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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the European Council report and Commission statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on the European Council of 7-11 December 2000 in Nice

**European Parliament resolution on the European Council of 7-11 December 2000 in Nice**

*The European Parliament,*

- A. having regard to the information available to it on the reform of the Treaties decided on in Nice,
- B. having regard to the other conclusions available from the European Council in Nice,

***As regards the Nice summit***

- 1. Considers that the results of this summit are worrying for democracy, freedoms, national identities and sovereignty, and the right of the peoples of Europe to self-determination;

***As regards the reform of the Treaties***

- 2. Condemns the creation of a centralised European State placed under the de facto domination of a single Member State, which has secured an unwarranted predominant position in all the European Union institutions;
- 3. Is indignant about the place left to the 'small' States and to the future members of the European Union and points out that the only method of decision-making which respects the interests of all is unanimity, together with the right of veto, in accordance with the system of 'one State = one vote';
- 4. Considers that the French Government, with its dual leadership, discredited itself both as holder of the Presidency of the Union, through the arrogant way in which it conducted the negotiations, and as a national delegation, through its total failure to take the aspirations of its citizens into account;
- 5. Condemns the anti-democratic methods consisting in providing in the Treaties for 'internal' procedures for revision, such as those concerning a ceiling on the number of Commissioners or the decision-making methods concerning the Structural Funds;

**Commission**

- 6. Is resolutely opposed to the President of the Commission being appointed by a qualified majority;
- 7. Considers that the Commissioners' posts, albeit eminently political, are no more than posts of officials, without democratic legitimacy, and that it is unacceptable to give this institution more powers than it has at present;
- 8. Calls, on the contrary, for the Commission simply to have the role of Secretariat of the Council;

### Extension of qualified majority voting

9. Opposes any extension of the areas to which qualified majority voting applies;
10. Is particularly concerned about the new procedures envisaged for international negotiations on services, investment and intellectual property;

### Weighting of votes

11. Condemns the weighting given to Germany through the 'demographic net' procedure, which breaks, de facto, the equality in the number of votes held by this country, on the one hand, and France, Italy and the United Kingdom, on the other;
12. Rejects this re-weighting, which is iniquitous from every point of view, and calls for a return to the use of unanimity in all areas;
13. Stresses, in this same connection, that it is unacceptable for Germany to be so over-represented in the European Parliament; calls for the ceiling on the number of Members of the European Parliament to be removed and, at least, for the number of representatives from the Member States to be maintained;

### Closer cooperation

14. Affirms that the procedures for closer cooperation, as they are envisaged, are simply a means of unduly extending the powers of the European Union into the few areas remaining outside its remit, and of bypassing the unanimity rule;
15. Considers, consequently, that this constitutes a very serious breach of the Treaties and of the law, and a deception of the citizens of Europe;

### Article 7 of the TEU

16. Rejects out of hand the amendment of Article 7 of the Treaty on European Union, which will enable the results of democratic elections in a Member State to be sanctioned when those results are unfortunate enough to displease Brussels-ruled Europe;
17. Considers that these provisions pose an extremely serious threat to democracy and to respect for peoples and nations;

### Ratification and 'post-Nice'

18. Refuses to endorse this Treaty;
19. Demands that the citizens of Europe be consulted on the Treaty of Nice by means of a referendum in all the Member States;
20. Opposes in advance the transformation of the Treaties into a constitution and calls for the idea of an IGC in 2004 to be abandoned;

## *As regards the other conclusions of the European Council*

### Charter of Fundamental Rights

21. Welcomes the fact that the Charter of Fundamental Rights has not been incorporated into the Treaties, even in the form of a reference thereto;

### Enlargement

22. Reiterates its categorical opposition to Turkey's accession to the European Union;
23. Wonders about the precise meaning, for the Council, of the phrase 'overall agreement on the Cyprus problem consistent with the UN Security Council Resolutions'; demands that the Member States and the European Union put pressure on Turkey to withdraw its occupying forces from the northern part of Cyprus as quickly as possible;

### Social policy

24. Is concerned about the role given to the Commission in connection with social protection, in particular through the very liberal Social Agenda;
25. Points out the responsibility of the European Union and the policies pursued by the Commission for the emergence and continued existence of 15 million people officially unemployed and 60 million poor people in the European Union;
26. Rejects any calling into question of national social protection systems by policies and decisions taken by Brussels-ruled Europe, and any meddling by the European Union in these areas;

### Tax package

27. Opposes any harmonisation of direct and indirect taxation;
28. Condemns the utopian desire to establish a worldwide system for the taxation of capital; this is a rhetorical declaration which seeks to make people forget the economic pointlessness of the European Union's most recent decisions on taxation;

### Euro

29. Is surprised at the text of the conclusions, which remains silent about the resounding failure of the euro, which has lost a quarter of its value in a few months, and about the absurd nature of the policy pursued by the European Central Bank;
30. Calls for the immediate abandonment of the single currency;

### Food safety and the precautionary principle

31. Welcomes the importance that the Council attaches to the precautionary principle and food safety;

32. Remains sceptical, in the light of the management of the BSE crisis by the Commission and the Member States, about their genuine will to implement these good resolutions;
33. Deplores, where the BSE crisis is concerned, the fact that the financial issues were not resolved in Nice, and calls for aid to be provided for the cattle sector as a whole, from producers to retailers;

#### Maritime safety

34. Condemns the lack of agreement on the texts relating to maritime safety, which even so are very clearly inadequate;
35. Considers that this calls into question the credibility of the European institutions, particularly with regard to their capacity to resolve problems relating to the environment, safety and health;

#### Public services

36. Deems the declaration on public services to be wholly inadequate and extremely worrying;
37. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.