Amendment 31 Othmar Karas

on behalf of the PPE Group

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Motion for a resolution Recital J a (new)

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Ja. whereas the European Parliament, in its resolution of 8 June 2011 on Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe, has clearly stated that regardless of realisable savings, the EU budget, at its current overall level of 1% of GNI, is not capable of closing the financing gap deriving from additional financing needs arising from the Treaty as well as from existing policy priorities and commitments; whereas the European Parliament is, therefore, convinced that at least a 5% increase in resources is needed for the next MFF compared to the 2013 level;

Or. en

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Jb. whereas in the same resolution, the European Parliament notes that the own resources ceiling has been unchanged since 1993; believes that the own resources ceiling might require some progressive adjustment as Member States confer more competences on, and fix more objectives for the Union; considers that while the current ceiling of own resources set unanimously by the Council provides sufficient budgetary leeway to meet the most pressing Union challenges but that it would still be insufficient for the EU Budget to become a real tool for European economic governance or to contribute in a major way to investing in the Europe 2020 strategy at EU level;

Or. en

Amendment 33
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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

Motion for a resolution

17. Recalls that the USA and China are the two main contributors to global imbalances, and calls for China to become an active participant in the global economic governance system;

Amendment

17. Recalls that both some developed and emerging economies, such as the US and China contribute to global imbalances; welcomes active participation and further integration of China into the global economic governance system;

Or. en

Amendment 34 Othmar Karas

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 98

Motion for a resolution

98. Stresses that tackling the public debt crisis and increasing the EU's competitiveness, convergence and solidarity require a shift of competences and spending towards the Union;

Amendment

98. Stresses that tackling the public debt crisis and increasing the EU's competitiveness, convergence and solidarity require a shift of competences and spending towards the Union, whereby national budgets would be considerably alleviated, and insists on the need to create significant synergies between national budgets and the EU budget, allowing for optimal use and allocation of existing fiscal resources on all levels; while respecting the principle of subsidiarity to support strong regions and states;

Or. en

Amendment 35 Othmar Karas

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 99

Motion for a resolution

99. Concludes that, in order to *deepen* democratic political union and economic integration commensurate with monetary union, all relevant expenditure from the EU budget must be effectively streamlined with the aim of increasing the competitiveness of the EU as a whole and of the less competitive regions, so as to maximise Europe's economic strength in the interest of its citizens, while preserving or regaining a fair social balance; believes, therefore, that the EU budget needs to be raised to a level between 5% and 10% of the Union's GDP; asks that, in parallel to the increase in the EU budget on the basis of own resources - to finance policies and measures in the fields of foreign and security policy, the energy and transport sectors, development cooperation and R&D – the national budgets should be reduced to ensure tax neutrality for citizens;

Amendment

99. Concludes that, in order to achieve political union and economic integration commensurate with monetary union, in line with the priorities agreed by the European Council, the EU needs a budget of sufficient size to accommodate the euro in a sustainable way, providing the currency with a relevant budget space on the level of political organisation at which it is issued;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 99 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

99a. Recalls that reports preceding the realisation of monetary union - notably the McDougall report, which analysed the conditions necessary for the implementation of the Werner plan affirmed that the volume of such a budget would have to be between 2,5 and 10 percent of Union GNI, depending on whether and which re-allocation functions would be assumed by the Union budget, that the budget would need to be financed on the basis of own resources, and that it should be used to finance policies and measures in the fields of foreign, security and defence policy, the energy and transport sectors, development cooperation and R&D, and that national budgets would be reduced correspondingly in order to achieve tax neutrality for citizens and businesses;

Or. en

Amendment 37 Othmar Karas

on behalf of the PPE Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 104

Motion for a resolution

104. Calls for the Euratom Treaty to be superseded by a European Energy Community with responsibility for new power-generation capacities with a view to achieving an effective energy mix, and including within its remit renewable energies, energy efficiency, transmission grids, storage facilities and supply security, negotiations with third countries and the provision of universal services at affordable prices;

Amendment

104. Favours the creation of a European Energy Community, responsible for new power-generation capacities and transborder energy infrastructure, while respecting subsidiarity with regard to the energy mix;

Or. en