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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Iraq
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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 fact that the EU has identified Iraq as a pilot country in which to better address and operationalise the humanitarian-development nexus in order to foster a transition from humanitarian assistance to longer term development; urges the EU and its Member States, however, to enhance first of all their efforts to urgently address key humanitarian challenges and human needs, in particular regarding the more than 3 million internally displaced persons;
2. Believes that, during the transition from emergency assistance to development, a long-term approach, stabilisation, reforms and improvements in the areas of good governance and accountability, education and skills development, access to livelihood opportunities and provision of basic social services are priority areas for development assistance; looks forward to receiving concrete proposals on envisaged actions that respond to those needs and urges the Commission to provide evidence of the results and impacts achieved within the framework of the multiannual indicative programme 2014-2017;
3. Insists that the provision of humanitarian aid and development assistance must be needs-based and non-partisan in order to support an effective stabilisation and reconstruction process; stresses that external actors, including the EU, must actively mitigate the risk of assistance being instrumentalised by domestic political actors or allocated in a way that discriminates against or privileges specific groups;
4. Calls on the EU to provide enhanced technical assistance to the Iraqi authorities for sound natural resource management, improved tax collection and the reduction of illicit financial flows, with the aim of ensuring that Iraq will be able to finance its development domestically in the medium term and reduce inequality among its population and its regions; stresses the need to actively advise the private sector and investors with a view to enhancing both conflict sensitivity and their contribution to peacebuilding and sustainable development.