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OPINION

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on Development

on Building a Global Climate Change Alliance between the European Union
and poor developing countries most vulnerable to climate change
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on Development, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Strongly welcomes the Commission's initiative to launch the Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA); believes that this is the right way forward to help the developing world to cope with climate change, while at the same time offering a strategic opportunity for European companies to promote and diffuse their technologies and know-how;
2. Recognises that developing countries, and in particular the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and the Small Island Developing States, are the most affected by and, at the same time, have the least capacity to tackle climate change;
3. Emphasises the importance of transferring knowledge and technology - including disaster risk reduction technology - to GCCA partner countries; to this end, calls on the Commission to promote a web-based 'library' of relevant climate adaptation data and to facilitate an exchange programme of climate adaptation experts between those countries;
4. In light of the fact that changes in land use and deforestation contribute to a third of total emissions in these countries, recommends that 'gold standard' Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects that support afforestation, reforestation, reduced emissions from deforestation and other sustainable forestry activities are supported by the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS);
5. Calls for the establishment of multi-disciplinary teams of disaster managers, development specialists, planners and adaptation/climate science experts, which should establish best practices for regional development;
6. Asks for a long-term financing concept including the use of revenue from auctioning within the EU ETS;
7. Calls on the Commission to formulate provisions and standards regarding future European investment in the LCDs, so as to ensure that standards applicable in the EU are also compulsory regarding European investments in those countries;
8. Calls on the Commission to develop a strategy concerning the role of the GCCA in fighting climate change in the developing countries, including middle income developing countries such as China and India, beyond 2010;
9. Calls on the Commission to coordinate the efforts made by private industry, national governments, in particular of the countries concerned, to maximise the ecological benefits of the GCCA and organise a quick transfer of the positive results to all participants;
10. Calls on the Commission to encourage research in climate-sensitive sectors, in particular hydrology and agriculture, by introducing specific programmes.
11. Points to the importance of the CDM as a tool to encourage EU companies to make investments in the LDCs; believes that it is essential to ensure that the flow of private

capital reaches most LDCs, and not just selected countries, as is currently the case; stresses, however, that the CDM additionality concept must be strictly complied with and must be accompanied by real reductions in emissions in developed countries, as well as by the adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change in developing countries.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

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