EU's initiatives and programmes aiming to end all forms of gender-based violence; highlights the crucial importance of support access for victims; calls for developing increasing protection programmes;

Or. en

Amendment 30 Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Reiterates the need to use all available know-how and expertise existing across EU member states in promoting gender rights; reiterates the important role played by academic and education cooperation in reinforcing gender rights across the world and underlines the importance of development studies and global citizenship education in achieving the goals for gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 31 Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

#### Amendment

5e. Recalls that education and quality education systems are the foundation for promoting gender equality; stresses the need of increasing investment in girls' education to achieve equal access to all forms of education and training; emphasises the necessity of measures meant to overcome gender stereotypes and norms that create gender discrimination in schools;

Or. en