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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh European Development Funds for the financial year 2022
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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Notes that the implementation of the European Development Funds (EDFs) concerns countries that are facing aggravating impacts of climate change and are weakened by the consequence of the COVID pandemic, Russia's war in Ukraine, as well as rising debt; insists, therefore, that the remaining projects under the EDFs should focus on advancing the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
2. Highlights the role of local implementing partners and the need to ensure their support and capacity building; notes that with the phasing out of EDF projects, local know-how on dealing with EU funds should be maintained, with a view to using them for projects under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) - Global Europe instrument;
3. Welcomes the Council's decision¹ which allocated EUR 600 million from de-committed projects under the 10th and 11th EDFs for the purpose of financing actions addressing the food security crisis and economic shock in ACP countries following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; encourages the Member States to follow the same approach of re-allocating any de-committed EDF to address the most urgent needs in the ACP countries.

¹ Council Decision EU 2022/1223