

Translation from Finnish

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Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Government Decree on the Development Policy Committee

(1071/2019)

By decision of the Government, the following is enacted:

Section 1

Purpose of the Development Policy Committee

There shall be a Development Policy Committee that operates in conjunction with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the purpose of which is to strengthen the effectiveness of development policy and to promote development policy dialogue.

Section 2

Tasks of the Development Policy Committee

The Development Policy Committee (DPC) shall be a parliamentarily and societally representative advisory body on development policy.

The tasks of the DPC shall be to:

- 1) formulate a common vision of political parties and stakeholders on current issues in development policy;
- 2) monitor and analyse the realisation of Finland's development policies and Finland's international commitments;
- 3) promote decision-making that supports sustainable development in policy sectors affecting the situation of developing countries;
- 4) provide the Government with recommendations on the planning and implementation of development policy;
- 5) increase awareness of current development policy issues.

Section 3

Term of the Development Policy Committee

The Government, on the presentation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, shall appoint

the Development Policy Committee (DPC) for the duration of the parliamentary term. The DPC shall, however, remain operational until a new DPC has been appointed.

Section 4

Members of the Development Policy Committee

The Development Policy Committee (DPC) shall have a maximum of 20 members appointed for the term of the DPC and their personal substitutes.

The membership of the DPC shall represent the parliamentary parties and key development policy stakeholders as broadly as possible.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall request the parliamentary parties and stakeholders to nominate a member and a substitute member to the DPC.

The members shall elect from among their number a chairperson and two vice-chairpersons. The seat distribution of Parliament shall be taken into consideration in the composition of the chairpersons.

In addition, the DPC shall include representatives of ministries and other expert members.

Section 5

Secretariat of the Development Policy Committee

The Development Policy Committee shall have a Secretariat who shall have an employment relationship with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Section 6

Decision-making

The Development Policy Committee shall be quorate when the chairperson and at least half of the other members are present.

Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

Section 7

Entry into force

This Decree enters into force on 25 November 2019.

The Development Policy Committee (DPC) appointed at the time of entry into force of this Decree shall continue until the end of its term ending on 31 December 2019, and the conditions of the appointment decision shall apply to it.