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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Development

on the EU 2011 Report on Policy Coherence for Development
(2012/2063(INI))

Rapporteur: Emer Costello

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Welcomes the fact that the social clause in Article 9 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) applies both within and beyond the EU's borders;
2. Stresses the need to ensure that social provisions enshrined in EU trade agreements are implemented and properly monitored; considers it necessary to ensure that mechanisms for revision and enforcement are available;
3. Calls on the Commission to include binding provisions on social standards and on the objectives of full and productive employment, taking into account gender equality and youth, decent work, respect for workers' rights, including for migrant workers, and gender equality in all EU trade agreement;
4. Stresses the need to support and spread collective bargaining as a tool for reducing labour market inequalities, ensuring decent work and wages, preventing social dumping and undeclared work, and ensuring fair competition;
5. Underlines the necessity to respect the conditions of work contracts and that the work performed by young people and women should not represent any type of exploitation, including sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery;
6. Underlines the importance of corporate social responsibility obligations, and of encouraging employers to apply social standards which are more ambitious than current statutory provisions, including the possibility to develop and obtain a designation such as a social label; calls on the Commission to support the Member States in carefully monitoring the implementation, and ensuring the legal enforcement, of these obligations;
7. Stresses the importance of establishing Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) focal points also in developing countries to improve information exchanges, inter alia on issues beyond EU competences, such as the socially-inclusive use of resource rents or taxation and remittances, and the impact of the so-called 'brain drain' on countries of origin; calls on the Commission to mainstream social policy in the work of the EEAS; believes it is essential also for middle-income countries to commit an increasing proportion of their revenue to social purposes, notably by developing taxation systems and social protection;
8. Urges the Commission and the Member States to pay greater attention to the participation and integration of migrants, particularly women and children, in receiving countries, and on the portability of social rights;
9. Calls on the Commission to engage in social dialogue with non-EU labour organisations and trade unions about the implementation of social standards in their respective countries, and to ensure more adequate technical assistance for the implementation of

social and fiscal policy;

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	10.7.2012
Result of final vote	+: 30 -: 4 0: 1
Members present for the final vote	Regina Bastos, Edit Bauer, Heinz K. Becker, Phil Bennion, Pervenche Berès, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Philippe Boulland, David Casa, Ole Christensen, Minodora Cliveti, Emer Costello, Frédéric Daerden, Karima Delli, Sari Essayah, Marian Harkin, Nadja Hirsch, Stephen Hughes, Danuta Jazłowiecka, Ádám Kósa, Jean Lambert, Veronica Lope Fontagné, Olle Ludvigsson, Thomas Mann, Csaba Őry, Siiri Oviir, Konstantinos Poupakis, Sylvana Rapti, Elisabeth Schroedter, Nicole Sinclair, Jutta Steinruck
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Georges Bach, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Anthea McIntyre, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Evelyn Regner