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Committee on International Trade

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OPINION

of the Committee on International Trade

for the Committee on Development

on the second revision of the Partnership Agreement ACP-EC (the "Cotonou Agreement")
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Rapporteur: Vital Moreira

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SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Notes that, in the light of the considerable changes resulting from the initialling and signing of the EPAs, the review of provisions relating to economic and trade cooperation must be included in the second revision of the Agreement;
2. Recommends that the provision contained in Article 95(3) of the Agreement according to which the revision should not apply "to the provisions on economic and trade cooperation, for which a separate review is provided" be legally clarified or deleted, as with the introduction of the EPAs the special review procedure no longer serves any purpose;
3. Notes that, in their notification letters, the parties to the Agreement explicitly ask for the revision of trade provisions; points out that new provisions need to be added in new areas, such as Aid for Trade in order to guarantee the development dimension in the trade areas of that Agreement;
4. Welcomes the request by the ACP countries for new provisions regarding cooperation in the following areas: trade and development, trade and finance, fair trade and notes their request on trade in arms;
5. Considers that the second revision should also update the text of the Agreement to reflect explicitly the establishment of new EPA institutions (e.g. Joint EPA Councils, Trade and Development Committees and Parliamentary Committees) and to ensure synergies and complementarity with the Cotonou institutions;
6. Recalls that the Parliamentary Committees established by the EPAs have been created at the initiative of the European Parliament to ensure an adequate involvement of Members of Parliament specialised in trade and development issues in the monitoring of the implementation of complex technical trade agreements;
7. Welcomes future synergies between the Parliamentary Committees created by the EPAs and the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (JPA), by means of presentations by the Chair and the Rapporteurs as well as participation by members of the EPA Parliamentary Committees in the JPA and the organisation of parallel meetings when possible, etc., which will add specialised expertise to the JPA and allow for enriching exchanges and cooperation.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	7.12.2009
Result of final vote	+: 10 -: 0 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Daniel Caspary, Yannick Jadot, Metin Kazak, David Martin, Tokia Saïfi, Robert Sturdy, Pablo Zalba Bidegain, Paweł Zalewski
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	George Sabin Cutaş, Mário David, Albert Deß, Małgorzata Handzlik, Michael Theurer, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Sylvie Guillaume, Alajos Mészáros