

DEVE opinion
Draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022
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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

COMP 1

Paragraph 1

AM 2 (ECR), AM 3 (Greens)

Draws attention to the fact that the *combined consequences of a health pandemic and a global recession will seriously undermine the capacity of developing countries, notably the Least developed countries (LDCs) to achieve the SDGs* (AM 3), with already poor and vulnerable people taking the hardest hits; *stresses the need to support developing countries in accessing COVID-19 vaccines; believes that the current crisis is exacerbating inequalities worldwide and that, without access to vaccines, the gulf will widen even further* (AM2);

COMP 2

Paragraph 2

AM7 (Greens) + part AM 8 (Oetjen) + AM 9 (ECR)

Stresses that development assistance together with substantial debt relief *measures involving all private and public creditors* (AM7) and further development of international cooperation *on taxation matters and against illicit financial flows originating from cross-border operations by multinational enterprises, tax evasion and tax fraud* (Greens) *are* badly needed *in order to improve the tax bases of developing countries* (AM7), shore up their public finances *and* avert damaging austerity measures; *reiterates* that spending on COVID vaccination *must not* crowd out (AM8) other crucial expenditure; calls on the European Commission to define a comprehensive European debt relief strategy towards developing countries; *calls for support to the creation of a multilateral debt workout mechanism, under UN auspices and steps towards agreement on binding rules on responsible sovereign lending and borrowing in order to support improved debt crisis prevention* (AM7); *stresses, however, that alongside debt relief, support is needed so that systemic reforms can also be implemented at the level of developing countries* (AM9);

COMP 3

Paragraph 3

AM 16 (Greens) and 32 (rapporteur)

Points out the urgency of scaling up funds for health care, food security and nutrition, education, *access to basic water and sanitation services* (AM 16), social protection and gender equality and to reinforce the People *and Planet* - Global Challenges *lines*; stresses that human development should be prioritised in geographical lines; *draws attention to the calamitous*

consequences of the global failure to take adequate action against the climate crisis (AM 32) and biodiversity loss (AM 16) and the need to reinforce the Planet - Global Challenges line (AM32);

COMP 4

Paragraph 4

AM 21 (Greens) + AM 22 (EPP)

Calls on the Commission to ensure that it will be able to convincingly demonstrate adherence to the NDICI - *Global Europe* regulation's provisions *and reach the committed targets* (AM21) on expenditure for social inclusion and human development, *education* (AM 22) gender, climate, biodiversity and migration objectives *and* full respect of the requirement that 93% of the NDICI expenditure shall qualify as official development assistance; insists on the need to increase ODA, in particular to least developed countries, so as to contribute to fulfilment of the EU's and its Member States' collective pledges;

COMP 5

Paragraph 5

AM 27 (EPP) and 28 (Greens)

Considers that social protection systems *accessible to all* and universal health coverage should be promoted by a Pan-Africa Programme, which should have its own budget line; welcomes the funds for continued building of OACP capacity *in the framework of the EU-ACP Joint Parliamentary Assembly* (AM 28) *as well as the continued support for capacity building of the African Union and the African Continental Free Trade Area* (AM27);

COMP 6 to create new Paragraph 6

AM 35 (Rapporteur) + AM 36 (Greens)

Expresses deep concern about the ongoing situation in Afghanistan; calls on the Commission to prepare humanitarian assistance (AM35) and according to the assessed possibilities in line with the principle of sound financial management (Greens) increase the humanitarian aid budget for Afghanistan and neighbouring countries (AM36) to address critical food insecurity, support for refugees in neighbouring countries (AM35) as well as Internally Displaced People (AM 36), support for women, girls and children and human rights defenders in cooperation with the UN agencies (UNHCR, UNICEF), other international organizations and international NGOs; calls for preparation of the new financial programming and strategy to preserve hard-won development gains and continue to support people of Afghanistan and the neighbouring countries without using the Taliban government as an intermediary (AM 35) and under the condition that security guarantees for development aid workers need to be obtained (EPP);