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# **COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 6**

**Draft opinion**

**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

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## Amendment 1

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 1, 2, 3 and 5. 4 falls.

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

##### *Draft opinion*

1. Is alarmed about the rising number of crises worldwide **and** the highest-ever humanitarian funding gap; is worried that Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (**NDICI**) - Global Europe (**GE**) is stretched to its limits and is not sufficient to address existing needs;

##### *Amendment*

1. Is alarmed about the rising number of crises worldwide, the highest-ever humanitarian funding gap **and increasing inequalities between and within countries exacerbated by Russia's unjustified and unprovoked aggression in Ukraine which worsened the global food crisis, triggered an energy, cost of living and debt crisis worldwide and created economic uncertainty, is also concerned about the growing political and economic influence of China in Africa and Russian interference on that continent**; is worried that Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (**NDICI-GE**) is stretched to its limits and is not sufficient to address existing needs; **calls on the Member States to ensure that the cushion is mobilised only for purposes within its intended scope**;

Or. en

## Amendment 2

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 10, 11 and 13. 12 falls.

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 2

##### *Draft opinion*

2. Notes that 2022 was the first full year of the implementation of the Global Gateway strategy; underlines that actions bringing together public and private

##### *Amendment*

2. **Welcomes the Global Gateway strategy as a concerted EU response to global challenges**; notes that 2022 was the first full year of the implementation of the

investment must ***always be guided by*** development objectives; calls for more transparency ***and*** Parliament's involvement in strategic choices involving Union funds; insists that Global Gateway should not only align with the EU ***interests*** but also with the needs of partner countries and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs;

Global Gateway strategy; underlines that actions bringing together public and private investment must ***be focused on areas where they can add value to the local economy and be consistent with*** development objectives ***and national strategies of partner countries, as well as with the Agenda 2030, the SDGs and the Paris Agreement***; calls for more transparency, ***accountability and regular assessments of the Global Gateway implementation as well as for*** Parliament's involvement, ***beyond a simple observer role***, in strategic choices involving Union funds ***in respect of the scrutiny role of the European Parliament of the NDICI-Global Europe, which is the main source of financing of the Global Gateway***; calls on the Commission to ensure that projects branded under the Global Gateway strategy contribute to the development objectives laid down in the NDICI-Global Europe Regulation; insists that Global Gateway should not only align with the EU ***priorities*** but also with the needs of partner countries and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 20, 21 and 31.

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3 a. Is concerned about the depletion of the cushion within the NDICI-GE; insists that the Commission always notifies Parliament before the cushion is mobilised, respecting Parliament's right of scrutiny and that the Commission fully takes into consideration Parliament's observations on the nature, objectives and***

*financial amounts envisaged; stresses that the Parliament is responsible for democratic oversight and scrutiny of the NDICI-GE instrument as a co-legislator under the co-decision procedure; urges the Commission in its future actions to preserve the initial purpose of cushion funds, which is to respond to unforeseen crises; notes that in 2022 EUR 501 million were mobilised from the cushion of the NDICI-GE instrument as part of the bilateral assistance for Ukraine; welcomes, in this regard, the proposal to create a new instrument, the Ukraine Facility, to provide predictable financial support for Ukraine over the 2024-2027 period;*

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 22, 24 and 25. 23 falls.

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. *Appreciates* the role of local NGOs and partners in service delivery; underlines the importance of enhancing their capacity to manage and implement actions financed by the EU and invites the Commission to facilitate adequate training towards this aim; is concerned about the continued difficulties faced by small local **NGOs** to access Union funding;

*Amendment*

4. *Stresses* the role of local NGOs and partners in service delivery **and support to local communities**; underlines the importance of enhancing their capacity to manage and implement actions financed by the EU and invites the Commission to facilitate adequate training towards this aim; is concerned about the continued difficulties faced by small local **organisations** to access Union funding; **encourages the Commission to improve these funding procedures and to systematically prioritise local organisations in order to provide better capacity-building on the ground; highlights the efficacy of local ownership in project implementation in terms of prioritisation, allocation of resources and**

*building local know-how;*

Or. en

## **Amendment 5**

**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 6 and 27. 28 falls.

### **Draft opinion**

#### **Paragraph 5**

##### *Draft opinion*

5. Stresses the important role of the official development assistance (ODA); ***calls for a cautious approach to*** blending and public-private partnerships in fields, such as education or health;

##### *Amendment*

5. Stresses the important role of the official development assistance (ODA); ***notes that the European Union and its 27 EU Member States together remain the world's biggest provider of external assistance, accounting for approximately 43% of the total ODA provided by all OECD ODA donors to developing countries in 2021; recalls the obligation under the NDICI Regulation for 93% of the Instrument funding to be compliant with the official development assistance (ODA) criteria; stresses that*** blending and public-private partnerships ***alone cannot guarantee universal access to, or replace public investments*** in fields such as education, ***social protection*** or health ***care, that provide crucial long-term prospects for the graduation from poverty and, therefore, advocates for a cautious approach in using them;***

Or. en

## **Amendment 6**

**Antoni Comín i Oliveres**

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment(s): 8, 9 and 35.

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#### **Paragraph 6**

*Draft opinion*

6. Welcomes the finding of the ECA report on the EU budget for 2022 that DG ECHO implemented ECA recommendation and established a procedure ensuring that partner organisations base their allocation of shared costs on expenditure actually incurred.

*Amendment*

6. ***Highlights the fact that the legitimacy and effectiveness of EU development cooperation hinges on the correct implementation of activities and their proper funding; recognises the work of the Commission in applying controls to make sure that transactions are made in a legitimate manner and that activities are implemented in accordance with the priorities set by the legislator; calls on the Commission to further improve controls in order to decrease the amount of transactional errors, to act upon ECA recommendations that have not been implemented and to redouble efforts to find eligible projects and to ensure a sufficient amount of payments under the current expenditure ceiling;*** welcomes the finding of the ECA report on the EU budget for 2022 that DG ECHO implemented ECA recommendation and established a procedure ensuring that partner organisations base their allocation of shared costs on expenditure actually incurred.

Or. en