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Delegations will find enclosed the thematic package on LDCs and MICs.

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Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)

Thematic Package: LDCs and MICs REV 3

NB. Please note that only the elements related to this topic are considered provisionally agreed in relation to the EFSD+.

<i>Line</i>	<i>Commission proposal</i>	<i>Rev 2</i>	<i>Rev 3 quater</i>
Recital (16) Line 26	(16) In order to ensure resources are provided to where the need is greatest, especially to the Least Developed Countries and the countries in situation of fragility and conflict, this Regulation should contribute to the collective target of reaching 0.20% of the Union Gross National Income towards Least Developed Countries within the timeframe of the 2030 Agenda.		DELETED FROM THIS POINT UNTIL THE END OF THE COLUMN (page 5)
<i>New recital (20bis) Line 30.bis</i>			
Recital (34) Line 44	(34) The EFSD+ should aim at supporting investments as a means of contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by fostering sustainable and inclusive economic and social development and promoting the socio-economic resilience in partner countries with a particular focus on the eradication of poverty, sustainable and		

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	inclusive growth, the creation of decent jobs, economic opportunities, skills and entrepreneurship, socioeconomic sectors, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises as well as addressing specific socioeconomic root causes of irregular migration, in accordance with the relevant indicative programming documents. Special attention should be given to countries identified as experiencing fragility or conflict, Least Developed Countries and heavily indebted poor countries.		
Article 11(3) Programming principles for geographic programmes Line 183	3. The countries most in need, in particular the Least Developed Countries, low income countries, countries in crisis, post-crisis, fragile and vulnerable situations, including small islands developing states, shall be given priority in the resource allocation process.	DELETED FROM THIS POINT UNTIL THE END OF THE COLUMN (page 5)	

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New line 183bis			
Article 16(2) Line 217	2. By way of derogation from Article 11(2), Union support under geographic programmes in the Neighbourhood area shall be differentiated in form and amounts, taking into account the following elements, reflecting the partner country's:		
Article 27(2)(b) Eligibility and selection of operations and counter- parts Line 353	(b) are economically and financially viable, with due regard to the possible support from, and co-financing by, private and public partners to the project, while taking into account the specific operating environment and capacities of countries identified as experiencing fragility or conflict, Least Developed Countries and heavily indebted poor countries which may benefit from concessional terms;		
Annex II 7(a) Line 102	(a) Enhancing country ownership, partnership and dialogue, in order to contribute to greater effectiveness of development cooperation in all its dimensions (giving special consideration for the specific challenges of Least Developed Countries and countries affected by conflict, as well as specific transitional challenges of more advanced developing countries);		

Annex II 7(d) Line 104	(c) Encouraging good neighbourly relations, regional integration, enhanced connectivity, cooperation and dialogue;		
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