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OPINION

of the Committee on International Trade

for the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal for a Council regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020
(COM(2011)0398 – 2011/0177(APP))

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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 report:

Recommendations

1. Notes that, even if actions designed to enhance the EU's trade and economic relations are provided for in various instruments, in the proposal for the MFF 2014-2020, under heading 4 (Global Europe), proper account must be taken in individual subheadings of the EU's trade policy objectives of achieving the promotion of open markets in a spirit of reciprocity in order to create economic growth and employment and to promote sustainable development;
2. Believes that the economic and trade components of the partnership instruments, while remaining within the overall existing budget, should receive a larger share of its allocation, in order to ensure that the EU's main channels for economic cooperation with its major trade partners are not neglected in the final MFF negotiations;
3. Notes the Commission's proposal to expand commitments under heading 4; insists that the proposed budget increase for the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood Policy must be used to contribute substantially towards fulfilling the social as well as economic aspirations of the masses in those regions and that increased funding will take place on the condition of promoting sustainable economic development, deepened regional co-operation, a decrease in unemployment and a rise in living standards for the whole population;
4. Urges, in view of the macro-economic environment and the challenges that must be faced in a changing world and in order to ensure better and more efficient use of existing EU funds, that the MFF 2014-2020 be allowed greater flexibility to appropriately address changing circumstances and priorities while respecting agreed payment appropriation levels;
5. Asks for consistency with regard to the instruments under heading 4 and the budget allocations envisaged for the latter under heading 5; stresses that successful implementation of heading 4 instruments will be ensured through procedural and spending-level checks that can be best carried out, especially in third countries, if sufficient resources are available;
6. Asks for consistency with regard to all the instruments of the MFF, in order to permit the implementation of a common industrial strategy based on research and innovation, so as to ensure that the European Union maintains its production capacities;
7. Notes the EU's ambition to allocate at least 20% of its budget to contribute to a low-carbon and climate-resilient society and to mainstream action on climate and biodiversity throughout its external instruments; underlines the priority status of this objective and

states that the allocation of 20% must be seen as the bare minimum; insists that this objective must find its expression in the EU's trade policy as reflected in the external instruments;

8. Considers that the European Union should take social, health and environmental standards into account when negotiating trade agreements instead of creating budget lines aimed at compensating for damage which could result from the entry into force of those trade agreements.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	18.9.2012
Result of final vote	+: 21 -: 3 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	William (The Earl of) Dartmouth, Nora Berra, David Campbell Bannerman, María Auxiliadora Correa Zamora, Christofer Fjellner, Metin Kazak, Franziska Keller, Bernd Lange, David Martin, Vital Moreira, Paul Murphy, Cristiana Muscardini, Franck Proust, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Niccolò Rinaldi, Helmut Scholz, Peter Šťastný, Robert Sturdy, Gianluca Susta, Henri Weber, Paweł Zalewski
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Amelia Andersdotter, George Sabin Cutaş, Syed Kamall, Marietje Schaake, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa, Pablo Zalba Bidegain
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Emilio Menéndez del Valle