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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

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on behalf of the PSE Group

on the International Conference for Renewable Energies (Bonn, June 2004)

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European Parliament resolution on the International Conference for Renewable Energies (Bonn, June 2004)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Parliament and Council directive on the promotion of electricity from renewable energy sources in the internal market,
 - having regard to the recommendations of the European Conference for Renewable Energy held in Berlin on 19-21 January 2004,
 - having regard to Rule 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the role of renewable energy in the broader context of sustainable development and its positive impact on the security of energy supplies, economic development, job creation, CO₂ reduction and poverty eradication,
- B. whereas the EU must ensure a further increase in the use of renewable energy and investment in energy efficiency,
- C. whereas renewable energy is one of the fastest growing industries in the EU, creating new innovative jobs, and whereas the European renewable energy industry leads the world in the development of technologies for renewable electricity generation,
1. Urges the Commission and the Council to start a political process of setting ambitious, timetabled targets for increasing the share of renewable energy in final energy consumption, addressing the medium- and long-term time frame in advance of the International Conference in Bonn in June 2004;
 2. Calls upon the Commission and the Council to adopt a target of at least 20% for the contribution by renewable energy to total domestic energy consumption in the EU by 2020;
 3. Underlines the strategic importance of renewable energy and energy efficiency in all policy areas of the EU and in international relations, notably development cooperation;
 4. Calls on the Commission to develop a regulatory framework for accelerating the growth of markets for renewable energy and at the same time creating a level playing field, tackling administrative and trade barriers through the strict enforcement of regulations at local, national and European level;
 5. Stresses the need to increase support for R&D and innovation in renewable energies and disseminate and promote the results to all sectors of society;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States and accession countries.