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AMENDMENTS 1-7

Draft opinion

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Draft Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe
(2004/2129(INI))

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 1

Paraph 2

2. Considers the drafting of the Constitutional Treaty a historical step forward in the process of European integration, as it recognises, for the first time, development and humanitarian aid as a principle and a responsibility identifying the nature and the actions of the European Union; ***considers it an important step forwards that development-policy objectives must now be taken into account in all EU policy areas which relate to the outside world;***

Or. nl

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 2

Paraph 2a (new)

- 2a. ***Notes that the Commission's role in negotiations concerning trade agreements has been strengthened and that the European Parliament now has a limited right to be informed; regards this as a step in the direction of greater effectiveness and***

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increased transparency;

Or. nl

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 3

Pararaph 8

8. Greatly approves *of* the fact, which it considers of the highest importance, that the eradication of poverty has been included in the Constitutional Treaty as a primary objective of EU development policy; *considers the mainstreaming of the millennium objectives in all of the EU's external operations to be of particular importance;*

Or. nl

Amendment by Linda McAvan

Amendment 4

Pararaph 11a (new)

- 11a. Strongly supports the commitment in the Constitution to ensuring consistency between the different areas of the EU's external action and between these and other policy areas; believes that coherence across policy areas is vital to meeting the objective of poverty eradication and reiterates the Parliament's commitment to monitoring coherence;*

Or. en

Amendment by Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez and María Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 5

Pararaph 13

13. *Notes* the provision, included in the Constitutional Treaty, to set up a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps, which is a clear signal of *interest* on the part of the European Union in *the* field of our concern; emphasises, nevertheless, the challenge facing the EU, which must pay special care and attention to establishing the way the corps will operate, allowing only experienced volunteers to participate in it;

states its opinion that this initiative should strengthen the process of improving the quality and professionalism of the human resources deployed in humanitarian crises, by complementing already available training programmes, working closely with NGOs, establishing a register of available resources and disseminating pre-identified good operational practices; invites the Commission to undertake feasibility studies for the future development of this provision; underlines the need to recognise the difference between civilian and military environments within joint actions in the area of disarmament, humanitarian missions, conflict prevention and maintaining and re-establishing peace, as set out in Article III-309(1);

Or. en

Amendment by María Elena Valenciano Martínez-Orozco

Amendment 6

Paraph 13

13. Welcomes the provision, included in the Constitutional Treaty, to set up a European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps *which differs from the military and civilian resources referred to in Article III-309(1) and intended to perform joint actions in the area of disarmament, humanitarian missions, conflict prevention and the maintenance and re-establishment of peace; this* is a clear signal of concern on the part of the European Union in a field of our concern; emphasises, nevertheless, the challenge facing the EU, which must pay special care and attention to establishing the way the corps will operate, allowing only experienced volunteers to participate in it; *the EU should also ensure that Voluntary Corps operations are governed by the principle of complementarity with the humanitarian activities engaged in by non-governmental humanitarian-aid organisations;*

Or. es

Amendment by Anne Van Lancker

Amendment 7

Paraph 16

16. Reiterates also its great concern over the situation of women in developing countries and its interest in their decisive role in the development process; welcomes therefore all the clauses in the Constitutional text aimed at promoting women's rights and gender equality, which will be of particular relevance for the advancement of the developing world in general, as envisaged in the Beijing Platform for Action *and the Cairo Action Plan; notes with satisfaction that the gender mainstreaming applicable to all policy areas covered by the earlier EC Treaty now applies - thanks to the merger of the two treaties - to all EU external action;*

