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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on Peace Support Operations - EU engagement with the UN and the African Union
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the aim of clarifying EU engagement boundaries on Peace Support Operations (PSOs) with the United Nations (UN) and the African Union (AU); recalls that the EU budget cannot be used to directly finance military or defence operations (Article 41(2) TEU); underlines the importance of EU support for AU peacekeeping operations approved by the UN;
2. Notes concern over the possible lack of transparency in EU PSOs; stresses that full investigations should be carried out if grievances arise; recalls the need to improve current EU funding for PSOs; underlines that African security should, in the future, be monitored by the AU, supported by the international community;
3. Calls for a comprehensive plan to reinforce sustainable development policies in peacekeeping operations in order to ensure long-term development; recalls the need to provide tools to achieve clear steps towards democracy and democratic values such as the rule of law and freedom of speech, along with a sustainable economy and stable society; underlines the need for a comprehensive plan regarding conflict areas and their surroundings with a view to preventing the emergence of new conflicts; calls, in this regard, for an early warning system;
4. Stresses the need to see PSOs in terms of a continuum between conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict development; underlines the need for a holistic approach to peacekeeping operations by the UN, the AU and the EU;
5. Stresses that political, humanitarian and development policy efforts should be used initially, supported by civilian peacekeeping operations, and should be transformed into military operations only when necessary; demands that military peacekeeping should be supported by humanitarian and development policy both during operations, to aid peaceful resolution of the conflict, and afterwards, so as to make the settlement sustainable.