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on preparation for the EU-Latin America Summit (Madrid, 17/18 May 2002)

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European Parliament resolution on preparation for the EU-Latin America Summit (Madrid, 17/18 May 2002)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the first summit between the heads of state and government of Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union held in Rio de Janeiro on 28 and 29 June 1999,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in the Caribbean and, in particular, its resolution on Cuba adopted during the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Cape Town (18-21 March 2002),
 - having regard to the UN resolution of April 2002 on the human rights situation in Cuba,
- A. whereas the Rio Summit in June 1999 brought together for the first time the countries of the EU, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and established a strategic partnership between the two regions,
- B. whereas on 17 and 18 May 2002 the EU will hold its second summit with heads of state and government from Latin America and the Caribbean in Madrid,
1. Calls for consolidation of the partnership between the EU, Latin America and the Caribbean and the launch of specific and ambitious initiatives to strengthen the ties between them;
 2. Emphasises the EU's strong support for MERCOSUR's integration process;
 3. Expresses its commitment to representative democracy, the rule of law, good governance, pluralism and social development, including a more equitable distribution of wealth and opportunities, and to harmonious integration into the global economy;
 4. Welcomes the progress made in terms of integration in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean in the political and economic spheres on the basis of the principle of open regionalism;
 5. Calls for stepping up of the existing institutional dialogue between the two regions and for full and unrestricted functioning of democratic institutions;
 6. Reaffirms its conviction that regional integration plays an important role in growth promotion, trade liberalisation, economic and social development, democratic stability and more symmetrical inclusion in the process of globalisation;
 7. Welcomes the progress made in the political dialogue between the two regions on the

basis of the common purpose of strengthening peace, democracy and respect for human rights;

8. Calls for protection of the rights of indigenous populations and emphasises that priority must be given to overcoming poverty, marginalisation and social exclusion;
9. Encourages parliamentary contacts between the two regions;
10. Stresses the need for further development in the campaign against drugs on the basis of the principle of shared responsibility, the positive effects of Andean trade preference by the European Union and development of cooperation;
11. Supports ratification of the International Convention against Transnational Organised Crime and its additional protocols, opened for signature by states in Palermo, Italy, last December;
12. Calls for cooperation in combating all forms of transnational crime and related activities, such as money laundering and trafficking of women, children and migrants;
13. Reaffirms its commitment to implement the Rio Convention on Climate Change and Desertification and to promote actions geared towards early application of the Clean Development Mechanism provided for in the Kyoto Protocol;
14. Calls for programmes of cooperation to be put into practice in the field of environmental and natural disasters, with the aim of contributing to improving the capacity of the more vulnerable countries of both regions to prevent and respond to disasters;
15. Calls for the complete and timely entry into force, and effective application, of the Uruguay Round commitments;
16. Highlights the importance of the World Trade Organisation as the main forum to promote trade liberalisation and the establishment of basic rules and guidelines for the international trade system;
17. Calls for an improvement in the strengthening of our partnership in development cooperation, which affords an important opportunity to put shared values and ideas of mutual benefit into practice;
18. Believes that the measures adopted by the Argentine authorities and the international community, in particular the terms set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), are a step in the right direction towards solving the Argentine financial crisis;
19. Expresses its concern at the ongoing security crisis in Colombia, a country where rival rebel groups outgun government forces, and strongly condemns the practices of abduction and extortion and other crimes, which constitute a flagrant violation of human rights;
20. Welcomes the willingness demonstrated by the Cuban Government to open a political

dialogue with the EU on all matters of common interest, including human rights, and to accept and abide by all the principles laid down in the Cotonou Agreement;

21. Urges both Cuba and the European Union to pursue their relations and their renewed political dialogue on the basis agreed in the joint communiqué issued on the occasion of the political dialogue between Cuba and the EU troika, held in Havana on 2 December 2001, and to continue to engage in the constructive spirit thus shown by them in order to enable revision of the European Council's Common Position on Cuba;
22. Notes the deteriorating relations between Cuba and other Latin American republics, notably Mexico and Uruguay, and calls for the restoration of peaceful relations between these countries in order to pursue regional integration in Latin America;
23. Reiterates to the Guatemalan state its concern at the persistent intimidation, threats and aggressions continuing to be suffered by members of human rights organisations, journalists and law officers;
24. Strongly condemns the attempted coup against Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez and notes the need for sustaining social and political dialogue in Venezuela;
25. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean, the WTO and the UN.