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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Subcommittee on Human Rights

on human rights protection and the EU external migration policy
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Subcommittee on Human Rights, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Reaffirms that the right to migrate is a human right; calls on the Commission to promote development and humanitarian policies that protect the human and social rights of all migrants, wherever EU action is deployed and irrespective of their legal status;
2. Recalls that EU development cooperation must have as its main objective the reduction and eradication of poverty and that it must be based on partner countries' development agendas, following a needs and rights-based approach, and not on EU domestic interests;
3. Takes note of the EU's New Pact on Migration and Asylum; expresses its regret that the proposed measures are insufficient to ensure respect for migrants' human rights and is especially worried about the externalisation of EU border management and migration control;
4. Insists on the need for humanitarian corridors and safe and legal migration pathways from neighbouring and developing countries into the EU;
5. Reiterates that neither development assistance nor bilateral or multilateral partnerships with developing countries must be conditional on cooperation on migration policies;
6. Expresses its deep concern about the possible misuse of development funds for border control purposes, including those of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF), and the suspected human rights violations linked to the EUTF in Libya, Ethiopia and Niger;
7. Deplores the lack of transparency of the EUTF and the fact that Parliament is not involved in its scrutiny; calls on the Commission to comprehensively review the implementation of the EUTF to ensure that it falls in line with development and humanitarian objectives;
8. Reiterates that the NDICI budget dedicated to migration should be used to address the root causes of migration and not to control migratory flows or fund external border management.