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Declaration on racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism*The European Parliament,*

- noting the report of the three wise men on the situation in Austria following the participation of the Freedom Party in government,
 - noting, in particular, paragraphs 117, 118 and 119 of the above mentioned report,
 - noting the proposal of the European Commission to amend Article 7 of the Amsterdam Treaty to deal more effectively with cases of the inclusion of extremist parties and their political programmes in government,
 - having regard to the process used for the adoption of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights,
1. Invites the European Council to take all necessary means to ensure that the recommendations of the experts are carried out rapidly;
 2. Calls on the European Council and Commission:
 - to establish a mechanism of control and surveillance which ensures that the common values enshrined in the Treaties are upheld and maintained;
 - to draw up procedures governing the Union's response to any future act of direct or indirect discrimination or xenophobia by a Member State;
 - to transform the European Union Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia into a European Union Centre for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights;
 3. Calls furthermore on all democratic political parties:
 - to oppose any form of racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism;
 - to refuse any political relationship, and any electoral or governmental alliance, with groups and parties who directly or indirectly promote or tolerate terrorism, violence, xenophobia or racism;
 - to isolate those groups and political forces who act wilfully against the common values and principles confirmed in the Amsterdam Treaty, the democratic Constitutions of the Member States and the Charter of Fundamental Rights.
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the other European institutions and the governments of the Member States.