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Committee on International Trade

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OPINION

of the Committee on International Trade

for the Committee on Budgets

on Parliament's position on the 2012 Draft Budget as modified by the Council
- all sections
(2011/2020(BUD))

Rapporteur: Peter Šťastný

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Recalls that Parliament has enhanced powers in the field of common commercial policy based on the Lisbon Treaty; urges the Council and the Commission to fully respect Parliament's new prerogatives, particularly regarding transparency and the flow of information;
2. Stresses the need for Parliament to monitor the use of the EU budget to fulfil the Commission's commitments, inter alia regarding Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA), the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI) and Trade-related Assistance, in particular Aid for Trade;
3. Regrets that there is no agreement between Parliament and Council on the Commission proposal on the ICI+ and reiterates Parliament's 2nd reading position that ICI has to be financed with a specific budget line, without diverting development funds, and that appropriations programmed for use under Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 may not be used for financing ICI measures; reiterates the need for a framework regulation on MFA; stresses the need to ensure additional funds for the adequate financing of Banana Accompanying Measures (BAM), with the worst affected countries being prioritised as a consequence of the new tariff concessions included in the FTAs with Central America, Colombia and Peru a few months after the signature of the so-called Geneva Agreement;
4. Supports financing for programmes for banana-producing countries with strict priority for the poorest LDCs;
5. Points out that the proper functioning of the external business centres (Beijing, four locations in India and the ASEAN Trade Centre in Thailand) must be secured; to this end, supports the proposed preparatory action for launching a cost-effective coordination platform that aims to help European businesses, and SMEs in particular, gain market access in fast growing third countries;
6. Stresses the importance of the parliamentary dimension of the WTO, embodied by the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO; is determined to ensure sufficient appropriations for LDCs in this regard, including covering the defrayal of the travel and subsistence expenses of six representatives from ACP countries to meetings of its bodies;
7. Strongly insists that sufficient appropriations must be secured to enable Parliament to fulfil its obligations arising from the Lisbon Treaty in respect of the common commercial policy.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	31.8.2011
Result of final vote	+: 23 -: 0 0: 5
Members present for the final vote	William (The Earl of) Dartmouth, Kader Arif, David Campbell Bannerman, Daniel Caspary, Harlem Désir, Yannick Jadot, Metin Kazak, Bernd Lange, David Martin, Vital Moreira, Paul Murphy, Franck Proust, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Niccolò Rinaldi, Helmut Scholz, Peter Šťastný, Robert Sturdy, Gianluca Susta, Keith Taylor, Paweł Zalewski
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Catherine Bearder, George Sabin Cutaş, Mário David, Albert Deß, Salvatore Iacolino, Maria Eleni Koppa, Elisabeth Köstinger, Marietje Schaake
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Roger Helmer, Werner Kuhn