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OPINION

of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

for the Committee on Development

on Programming Implementation of the 10th European Development Fund
(2007/2138(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

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

- A. Having regard to Case C-91/05 brought before the Court of Justice of the European Communities on 21 February 2005 by the Commission against the Council, concerning the CFSP action on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the framework of ECOWAS,
- B. Considering that the judgment to be delivered by the Court in this matter has the potential to become a landmark case for the clarification of the long-standing struggle between the Council and the Commission over competences in the overlapping fields of development and CSDP action,
 1. Takes note of the opinion delivered in Case C-91/05 by the Advocate General on 19 September 2007, in which he expressed the view – contrary to the position advanced by the Council – that combating the proliferation of small arms and light weapons does fall within the scope of the Community's policy on development cooperation, including on the basis of Article 11(3) of the Cotonou Agreement;
 2. Calls on the Council and the Commission to provide for SALW and DDR projects within the 10th European Development Fund in the event that the outcome of Case C-91/05 allows for such activities;
 3. Draws attention to the fact that the African Peace Facility (APF) represents another case in which "development" is disputed as the primary goal of this EUR 250 million financial envelope; urges, therefore, that a different sourcing be considered for the future replenishment of the APF, such as the Stability Instrument;
 4. Given the delicacy of the matter, calls on the Council and the Commission to include the European Parliament in the debate on future peace support operations funded from the APF, and to transmit to Parliament at the earliest opportunity the intra-ACP indicative programme, the action programmes and the annual activity reports on the use of funds;
 5. Suggests that the APF activities be debated within the framework of the CFSP meetings with the Council presidency;
 6. Regrets that, contrary to the decision contained in the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to harmonise Community and EDF procedures as far as possible, such harmonisation takes place only to a limited degree; in particular, whilst welcoming the fact of receiving the country and regional evaluation reports for information, underlines its wish to be kept equally informed about the process of preparing the strategic documents, their implementation and their mid-term review.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	27.11.2007
Result of final vote	+: 33 -: 1 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Christopher Beazley, Elmar Brok, Véronique De Keyser, Hanna Foltyn-Kubicka, Bronisław Geremek, Ana Maria Gomes, Anna Ibrisagic, Metin Kazak, Helmut Kuhne, Vytautas Landsbergis, Francisco José Millán Mon, Raimon Obiols i Germà, Vural Öger, Cem Özdemir, Ioan Mircea Paşcu, Alojz Peterle, Samuli Pohjamo, Bernd Posselt, Michel Rocard, Libor Rouček, Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, György Schöpflin, Hannes Swoboda, István Szent-Iványi, Inese Vaidere, Geoffrey Van Orden, Kristian Vigenin, Jan Marinus Wiersma, Josef Zieleniec
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Alexandra Dobolyi, Kinga Gál, Jaromír Kohlíček, Aloyzas Sakalas, Luis Yañez-Barnuevo García
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	