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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council and Commission statements

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on the Commission statement on the World Economic and Social Forum
(Davos, Porto Alegre)

European Parliament resolution on the Commission statement on the World Economic and Social Forum (Davos, Porto Alegre)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the 33rd World Economic Forum, held in Davos from 23 to 28 January 2003,
 - having regard to the World Social Forum, held in Porto Alegre from 23 to 27 January 2003,
- A. taking into account the work of the 33rd World Economic Forum at Davos and the 3rd World Social Forum at Porto Alegre,
 - B. whereas the world has seen a slowdown in economic growth and there is a need to initiate moves to boost economic recovery worldwide;
 - C. whereas great uncertainty surrounds the world economic situation owing not least to the threat of terrorism and the prospect of armed conflict in the Persian Gulf;
 - D. whereas the globalisation of trade is for the most part a positive phenomenon which cannot be ignored but which should be regulated more effectively;
 - E. whereas the only economic model likely to generate prosperity is that of a market economy based on individual initiative and free enterprise;
1. Welcomes the quality of the debates held at the 33rd World Economic Forum and the 3rd World Social Forum;
 2. Welcomes in particular the choice of the theme ‘Building trust’ for the 33rd World Economic Forum as being especially pertinent and as emphasising the will of economic decision makers to re-establish the conditions for growth;
 3. Considers that participants in the World Social Forum sometimes express concerns that are broadly shared by the peoples of the world, not least in the field of environmental protection;
 4. Regrets however that the contributions made at the World Social Forum are often over-ideological in nature;
 5. Expresses its disappointment at the refusal of the organisers of the World Social Forum to open a dialogue with the organisers of the World Economic Forum;
 6. Points out that participants in the World Social Forum, and particularly the representatives of non-governmental organisations that are the self-proclaimed representatives of civil

society, cannot reasonably claim to have any form of political legitimacy;

7. Deplores the fierce criticism levelled against the United States and its allies at the World Social Forum;
8. Expresses approval at the decision by the OPEC countries to increase oil production in the event of armed conflict with Iraq in order to ensure that oil prices do not come under pressure;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the organisers of the Davos and Porto Alegre fora and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.