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OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Budgets

on Mid-term Review of the 2007-2013 Financial Framework
(2008/2055(INI))

Rapporteur: Thijs Berman

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Observes that patterns of expenditure under the current Financial Perspective show considerable variations in levels of implementation between different headings of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) with significant underspends in some headings (for example in heading 2) while margins are completely exhausted in others (for example in heading 4); considers that this situation highlights the need for greater flexibility in transferring appropriations between headings;
2. Draws particular attention to the problem of the precarious financing situation in heading 4 resulting from newly-arising needs that could not have been foreseen when the MFF was established, such as with regard to Palestine, Kosovo and Georgia; believes that this problem can only be addressed through a comprehensive revision of the MFF leading to increases in the heading 4 ceiling for the period 2010-2013;
3. Notes that, although new needs resulting from soaring food prices in developing countries were addressed within the framework of the current Financial Perspective, this was a complicated and difficult process which should not be repeated; notes further that new, unforeseen and acute needs in developing countries are likely to arise, including those resulting from turmoil in global financial markets, and humanitarian emergencies resulting from global climate change, which have their greatest impact in lower-income countries;
4. Points out that the process of democratic scrutiny has revealed the need for a new financing instrument, or modification of an existing instrument, with additional financial resources, to cover actions other than Official Development Assistance in countries covered by the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), and that this may only be adequately achieved by an increase in the ceiling of heading 4.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	17.2.2009
Result of final vote	+ : 24 - : 0 0 : 0
Members present for the final vote	Alessandro Battilocchio, Thijs Berman, Thierry Cornillet, Corina Crețu, Alexandra Dobolyi, Fernando Fernández Martín, Alain Hutchinson, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Filip Kaczmarek, Glenys Kinnock, Maria Martens, Gay Mitchell, Luisa Morgantini, José Javier Pomés Ruiz, José Ribeiro e Castro, Toomas Savi, Frithjof Schmidt, Jürgen Schröder, Felekna Uca
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Manolis Mavrommatis, Renate Weber, Gabriele Zimmer
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Emilio Menéndez del Valle