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on the budgetary control of EU funds in Afghanistan
(2008/2152(INI))

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Amendment 1
Luisa Morgantini

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas accountability, transparency and managing for results are among the main principles guiding development cooperation according to several international conventions including the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Glenys Kinnock

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas in Afghanistan 90 % of public money comes from international aid, which illustrates the high levels of both need and aid dependency in the country;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Glenys Kinnock

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Community budget, when Afghanistan is not yet considered to fulfil the requirements for the EC to participate directly in a budget support programme; considers that when such requirements are met, budget support should *ideally* be delivered on a sectoral basis, *however recognises that this may not be the appropriate approach in the Afghan context*;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Glenys Kinnock

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Further notes that bypassing governments risks undermining efforts to strengthen country systems and build effective state institutions;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Luisa Morgantini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. Draws attention to the DCI requirement¹ that budget support programmes should be accompanied by support for partner countries' efforts to develop parliamentary control and audit capacities and increase transparency and public access to information; points out that work in this

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¹ DCI Article 25(1)(b)

area should also be carried out when "budget support" is delivered by other donors or MDTFs;

area should also be carried out when "budget support" is delivered by other donors or MDTFs ***and stresses the important role that civil society organisations can play in the monitoring of such budget support;***

Or. en

Amendment 6
Luisa Morgantini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

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6. Expresses extreme concern about the risks to which personnel working on development cooperation in Afghanistan are exposed, highlighted by the deaths in August 2008 of four such staff members; considers that the security of civilian aid workers is jeopardised by the blurring of the distinction between military and civilian operators due to the use of military Provincial Reconstruction Teams to carry out development actions in the provinces;

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6. Expresses extreme concern about the risks to which personnel working on development cooperation in Afghanistan are exposed, highlighted by the deaths in August 2008 of four such staff members; considers that the security of civilian aid workers is jeopardised by the blurring of the distinction between military and civilian operators due to the use of military Provincial Reconstruction Teams to carry out development actions in the provinces; ***calls therefore for the re-establishment of a clear distinction between military and civilian personnel;***

Or. en

Amendment 7
Luisa Morgantini

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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Or. en

Amendment 8 **Juan Fraile Cantón**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 8**

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8. Recalls the ***particular problems faced*** by ***the*** women ***of*** Afghanistan under the Taliban regime and subsequently, ***and observes that cultural attitudes built up at that time can only gradually be changed***; ***calls on*** the Commission to ***take into account gender aspects*** in all its development actions in the country;

Amendment

8. Recalls the ***particularly severe discrimination suffered*** by women ***in*** Afghanistan under the Taliban regime and subsequently; ***condemns any legal, cultural and religious practice that discriminates against women, excluding them from public and political life and segregating them in their daily lives***; ***urges*** the Commission to ***combat these practices*** in all its development actions in the country;

Or. es

Amendment 9 **Luisa Morgantini**

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8. Recalls the ***particular problems*** faced by the women of Afghanistan under the Taliban regime and ***subsequently***¹, and observes that cultural attitudes ***built up at***

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8. Recalls the ***oppression and discrimination*** faced by the women of Afghanistan under the Taliban regime and ***the problems they are facing now***, and

¹ Described in Paragraph 33 of the European Parliament resolution of 8 July 2008 on stabilisation of Afghanistan: challenges for the EU and the international community.

that time can only gradually be changed;
calls on the Commission to ***take into account*** gender aspects in all its
development actions ***in*** the country;

observes that ***even if*** cultural attitudes can
only gradually be changed ***more should be
done by the current government to defend
their rights***; calls on the Commission
to ***allocate specific human resources in its
delegation to Afghanistan to
better incorporating*** gender aspects ***into*** all
its development actions in the country;

Or. en