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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(1) of the Rules of Procedure

by Langenhagen, Jackson and Posselt

on behalf of the PPE-DE Group

on the observer status of Taiwan at the May 2002 annual meeting of the World Health Assembly in Geneva

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**Resolution on the observer status of Taiwan at the May 2002 annual meeting of the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the fact that good health is important to every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve the public health;
  - having regard to the benefit of direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-boarder spread of various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, and malaria;
  - having regard that Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the first to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations;
  - having regard that the Taiwanese Government sent two rescue teams, consisting of 90 individuals specializing in firefighting, medicine and civil engineering to El Salvador, after its earthquake on January 14, 2001 (registering between 7.6 and 7.9 on the Richter scale) and also donated \$ 200.000 in relief aid to the Salvadoran Government;
- A. whereas in recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international aid and health activities supported by the WHO;
1. believes that in light of all benefits that Taiwan can bring to the state of health regionally and globally, Taiwan should have an appropriate and meaningful participation in the WHA taking place in Geneva on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002;
  2. calls on the World Health Assembly in Geneva to accept the observer status for Taiwan;
  3. calls on the European Commission and the Members States to support the application of Taiwan for an observer status in the WHA;
  4. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Member States, the Commission, the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Government of Taiwan and the WHO;

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