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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

for the Committee on Budgets

on a revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world
(2024/2051(INI))

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs submits the following to the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible:

Amendment 1

Motion for a resolution

Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas, under Article 311 TFEU, the Union is required to provide itself with the means necessary to attain its objectives and carry through its policies;

Amendment

A. whereas, under Article 311 TFEU, the Union is required to provide itself with the means necessary to attain its objectives and carry through its policies; ***whereas it is therefore important to have a suitable EU budget that serves Union citizens;***

Or. en

Amendment 2

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Underlines that the post-2027 long-term budget must be designed and resourced so as to enable the Union to deliver on its policy objectives, tackle the growing challenges it faces, manage and repay its debt sustainably, respond to shocks and crises and adjust to evolving spending needs;

Amendment

1. Underlines that the post-2027 long-term budget must be designed and resourced so as to enable the Union to deliver on its policy objectives, tackle the growing challenges it faces, ***including Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, as well as future enlargements of the EU,*** manage and repay its debt sustainably, respond to shocks and crises and adjust to evolving spending needs;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Underlines that a simpler, more flexible MFF requires more robust parliamentary accountability;

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4. Underlines that a simpler, more flexible MFF requires more robust parliamentary accountability; ***stresses that closer involvement of Parliament in the preparation, adoption and scrutiny of the MFF Regulation and the Own Resources Decision is imperative to enhance the democratic oversight of both the revenue and the expenditure sides of the EU budget;***

Or. en

Amendment 4

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 27 a (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

27a. Stresses, in this context, the need for reflection on a dedicated budget, falling under the scrutiny of Parliament, that would help enhance European defence readiness and capacity development, in particular by financing joint procurements and the development of armaments in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 5

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 41**

Motion for a resolution

41. Considers that the next MFF is pivotal for preparing the Union for enlargement and the candidate countries for accession; recalls that the stability,

Amendment

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security and democratic resilience of the candidate countries are inextricably linked to those of the EU and require sustained strategic investment to support their convergence with Union standards;

enlargements cannot be achieved without a larger EU budget and sufficient own resources; calls for the necessary budgetary and institutional reforms to be agreed as soon as possible; recalls that the stability, security and democratic resilience of the candidate countries are inextricably linked to those of the EU and require sustained strategic investment to support their convergence with Union standards;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 63

Motion for a resolution

63. Reiterates its long-standing position that all EU-level spending should be brought within the purview of the budgetary authority; calls, therefore, for the full budgetisation of (partially) off-budget instruments such as the Social Climate Fund, the Innovation Fund and the Modernisation Fund, or their successors;

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63. Reiterates its long-standing position that all EU-level spending should be brought within the purview of the budgetary authority, ***thereby ensuring transparency, full democratic control and the protection of the EU's public finances and financial interests;*** calls, therefore, for the full budgetisation of (partially) off-budget instruments such as the Social Climate Fund, the Innovation Fund and the Modernisation Fund, or their successors;

Or. en

Amendment 7

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 88

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88. Emphasises Parliament's commitment to play its role fully throughout the process; believes that the design of the MFF should be bottom-up

Amendment

88. Emphasises Parliament's commitment to play its role fully throughout the process ***and be involved as an equal arm of the budgetary authority;***

and based on the extensive involvement of stakeholders; underlines, furthermore, the need for a strategic dialogue among the three institutions in the run-up to the MFF proposals;

believes that the design of the MFF should be bottom-up and based on the extensive involvement of stakeholders; underlines, furthermore, the need for a strategic dialogue among the three institutions in the run-up to the MFF proposals;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 91 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

91a. Recalls its proposals that the ordinary legislative procedure be applied for the adoption of the MFF Regulation and the Own Resources Decision so that Parliament acquires full budgetary prerogatives;

Or. en