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Following on from the proceedings at its Third and Fourth Ordinary Sessions, held in Madrid from 8 to 9 April 2009 and in Seville from 13 to 15 May 2010 respectively, the Euro-Latin America Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat) – the parliamentary institution of the Biregional Strategic Partnership between the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) – tenders to the EU-LAC Summit, to be held on 18 May 2010 in Madrid, the following recommendations and proposals for strengthening the Strategic Partnership, inviting it to:

MESSAGE TO THE MADRID SUMMIT

- Support the various Latin American **regional integration processes** that form the basis of the Biregional Partnership;
- Maintain the **biregional focus** of the Strategic Partnership in order to safeguard the values and interests of the partners and to reinforce multilateralism;
- Maintain a global strategic vision for the Partnership, working towards its ultimate aim of creating a **Euro-Latin American Global Interregional Partnership Area**, by around 2015, that will cover the political, economic, trade, social and cultural fields and guarantee sustainable development for both regions;
- Adopt a **Euro-Latin American Charter for Peace and Security** that, based on the United Nations Charter and related international legislation, includes joint strategies and guidelines for political action and security in order to tackle the common threats facing the members of the Biregional Strategic Partnership; for that purpose, the EuroLat Assembly is presenting the Summit with the Articles of the Charter annexed to its Resolution of 8 April 2009;
- Support the process leading to the **conclusion of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Central America** and the **re-opening of negotiations on an Association Agreement with Mercosur**;
- Support the process leading to the signing of the **Multipartite Agreement between the European Union and the countries of the Andean Community** and the **updating and upgrading of the EU-CAN Political and Cooperation Agreement of 2003**;
- Urge the international community to continue the work begun at the Doha Round of 2001 and reaffirm its firm commitment to **contribute to the success of the Doha Round**;
- Recommend to the European Commission and all Latin American and Caribbean countries that they present in Geneva, as soon as possible, a strong initiative to relaunch the debate on the decision-making process, mandate, functioning and **future of the WTO**, with a view to the possible reform of that organisation;

- Support the creation of the **Europe – Latin America and Caribbean Foundation**, whose primary purpose would be to help prepare for the summits, follow-up on the decisions and political courses of action adopted at the summits, and act as a forum for dialogue and coordination in the periods between summits for all the political, institutional, academic and civil society bodies working to strengthen Euro-Latin American relations;
- Create, under the supervision and coordination of that Foundation:
 - a **Migration Observatory for the Euro-Latin American area**, responsible for permanently and closely monitoring all issues connected with migratory flows in this area;
 - a **civil Biregional Centre for Conflict Prevention**, responsible for the early detection of causes of potential violent and armed conflicts and seeking how best to prevent them and stop them from escalating;
 - a **Biregional Centre for Conflict Prevention** to devise common strategies and an emergency warning system aimed at reducing mutual vulnerability to natural disasters arising from climate or technological change;
- Open a serious dialogue on science and technology in order to build a genuine ‘**EU-LAC research, knowledge and innovation space**’;
- Deepen the **dialogue on employment and sustainable growth**, looking particularly at youth employment, equal pay, the social protection network and decent working conditions;

Migration

- Continue and deepen the structured and global biregional dialogue on migration between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean, which was launched on 30 June 2009, and request that the Assembly play a formal part in that dialogue;
- Stress that the migration policies and practices of both regions should ensure that the fundamental rights of all migrants are upheld and that the management of migration flows is orderly, informed and safe and based on the principle of shared responsibility;
- Emphasise that the existence of efficient rules to prevent illegal immigration – including the dignified return of illegal immigrants – and illegal employment is closely linked to the promotion of legal immigration in line with the job market’s needs, and of integration;

Financial crisis

- Stress that the EU-LAC Biregional Strategic Partnership should introduce mechanisms and coordinated policies that promote the adoption of anti-cyclical monetary and fiscal measures, within the framework of the Partnership’s pillars, that will stimulate economic activities, promote social cohesion and make it possible to overcome the financial and

economic crisis and mitigate its effects on the people and economic sectors that are most vulnerable;

- Recommend the creation of regional institutions to administer public debt in Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean and to determine funding requirements;

Climate change

- Stress that **combating climate change and global warming** should remain a priority on the political agenda between the EU and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and that joint positions need to be agreed in the various forums for dialogue on the environment and climate change, especially within the framework of the UN, and also in relation to support for the forthcoming summit to be held in Mexico in late 2010;

Energy – renewable energy sources

- Emphasise that energy security has to be one of the priorities underlying the Partnership, implying a need to enhance energy efficiency and diversify energy suppliers and sources;
- Integrate **energy cooperation** into the association agreements between the EU and the various regions of Latin America, with particular reference to clean and renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and water power, biomass and sustainably produced biofuels;
- Establish **common rules on biofuels** with a view to their possible future application at world level.