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to the Commission**

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Subject: 2015 - European Year for Development

The Committee on Development, in its report on the new development agenda, expressed its hope that development cooperation will be a more prominent topic during the course of 2015, a key year in which deep reflection will be required, particularly with regard to following up on the MDGs.

2015 also offers us a unique opportunity to raise awareness of development and better inform public opinion about combating extreme poverty in the world and major humanitarian issues, as well as to recall that the commitments we made in 2000 in New York must ultimately foster economic development in the southern hemisphere.

In view of the proven partnership between the European Parliament and the Commission on development, is the Commission prepared to also sign up to this initiative and make 2015 the 'European Year for Development'?

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