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OPINION

of the Committee on International Trade

for the Committee on Development

on the effects of the global financial and economic crisis on developing countries and on development cooperation
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Rapporteur: María Muñoz De Urquiza

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on International Trade calls on the Committee on Development, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that the significant decrease in export revenues in many developing countries, and in particular in the least developed countries, has reduced the growth and development of the South; calls on the Commission – when negotiating and implementing trade agreements, in particular the Economic Partnership Agreements – to strengthen EU policy coherence for development and, inter alia, the promotion of decent work, wealth and job creation and to ensure adequate asymmetry and transitional periods in trade commitments as well as respect for the priorities of each country and adequate consultation of key actors and civil society;
2. Is convinced that a balanced, fair and development-oriented conclusion of the Doha Round would aid the economic recovery from the crisis and could contribute to poverty alleviation in developing countries, the creation of good-quality jobs and the reduction of consumer prices; is therefore deeply concerned by the lack of progress in the Doha Round negotiations;
3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support all action to combat climate change, which is hitting developing countries hardest, and, in this connection, to step up the transfer of appropriate technologies;
4. Recalls that the Aid for Trade strategy is aimed at helping developing and least-developed countries to negotiate, implement and benefit from trade agreements, to expand their trade and to accelerate poverty eradication; asks the Commission and the Member States to ensure that commitments to the EU-wide target of EUR 2 billion per year by 2010 are met; requests the Commission to present detailed information and figures on the budget lines used for financing trade-related assistance and Aid for Trade (in addition to budget line 20 02 03) and for all Aid for Trade financing coming from the EU budget;
5. Asks the Commission to conduct an assessment of the export dependency of ACP countries and its compatibility with development goals in country strategy papers ;
6. Asks the Commission and Member States to support measures to ease developing countries' access to credit, including the substantial capitalisation of multilateral development banks and the creation of a framework to allow the licensing of a diversity of financial services providers to meet local citizens' needs;
7. Notes the Agreement on the Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP), a mechanism established by 22 developing countries to reduce tariffs and other barriers to the export of goods traded between them, in an attempt to boost South-South trade and to make it more independent from global trade turbulence.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	23.2.2010
Result of final vote	+: 14 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	William (The Earl of) Dartmouth, Daniel Caspary, Christofer Fjellner, Joe Higgins, Yannick Jadot, Bernd Lange, David Martin, Emilio Menéndez del Valle, Cristiana Muscardini, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Niccolò Rinaldi, Helmut Scholz, Iuliu Winkler, Jan Zahradil, Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Paweł Zalewski
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Catherine Bearder, José Bové, George Sabin Cutaş, Salvatore Iacolino, Syed Kamall, Elisabeth Köstinger, Jörg Leichtfried, Matteo Salvini, Michael Theurer, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	María Muñiz De Urquiza, Patrice Tirolien