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OPINION

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for the Committee on Development

on Development and Migration
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SUGGESTIONS

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

- A. whereas integration of migrants is a two-way process based on the mutual rights and corresponding obligations of legal migrants and the host society, the aim of which is to ensure that immigrants are able to participate in society,
1. Considers that the admission of economic migrants can bring benefits to all the parties concerned;
 2. Considers that European migration and development policy should be based above all on the principles of solidarity with third countries and co-development in order to tackle the underlying causes of migration and, in particular, eradicate poverty;
 3. Welcomes any further steps taken to improve migration policy, and emphasises the need for a comprehensive approach that contains a clear vision of the most important actions to be taken within the field of migration policy, instead of supporting fragmented measures towards the development of this policy;
 4. Calls on the Member States to introduce a genuine admission policy based on respect for human rights and international law;
 5. Calls for the Commission and the Member States to put forward practical proposals to promote access to legal migration channels in order to combat the illegal labour market and the exploitation to which migrant workers are subjected;
 6. Emphasises that the Union should integrate the joint management of migration flows more efficiently in its relations with third countries and that the association agreements should reflect the commitment of both parties to accept their responsibilities in the field of border controls and management of migration flows; stresses, however, that this must take place on a partnership basis and that the European Union should under no circumstances externalise the management of its borders with third countries; also points out that the management of migration flows should not be a precondition for any association agreement;
 7. Stresses the positive effect of active involvement of migrants in the development of their country of origin on their integration in the country of residence; believes that a partnership approach between the Union and countries of origin should mainstream migration policy; therefore encourages migrants to maintain and develop their links with their countries of origin;
 8. Points out the necessity of the effective integration of migrants; however, is convinced that it is important to recognise the 'dual identity' of migrants; in this regard, calls on the Commission and the Member States to avoid the trap of forced assimilation; considers, in

other words, that migrants should be able to participate in the economic, social, cultural and civil life of the host country and, on the other hand, that they should respect the fundamental norms and values of the host society and participate actively in the integration process, without having to relinquish their own identity;

9. Draws attention to the need to maximize the developmental impact of return migration and circular migration; favours the examining of possible measures to simplify former migrants' return to their former host country or even to provide mechanisms and channels to enable migrants to move relatively easily between their countries of origin and destination;
10. Calls on the Commission to propose initiatives to facilitate recognition of professional qualifications and lay down minimum standards as regards the establishment of a European system of equivalences for foreign diplomas;
11. Recognises the great importance of ensuring at least a common minimum level of rights across the Union for third country nationals; therefore, welcomes the plans to provide a level playing field for all immigrants gaining access to the Union's labour markets;
12. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to consider the option of introducing carefully designed temporary migration programmes as a means of addressing the economic needs of both countries of origin and destination;
13. Welcomes the plan to establish a fair and transparent admission procedure for seasonal workers and to grant them rights; believes that due consideration should be given to semi-skilled and low-skilled migrants; considers that it is important to protect this particularly vulnerable category of workers from discrimination and exploitation;
14. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to examine possible actions to be taken to ensure the transfer of pensions and social security entitlements of migrants returning to their countries of origin;
15. Favours the examining of possible measures to make remittances cheaper, faster and safer; however, stresses the great importance of the fight against money laundering and of the need to avoid any possibility of supporting terrorist organisations;
16. Calls on the Commission to strengthen measures on remittances, so that they comply with the proposal for a Regulation on information on the payer accompanying transfers of funds; points out that formal and recorded remittances are preferable to informal flows because they reduce the risk that migrants and recipients will be exploited by clandestine money laundering;
17. Welcomes the plan to develop a comprehensive and coherent approach to ethical recruitment of staff in sectors particularly vulnerable to brain drain.

PROCEDURE

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Members present for the final vote	Edit Bauer, Johannes Blokland, Mario Borghezio, Mihael Brejc, Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg, Michael Cashman, Jean-Marie Cavada, Carlos Coelho, Fausto Correia, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Elly de Groen-Kouwenhoven, Ewa Klamt, Ole Krarup, Barbara Kudrycka, Henrik Lax, Jaime Mayor Oreja, Claude Moraes, Hartmut Nassauer, Martine Roure, Inger Segelström, Ioannis Varvitsiotis, Stefano Zappalà, Tatjana Ždanoka
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Panayiotis Demetriou, Genowefa Grabowska, Luis Herrero-Tejedor, Sophia in 't Veld, Herbert Reul, Rainer Wieland
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	
Comments (available in one language only)	...