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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on the negotiating mandate for an Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States on the one part, and the Andean Community and its member countries on the other part  
(2006/2221(INI))

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## SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Asks that the negotiating mandate should explicitly state the legal basis on which the new Association Agreement is to be negotiated, namely Article 310 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) and the second subparagraph of Article 300(3);
2. Asks that the negotiating guidelines should be sufficiently flexible as to take account of the different levels of development that exist between the countries which form part of the Andean Community (CAN);
3. Stresses the need for those guidelines to take full account of the priority objective of eradicating poverty, inequality, social exclusion and all forms of discrimination, particularly discrimination on grounds of gender and ethnic origin, and stresses the need to have a general integrated development strategy and policies that will guarantee equal work opportunities and better living and working conditions for everyone, including the economic and cultural rights of indigenous peoples, as well as high priority for greater access to education and health;
4. Asks that internal mechanisms and joint measures within the framework of the association be strengthened so that the development strategies can reach their full potential, stimulating co-development projects, particularly with immigrant populations resident in the European Union;
5. Asks that a study be made of the possibility of reducing the cost of money transfers made by immigrants to their countries of origin and making them more transparent and secure, since, given the amounts involved, they represent a key factor for development within CAN;
6. Stresses the importance of enriching the negotiations with contributions from the respective regional parliaments, which are engines of integration and political dialogue, and stresses that they must be properly involved in the process; also stresses that there must be real involvement of NGOs and civil society;
7. Asks that the negotiating mandate should identify the objectives of democratic governability, peace-keeping and security, and conflict management as priority topics, as well as including support for social cohesion and the MDGs, with high priority for primary and secondary education and health, and the joint management of migration, the fight against drugs trafficking and the adoption of common positions in international fora and the United Nations, respect for human rights, etc;
8. Stresses the importance of strengthening the consensus regarding the fight against drugs trafficking, as has been done hitherto, pointing out that this is a shared responsibility both at internal level within CAN and at bilateral level between CAN and the European Union; stresses that the promotion of viable economic alternatives to drugs production is very important in this connection;

9. Points out that foreign investment is an essential element for the economic development of both regions and stresses that European undertakings with investments in CAN should be expected to apply the same standards as regards working conditions and investment as are complied within the European Union, and that the legal security of investors should be guaranteed on the basis of international private law and with full respect for the principle of national sovereignty over natural resources; it is important that the greater part of the benefit of the national natural resources goes to the State and through the State to the realisation of the MDGs.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	The negotiating mandate for an Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States on the one part, and the Andean Community and its member countries on the other part
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<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Margrietus van den Berg, Danutė Budreikaitė, Marie-Arlette Carlotti, Hélène Goudin, Maria Martens, Luisa Morgantini, Horst Posdorf, Feleknas Uca, Anna Záborská.
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	John Bowis, Fiona Hall, Alain Hutchinson, Jan Jerzy Kułakowski, Manolis Mavrommatis.
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	
<b>Comments (available in one language only)</b>	...