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OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change

(COM(2011)0789 – C7-0433/2011 – 2011/0372(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The way financial additionality is defined by donor governments needs focused attention to ensure that sufficient finance is channelled towards climate change needs while simultaneously avoiding diversion from development commitments. Once financial additionality is secured, it will eliminate the need to rely on ODA as a major funding source. In light of this, it is important that Member states specify if the new and additional resources come on the top of the 0,7% GINI/ODA target, thus indicating the financial source of the resources. In addition, programmatic financial support may make tracking of climate finance flows more difficult since resources go directly to the recipient country's national financing system. This is why a new and additional source of finance for climate change which can easily be tracked and channelled together with programmatic development finance flows is important. This will also make tracking of how recipient governments allocate their spending all the more important.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) Under Decision 1/CP.15, the Union and the Member States committed to providing substantial climate financing to support adaptation and mitigation actions in developing countries. In accordance with paragraph 40 of Decision 1/CP.16, each developed country Party to the UNFCCC must enhance reporting on the provision of financial, technological and capacity-building support to developing country Parties. Enhanced reporting is essential to recognise Union and Member State efforts to meet their commitments. Decision 1/CP.16 also established a new

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policy coherence for development in accordance with Article 208 TFEU. Decision 1/CP.16 also established a new Technology Mechanism to enhance international technology transfer. This Regulation should ensure that robust up-to-date information on technology transfer activities to developing countries is made available.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) whether the financial resources that the Member State has provided to developing countries are new and additional in the context of the UNFCCC and how this was calculated;

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Justification

The reference to 0,7% ODA/GINI is needed to ensure that financial commitments for climate change are met and secured in such a way that international public funds are not diverted away from long-term commitments to support development in poor countries.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – point a – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) information on any financial resources allocated by the Member State related to the implementation of the UNFCCC by type of channel such as bilateral, regional or other multilateral channels;

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(ii) information on any financial resources allocated by the Member State related to the implementation of the UNFCCC by type of ***financial instrument and*** channel such as bilateral, regional or other multilateral channels;

Justification

The reference to the additionality to the 0,7% GINI/ODA is reinforced by the request to provide information on the type of financial instrument through which aid will be channelled. This will allow for a better identification of the source of funding, whether is development budget or not.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) quantitative information on financial flows based on the so-called "Rio markers for climate change mitigation-related aid and climate change adaptation-related aid" (the 'Rio markers') introduced by the OECD Development Assistance Group and methodological information concerning the implementation of the climate change Rio markers methodology;

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(iii) quantitative information on financial flows, ***either through project or budget support***, based on the so-called "Rio markers for climate change mitigation-related aid and climate change adaptation-related aid" (the 'Rio markers') introduced by the OECD Development Assistance Group and methodological information concerning the implementation of the climate change Rio markers methodology;

Justification

The international public financial support to developing countries is moving towards 'programmatic' forms of financial delivery, involving shifts towards budgetary support and away from project-based aid. The OECD/Development Assistance Committee only allows project or sectoral tracking of climate change related flows; such flows cannot be tracked via general budget support. This may become more prominent in the future as climate-related development support continues to move towards programmatic forms.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Article 17 – point a – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

(iv) detailed information on assistance provided by both the public and private sectors, as appropriate, to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change in adapting to

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – point a – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

(v) detailed information on assistance provided by both the public and private sectors, as appropriate, to developing countries to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions;

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Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) information on activities by the Member State related to technology transfer to developing countries under the UNFCCC and on technologies transferred for the year X-1, information on planned activities related to technology transfer to developing countries under the UNFCCC and on technologies to be transferred for the year X and subsequent years. It should include information on whether the technology transferred was used for mitigating or adapting to the effects of climate change, recipient country, amount of support provided, and type of technology transferred.

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Justification

This will again permit to identify if the source of money comes from ODA budget.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) information on the use of revenues during the year X-1 generated by the Member State by auctioning allowances pursuant to Article 10(1) of Directive 2003/87/EC. This information shall also include specific and detailed information on the use of 50 % of the revenues, and resulting action taken, specifying the category of such actions taken in accordance with Article 10(3) of Directive 2003/87/EC and indicating the relevant beneficiary country or region;

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation
Article 18 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) information referred to in point (b) of Article 6(1) of Decision No 406/2009/EC and information on how their purchasing policy enhances the achievement of an international agreement on climate change.

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(d) information referred to in point (b) of Article 6(1) of Decision No 406/2009/EC and information on how their purchasing policy enhances the achievement of an international agreement on climate change.
In the case of hydroelectric power production project activities with a generating capacity exceeding 20MW, Member States shall, when approving such project activities, ensure that relevant international criteria and guidelines, in particular the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol published by the International Hydropower Association in November 2010, are respected during the development of such project activities.

PROCEDURE

Title	Mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change
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