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on the gradual increase in the resources allocated to scientific and technological research up to 3% of GDP

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the gradual increase in the resources allocated to scientific and technological research up to 3% of GDP

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the inadequate percentage of funding and resources which the Member States and the EU budget are currently able to allocate to scientific and technological research, in particular university research,
 - B. whereas increased investment in the research sector has immediate and positive effects on employment, helps to revive the economy and has a positive impact on the quality of life and the future of the younger generation,
 - C. whereas incentives offered in the university research sector always lead to perceptible progress in cultural terms, with effects spread over the whole population,
1. Calls on the Commission to propose that the Council bring forward to 2007 the original deadline of 2010 by which it is proposed that the Member States should devote 3% of their GDP to research and technological development;
 2. Calls on the Convention to incorporate in the new draft Constitution of the European Union - in addition to the other economic parameters - a binding commitment on the part of the Member States of the monetary union to allocate a compulsory 3% of GDP to research and technological development.