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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure

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on nuclear disarmament: Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2005  
- EU preparation of third NPT PrepCom (New York, 26 April - 7 May 2004)

**European Parliament resolution on nuclear disarmament: Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2005 - Eu preparation of third NPT PrepCom (New York, 26 April - 7 May 2004)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 42(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the 2000 Conference of the States Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) asked the Conference on Disarmament (CD) to establish an appropriate subsidiary body with a mandate to deal with nuclear disarmament, as contained in the fourth of the 13 points relating to Article VI of the NPT adopted by the 2000 NPT Conference,
- B. whereas all EU Member States are parties to the NPT and two EU Member States are nuclear weapon states as defined in the NPT,
- C. whereas the CD has not established the requested subsidiary body within three years after the review conference, nor is it currently in the process of so doing,
- D. whereas the European Parliament has shown a major concern for nuclear disarmament and made numerous deliberations in recent years on this topic,
- E. whereas new threats to international security include terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the existence of failed states and organised crime,
- F. whereas confidence in international security depends upon steps being taken towards the total elimination of the nuclear weapons, in the declared and in the undeclared nuclear weapon states, in accordance with Article VI of the NPT,
- G. whereas the NPT remains the relevant international law on nuclear disarmament, the enforcement of which needs a road map with a schedule of disarmament steps and deadlines,
- H. recalling the proposal from UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan for an international conference on disarmament including all nuclear dangers,
- I. recalling breakthroughs in recent years through the deliberations and actions of international bodies which gathered concerned states and NGOs,
- J. recalling that when the HR/SG for CFSP, Javier Solana, presented his draft European Security Strategy (ESS) to the GAERC on June 16, he also submitted two documents - that were subsequently adopted - entitled: 'Basic Principles for an EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction' and an 'Action Plan for the implementation of the Basic Principles for an EU Strategy against Proliferation of

Weapons of Mass Destruction',

- K. having regard to the adoption on 17 November 2003 at the General Affairs and External Relations Council of a Common Position on the universalisation and reinforcement of multilateral agreements in the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,
- L. having regard to the new EU Strategy Against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction adopted by the European Council in Brussels on 12 December 2003,
  - 1. Calls on the EU - in a spirit of 'effective multilateralism', solidarity and in pursuit of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction - to show a common front at the NPT PrepCom and demonstrate a positive contribution to the discussions;
  - 2. Calls on the Irish Presidency - in support of the Union's Common Position on the universalisation and reinforcement of multilateral agreements in the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery - to make a statement on the EU's Common Position and the EU Strategy at the NPT PrepCom;
  - 3. Calls on the Irish Presidency and the Member States to provide further substance to their common statement that 'the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) must be preserved in its integrity';
  - 4. Calls on the Irish Presidency and the Member States to provide further substance by outlining how they aim to achieve their common objective in the EU WMD Strategy to 'foster the role of the UN Security Council, and enhance expertise in meeting the challenge of proliferation', specifically how the states parties to the NPT might retain the unique verification and inspection experience of UNMOVIC such as in a roster of experts;
  - 5. Calls on the Irish Presidency and the Member States to suggest how they can convince third states to adhere to the IAEA Additional Protocols, given the fact that all EU Member States have signed and ratified these protocols;
  - 6. Calls on the Irish Presidency and the Member States to clarify how they might commit themselves to releasing financial resources to support specific projects conducted by multilateral institutions, such as the IAEA;
  - 7. Calls on the EU to propose at the NPT Preparatory Committee meeting in 2004 and at the Review Conference in 2005 that the appropriate subsidiary body on nuclear disarmament be established by the CD without further delay;
  - 8. Calls on the EU to indicate its intention to remain seized of this question and to seek alternative routes to secure international discussion of nuclear disarmament;
  - 9. Calls on the EU to develop the necessary coordination mechanisms (the EU's WMD Monitoring Unit in liaison with the EU Situation Centre) to ensure intelligence is used

to build solidarity and confidence between the Member States on WMD policy in order to avoid future divisive and damaging misuse of intelligence as occurred during the Iraq crisis;

10. Calls on the EU to make the issue of nuclear disarmament a permanent item on the agenda of the Transatlantic Partnership Dialogue;
11. Expresses its support for the international mayors' campaign - initiated by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - on nuclear disarmament;
12. Calls on both the Council and the Commission to present a progress report to Parliament on the outcome of the NPT PrepCom, no later than June 2004;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments of the Member States, the UN Secretary-General and all States Parties to the Convention.