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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on an EU approach to managing economic migration  
(2005/2059(INI))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Calls on the Member States, in accordance with its resolution of 24 February 2005 on the EU's priorities and recommendations for the 61st session of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva<sup>1</sup> and the European Economic and Social Committee opinion SOC/173, to ratify the UN Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families; calls on the Commission to base its recommendations regarding the rights of migrant workers and their families on this Convention, which is aimed at integrating migrant workers;
2. Points out that economic migration is necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the Lisbon Strategy and to ensure the European Union's economic growth;
3. Stresses that payments transferred by migrants from developing countries to their home countries significantly exceed development aid payments and are of huge importance to achieving the Millennium Goal of eradicating poverty and urges the relevant institutions to make the transfer of payments easier by charging the lowest possible fees;
4. Welcomes the planned phasing-in of a Community policy to regulate economic migration, provided that it meets the strictest requirements of humane treatment for all migrants; firmly rejects the creation of reception camps for migrants in Libya or other countries outside Europe;
5. Also points out that the harmonisation of immigration policies depends on establishing certain common criteria and that any measure in this sphere must be accompanied by prior information and specific integration programmes facilitating the integration of immigrants in the society of the host country;
6. Rejects the idea of adopting measures to regulate economic migration only after the legitimate demand of freedom of movement for all EU citizens has been met;
7. Calls on the Commission to open a dialogue with the governments of countries of origin without delay, in order to achieve balanced legislation that allows migration and enables professional experience to be developed; calls on it, within the context of this dialogue, to enhance the development of specific measures in the sectors particularly affected by the brain drain, in accordance with the countries concerned;
8. Stresses the importance of and need to strengthen cooperation not only between the EU and the countries of origin, but also between the countries of origin themselves, especially among the countries included in the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), between the ACP countries and between the former and the latter;

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<sup>1</sup> Texts adopted, P6\_TA(2005)0051.

9. Calls on the Commission to consider the option of limited residence permits for job-seekers, in order to reduce unofficial immigration;
10. Expects the Commission, when taking measures against organised trafficking in human beings from developing countries, not to criminalise the victims, but to focus on punishing the perpetrators; notes that many women who are victims of human trafficking have no access to legal or social protection; calls on the Member States to grant these women the possibility of long-term residence;
11. Welcomes the simplification of instruments to ensure cross-border cooperation and hopes that they will be sufficiently flexible to guarantee such cooperation;
12. Calls on the Commission to recognise child migration as a distinct aspect of economic migration and to guarantee the rights of, and protection for, migrants who are minors, pursuant to Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
13. Considers that the regulation of immigration between third countries would help to protect the human and labour rights of immigrants, whilst helping to track down human traffickers and bring them to justice;
14. Recommends that the Commission make it easier for legal migrants who have returned to developing countries to immigrate again to the EU than for migrants immigrating into the European Union for the first time, in recognition of the experience of integrating which they have gained;
15. Considers that it is essential to establish, in the countries of origin, demand-based educational systems with transparent procedures for issuing diplomas and qualifications, in order not only to consolidate trust on the EU's labour markets, but also to cover the needs of the countries of origin themselves; recommends that these countries should devise strategies to integrate the population, especially women, in the primary and secondary educational system, with particular emphasis on scientific training and their subsequent integration in the labour market;
16. Calls on the Commission to propose a regulation to ensure that, following their return to developing countries, economic migrants have access to the money paid by them into European social security schemes;
17. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to annul the transitional period laid down for the new Member States as regards the free movement of workers, in order to speed up the settlement of the issue of economic migration into the European Union.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	EU approach to managing economic migration
<b>Procedure number</b>	2005/2059(INI)]
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<b>Enhanced cooperation</b>	No
<b>Drafts(wo)man</b> Date appointed	Gabriele Zimmer 24.5.2005
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<b>Date suggestions adopted</b>	30.8.2005
<b>Result of final vote</b>	for:                            32 against:                      0 abstentions:                0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Margrete Auken, Margrietus van den Berg, Danutė Budreikaitė, Marie-Arlette Carlotti, Thierry Cornillet, Nirj Deva, Alexandra Dobolyi, Fernando Fernández Martín, Michael Gahler, Filip Andrzej Kaczmarek, Glenys Kinnock, Ģirts Valdis Kristovskis, Maria Martens, Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, Gay Mitchell, Luisa Morgantini, José Javier Pomés Ruiz, Toomas Savi, Pierre Schapira, Jürgen Schröder, Feleknas Uca, Paul Verges, Anna Záborská, Mauro Zani
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Marie-Hélène Aubert, John Bowis, Manolis Mavrommatis, Anne Van Lancker, Gabriele Zimmer
<b>Substitutes under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	Carl Schlyter, Åsa Westlund, Jürgen Zimmerling