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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on International Trade

on recommendations on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
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Rapporteur for opinion: Nicolae Ștefănuță

Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on International Trade, as the committees responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into their motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas a third country cannot have the same rights and enjoy the same benefits as a member; whereas the Union should consider UK participation in Union programmes bearing in mind the strategic and financial interests of the Union and its citizens; whereas any decision on UK participation in such programmes should take account of all relevant aspects of the envisaged partnership, since that partnership should form a coherent structure; whereas the UK should fulfil all financial commitments agreed in the Withdrawal Agreement;
 - B. whereas any UK participation in Union programmes should respect all relevant rules and mechanisms and conditions of participation, as laid down in the corresponding legal bases; whereas, as a consequence and among other aspects, a fair balance as regards UK contributions and benefits should be ensured and the UK, as a third country, cannot enjoy decisional power on any programme; whereas there should be maximum clarity as to the degree of UK participation in programmes;
 - C. whereas, if the transition period is extended, the UK will be considered as a third country for the purposes of the implementation of the Union programmes and activities committed under the next MFF and will make a contribution to the Union budget, whose amount will be decided by the Joint Committee established under the Withdrawal Agreement;
 - D. whereas it is necessary to protect the financial interests of the Union, including by means of audits and investigations conducted by the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the European Court of Auditors and through the power of scrutiny of the European Parliament;
 - E. whereas in the Political Declaration the Union and the UK recalled their shared commitment to delivering a future PEACE PLUS programme, maintaining the current funding proportions for the future programme;
 - F. whereas in its mandate the UK states that it will consider participation in elements of Erasmus+ on a time-limited basis;
1. Recommends that the Commission:
 - (a) take the necessary action to ensure that the general principles, terms and conditions to be established as part of the envisaged partnership in relation to participation in Union programmes include the requirement for the UK to make a fair and appropriate financial contribution, both in terms of participation fee and operational contribution, to any programmes in which it takes part;
 - (b) ensure that the general rule for UK participation in any programme is participation

in the entire programme, except where partial participation is justified for reasons such as confidentiality, and that any participation is for the full duration of the programme concerned; recommends in particular that the Commission not accept piecemeal UK participation in Erasmus+ or participation for a period shorter than the full length of the programme under the MFF, and that it ensure predictability for participants in Union programmes that are established in the Union and stability in terms of budgetary allocations;

- (c) make proposals for arrangements to implement cooperation between UK authorities and Union agencies, taking into account that the UK, as a third country, will not have any decision-making power over Union agencies;
- (d) ensure that UK participation in Union programmes does not entail a global net transfer from the Union budget to the UK and that the Union is able unilaterally to suspend or terminate UK participation in any programme if the conditions for participation are not fulfilled or if the UK does not pay its financial contribution;
- (e) ensure that the necessary measures are in place in the Treaty with the UK to tackle financial irregularities, fraud, money laundering, and other criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the Union;
- (f) assess and prepare for all possible scenarios, including the extension of the transition period and the UK's financial obligations resulting therefrom, in order to ensure the sound financial management of the Union budget.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	4.5.2020
Result of final vote	+: 38 -: 0 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	Rasmus Andresen, Clotilde Armand, Robert Biedroń, Anna Bonfrisco, Olivier Chastel, Lefteris Christoforou, David Cormand, Paolo De Castro, José Manuel Fernandes, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Valentino Grant, Elisabetta Gualmini, Francisco Guerreiro, Valerie Hayer, Eero Heinäluoma, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Mislav Kolakušić, Moritz Körner, Joachim Kuhs, Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Ioannis Lagos, Hélène Laporte, Pierre Larrourou, Janusz Lewandowski, Margarida Marques, Siegfried Mureşan, Victor Negrescu, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Karlo Ressler, Bogdan Rzońca, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds, Nils Ušakovs, Johan Van Overtveldt, Rainer Wieland, Angelika Winzig
Substitutes present for the final vote	Damian Boeselager, Petros Kokkalis

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ECR	Zbigniew Kuźmiuk, Johan Van Oortveldt, Bogdan Rzońca,
GUE/NGL	Petros Kokkalis, Dimitrios Papadimoulis
ID	Hélène Laporte
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, José Manuel Fernandes, Niclas Herbst, Monika Hohlmeier, Janusz Lewandowski, Siegfried Mureşan, Andrey Novakov, Jan Olbrycht, Karlo Ressler, Rainer Wieland, Angelika Winzig
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S&D	Robert Biedroń, , Paolo De Castro, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Elisabetta Gualmini, Eero Heinäluoma, Pierre Larroustourou, Margarida Marques, Victor Negrescu Nils Ušakovs
VERTS/ALE	Rasmus Andresen, David Cormand, Francisco Guerreiro, Damian Boeselager
NI	Ioannis Lagos

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ID	Anna Bonfrisco, Valentino Grant, Joachim Kuhs

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention