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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by MIRANDA, BOUDJENNAH, MODROW, MORGANTINI, FIGUEIREDO et PAPAYANNAKIS on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

**on the World Education Forum**

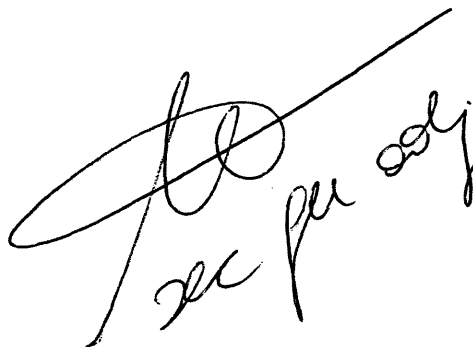
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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Education for All Conference at Jomtien in 1990 where the world's governments agreed to provide education for all by 2000, the five year review of the Education for All Conference in Amman in 1995, the World Summit for Social Development at Copenhagen in 1995 where Governments put back the targets to gender equality by 2005 and universal primary education by 2015;
  - having regard to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child both of which are legally binding and which commit the World's governments to providing free education;
- A. Whereas education is a fundamental human right that governments must provide, and whereas donors average only around 2% of Official Development Assistance expenditure on basic education which is far below the amount required to finance education for all;
1. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that their aid to basic education is sufficient to ensure that no developing country committed to achieving education for all is prevented from doing so by lack of funds; this implies that the budget for 2001 has to be *at least* doubled in the area of basic education;
  2. Urges the Commission and Member States to encourage developing countries at the World Education Forum to devote a greater proportion of the national budget to basic education and for the national education budget to be distributed on an equitable basis;
  3. Calls on the Commission and Member States in Dakar to support the development of National Education Action Plans that include clear and binding mechanisms for ongoing consultation with civil society aiming to the "education for all";
  4. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make special efforts to ensure that the gender gap in education is closed by 2005;
  5. Urges the Commission to honour its commitment to the European Parliament to issue a communication on children's rights including a section on child focused development policy;

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6. Calls on the Member States to cancel the external debt of the development countries in order to fund the project "education for all";
7. Calls on the IMF and the World Bank to profoundly review their policies; in particular, IMF and World Bank policies should not undermine national government attempts to meet the international development targets
8. Calls on UNESCO to work with developing countries and donors to develop effective qualitative targets in areas such as teacher training, curriculum development and gender equity;
9. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Parliaments of the Member States, UNESCO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, the IMF and the World Bank.

A handwritten signature, possibly "Stefano Squarcina", is written in dark ink. Below the signature, the initials "SC" are written, followed by "per" and a final flourish.

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