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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council and Commission statements

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

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on the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Foreign Ministers in Valencia

**European Parliament resolution on the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Foreign Ministers in Valencia**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Barcelona Declaration and the work programme of 28 November 1995 adopted at this Conference,
  - having regard to its previous resolutions, in particular the resolution of 2 April 2002 on the Commission communication to the Council and European Parliament to prepare the meeting of Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Ministers in Valencia,
  - having regard to the conclusions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference held on 22 and 23 April in Valencia, Spain,
- A. having regard to the political context in which the conference was held, influenced as it was by the current situation in the Middle East,
- B. having regard to the action plan presented by the Spanish Presidency, on the basis of Commission proposals, which should allow the Barcelona Process to be relaunched on a more effective basis,
1. Congratulates the Council Presidency on its efforts to ensure the continued organisation of this conference, despite the uncertainties caused by the gravity of the situation in the Middle East, and its ability to reach positive conclusions through consensus;
  2. Supports the action plan adopted by all countries and calls on the Commission and Council to make every effort to ensure that the recommendations contained herein are transformed into genuine operational decisions;
  3. Calls on the Commission and Council to ensure that the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue pursues a strategic political objective based on peace and progress, starting with a fair and viable settlement of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, and that it does not simply seek to achieve a multilateral free trade area, since this is a means rather than an end;
  4. Welcomes the fact that Parliament's proposals contained in its resolution of 2 April 2002 were duly taken into account by the conference, in particular those concerning decisions in respect of financial instruments to support Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary assembly;
  5. Welcomes the proposals concerning the development of cooperation with regard to justice and internal affairs;
  6. Welcomes the organisation of a ministerial conference on immigration and the social

integration of migrants;

7. Reaffirms the importance of cooperation in combating terrorism and stresses the need to guarantee the essential role of the United Nations in implementing this strategy;
8. Reaffirms its attachment to respect for decentralisation in implementing the various Euro-Mediterranean programmes and projects and calls on the Commission to ensure in this way a wide degree of participation by the various institutional, social and cultural parties concerned;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Mediterranean partner countries signatory to the Barcelona Declaration.