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*– having regard to its resolution of
19 January 2017 on a European Pillar of
Social Rights¹,*

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Or. en

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Recital V

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Amendment

V. whereas the institutional structure of the EMU should be ***transformed by turning it into an*** effective and democratic ***economic government***, with Parliament and Council acting as equal co-legislators, the Commission fulfilling the role of the executive, national parliaments better scrutinising national governments' actions at European level, the European Parliament scrutinising the EU level of decision-making, and a stronger role for the Court of Justice;

V. whereas the institutional structure of the EMU should be ***made more*** effective and democratic, with Parliament and Council acting as equal co-legislators, the Commission fulfilling the role of the executive, national parliaments better scrutinising national governments' actions at European level, the European Parliament scrutinising the EU level of decision-making, and a stronger role for the Court of Justice;

Or. en

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Recital AH

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AH. whereas strengthening the single market should be accompanied by improved *fiscal* coordination;

AH. whereas strengthening the single market should be accompanied by improved *taxation* coordination;

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Recital AU

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Amendment

AU. whereas the agreement signed by the Heads of State or Government states the right of further deepening of EMU and that only the United Kingdom is exempted from further political integration, without prejudice to the Treaty of Lisbon and the obligations and rights of the Member States and the institutions, including the full legislative rights of the European Parliament on the basis of a Commission proposal after the result of the referendum;

deleted

Or. en

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7. Is of the opinion that intergovernmental solutions should only be an instrument of ultima ratio, subject to strict conditions, notably respect for Union law, the objective of deepening European integration, and openness for accession by non-participating Member States, and believes that they should be replaced by Union procedures as soon as possible, even in areas where not all the Member States fulfil the conditions for participation, so as to enable the Union to carry out its tasks within a single institutional framework; opposes in this context the creation of new institutions outside the Union framework, and continues to strive for incorporation into Union law of the ESM provided that ***appropriate scrutiny is established within the European Parliament***, as well as the relevant provisions of the Fiscal Compact, as intended in the TSCG itself, on the basis of an assessment of the experience with its implementation;

Amendment

7. Is of the opinion that intergovernmental solutions should only be an instrument of ultima ratio, subject to strict conditions, notably respect for Union law, the objective of deepening European integration, and openness for accession by non-participating Member States, and believes that they should be replaced by Union procedures as soon as possible, even in areas where not all the Member States fulfil the conditions for participation, so as to enable the Union to carry out its tasks within a single institutional framework; opposes in this context the creation of new institutions outside the Union framework, and continues to strive for incorporation into Union law of the ESM provided that ***there is appropriate democratic accountability***, as well as the relevant provisions of the Fiscal Compact, as intended in the TSCG itself, on the basis of an assessment of the experience with its implementation; ***insists that actual decision-making and fiscal liabilities must not be separated from each other***;

Or. en

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Paragraph 31

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Amendment

31. Believes it is possible to merge the position of President of the Eurogroup and Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, and would in such case propose that the President of the Commission appoints this Commissioner as Vice-President of the Commission; considers that this Commissioner *for Economic and Financial Affairs - who should* be granted all necessary means and capacities to apply and enforce the existing economic governance framework, *on lines, for example, similar to the role of the Commissioner for Competition - could be called 'EU Finance Minister' once a fiscal capacity and a European Monetary Fund are established;*

31. Believes it is possible to merge the position of President of the Eurogroup and Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, and would in such case propose that the President of the Commission appoints this Commissioner as Vice-President of the Commission; considers that this Commissioner *could, once a fiscal capacity and a European Monetary Fund are established,* be granted all necessary means and capacities to apply and enforce the existing economic governance framework *and to optimise the development of the euro area in cooperation with the ministers of finance of the euro-area Member States, as detailed in the report on a budgetary capacity for the euro area;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 32

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Amendment

32. Points to the need to modify the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission in order to include a legal obligation for the President of the Commission to make use of his/her right to request the resignation of the EU Finance Minister under Article 17(6) TEU if the European Parliament so decides by a majority of its component members;

deleted

Or. en

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Paragraph 40

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Amendment

40. Insists on ensuring better coordination and representation of the EU/euro area within *the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and other* international financial institutions, and points out that article 138(2) TFEU provides a legal basis for the adoption of measures to ensure unified representation of the EU/euro area within the international *financial* institutions and conferences;

40. Insists on ensuring better coordination and, *where possible*, representation of the EU/euro area within international financial institutions, and points out that article 138(2) TFEU provides a legal basis for the adoption of measures to ensure unified representation of the EU/euro area within the international institutions and conferences;

Or. en

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Paragraph 53

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Amendment

53. Calls for further institutional reforms in order to **provide** the EMU **with an** effective and democratic **economic government** with improved capacities **that is** integrated within the institutional framework of the Union, whereby the Commission acts as the executive and Parliament and the Council as co-legislators;

53. Calls for further institutional reforms in order to **make** the EMU **more** effective and democratic with improved capacities **to be** integrated within the institutional framework of the Union, whereby the Commission acts as the executive and Parliament and the Council as co-legislators;

Or. en

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Amendment 30

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Paragraph 58

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

58. Calls for the creation of a framework for an orderly sovereign default procedure to reconcile Article 125 TFEU and existing stabilisation instruments such as the ESM;

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Or. en

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61. Recalls that economic dialogue mechanisms already exist, notably through the creation of the ‘economic dialogue’ within the framework of the ‘6-pack’ and ‘2-pack’ legislation; considers that this is an effective tool to enable Parliament to be vested with a more substantial role *in negotiations* within the framework of the European Semester in order to enhance dialogue between Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Eurogroup, and proposes formalising Parliament’s scrutiny role in the European Semester through an interinstitutional agreement (IIA); *underlines that the democratic legitimacy of the Semester process would be strengthened by an IIA, which should allow for the framing of the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines and the Employment Guidelines by Parliament and the Council, thus providing for meaningful and regular parliamentary scrutiny of the process; underlines in this respect that the Commission could commit to sending draft recommendations concerning the European Semester to Parliament before their adoption; considers it furthermore in principle not*

61. Recalls that economic dialogue mechanisms already exist, notably through the creation of the ‘economic dialogue’ within the framework of the ‘6-pack’ and ‘2-pack’ legislation; considers that this is an effective tool to enable Parliament to be vested with a more substantial role within the framework of the European Semester in order to enhance dialogue between Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Eurogroup, and proposes formalising Parliament’s scrutiny role in the European Semester through an interinstitutional agreement (IIA), *as Parliament has called for on several occasions*; furthermore welcomes and encourages involvement of national parliaments at the national level and cooperation between national parliaments and the European Parliament in the framework of the European semester and economic governance more in general, e.g. through the ‘European Parliamentary Week’ and the ‘Article 13 Conference’; considers moreover that the involvement of social partners in the European Semester could be improved;

necessary to treat information about the negotiation and monitoring of macroeconomic adjustment programmes as confidential; furthermore welcomes and encourages involvement of national parliaments at the national level and cooperation between national parliaments and the European Parliament in the framework of the European semester and economic governance more in general, e.g. through the 'European Parliamentary Week' and the 'Article 13 Conference'; considers moreover that the involvement of social partners in the European Semester could be improved;

Or. en

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Paragraph 62

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Amendment

62. Considers it necessary to have an overall assessment of the budgetary situations and prospects in the EU and the euro area as a whole, of the individual Member States in the euro area and of all members of the fiscal compact, ahead of the spring European Council, while ensuring that it is the individual Member States that are obliged to comply with the requirements of the ‘6-pack’ and ‘2-pack’;

deleted

Or. en

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Amendment 33

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Paragraph 65

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

65. *Awaits with interest* the report of the High Level Group on Own Resources; wishes to return to the letter and spirit of the Treaties and to change the current system based on Gross National Income (GNI) contributions to one based on real own resources for the EU and, eventually, a euro area budget, for which a whole range of ideas exists, *such as a reformed Value Added Tax (VAT), a Financial Transaction Tax (FTT), a carbon tax, a share of a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base, a European wealth tax, and revenue from other sources such as the Emissions Trading Scheme or the profits of the ECB;*

65. *Welcomes* the report of the High Level Group on Own Resources; wishes to return to the letter and spirit of the Treaties and to change the current system based on Gross National Income (GNI) contributions to one based on real own resources for the EU and, eventually, a euro area budget, for which a whole range of ideas exists;

Or. en

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Paragraph 67

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Amendment

67. Proposes to introduce a euro area budget with a revenue originating from the Member States whose currency is the euro that is, in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, assigned to expenditure that may be used only within a Member State whose currency is the euro; considers that such revenue requires the introduction of a new 'own resource' financed by the Member States whose currency is the euro; recalls that assigned revenue within the terms of Article 21 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 is not covered by the MFF regulation or the ceilings set by it;

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Or. en

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Paragraph 71

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Amendment

71. Takes note of different proposals for the establishment of a budgetary capacity within the euro area; points out that these proposals assign different functions to such capacity and may have different designs (*e.g. a convergence instrument providing conditional support for structural reforms or a shock absorption mechanism*); recalls that Parliament has insisted that such capacity should be developed within the EU framework;

71. Takes note of different proposals for the establishment of a budgetary capacity within the euro area; points out that these proposals assign different functions to such capacity and may have different designs; recalls that Parliament has insisted that such capacity should be developed within the EU framework;

Or. en

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Paragraph 73

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Amendment

73. Recalls the creation of the European Supervisory Authorities and the Banking Union; calls for further work to be undertaken on the issue of sovereign debt and to further increase the resilience of the EMU when facing economic shocks and speculative behaviour in sovereign bond markets; calls for the adoption of policies designed to absorb asymmetric shocks and foster convergence among Member States while preventing permanent fiscal transfers, in line with Articles 125 and 136(3) TFEU;

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Or. en

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Paragraph 74

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Amendment

74. Reiterates that it is in favour of integrating the European Stability Mechanism into the Union legal framework provided that *appropriate scrutiny is established within the European Parliament;*

74. Reiterates that it is in favour of integrating the European Stability Mechanism into the Union legal framework provided that *there is appropriate democratic accountability;*

Or. en

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Paragraph 95

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Amendment

95. Stresses that the workers' rights, particularly when they exercise their right of mobility, should be guaranteed along with their social rights, making full use of the relevant legal instruments provided for in Titles IV, IX and X and according to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, in order to ensure a stable social basis for the Union; points in this context in particular to the rights derived from Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States;

95. Stresses that the workers' rights, particularly when they exercise their right of mobility, should be guaranteed along with their social rights, making full use of the relevant legal instruments provided for in Titles IV, IX and X and according to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, in order to ensure a stable social basis for the Union; points in this context in particular to the rights derived from Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States **and Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 on freedom of movement for workers within the Union;**

Or. en

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Paragraph 97

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Amendment

97. Points out the importance of promoting the idea of a minimum wage determined by each Member State, **and** exploring options for a minimum unemployment benefit scheme, **which** would necessitate the existence of common rules and conditions for an EU labour market, and suggests that, under current Treaty provisions, **an** *‘Employees’ Mobility Directive*’ could be adopted to reduce still-existing barriers for employees;

97. Points out the importance of promoting the idea of a minimum wage determined by each Member State, **observes that** exploring options for a minimum unemployment benefit scheme would necessitate the existence of common rules and conditions for an EU labour market, and suggests that, under current Treaty provisions, **a legislative proposal** could be adopted to reduce still-existing barriers for employees;

Or. en