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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on statements by the Council and Commission

pursuant to Rule 103(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on the EU-Russia Summit in The Hague, 25 November 2004

European Parliament resolution on the EU-Russia Summit in The Hague, 25 November 2004

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) between the European Union and Russia, which entered into force on 1 December 1997, and the Protocol to the PCA, taking into account the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Slovakia to the European Union ('Protocol') and the Joint Statement on EU enlargement and EU-Russia relations, both signed in Luxembourg on 27 April 2004, confirmed by both the European Parliament and the Russian Duma at the end of October 2004,
 - having regard to the Commission's Communication on Wider Europe - Neighbourhood: A New Framework for Relations with our Eastern and Southern Neighbours (COM(2003)104) and its resolution of 20 November 2003 on the same subject,
 - having regard to its earlier resolutions on the implementation of the Common Strategy, the Northern Dimension, Kaliningrad, Chechnya, Belarus, Ukraine and South Caucasus,
 - having regard to the European Parliament recommendation to the Council on EU-Russia relations (P5_TA(2004)0121),
 - having regard to the Commission's Communication to the Council, 'The EU and Kaliningrad' (2001),
 - having regard to the 14th EU-Russia Summit Joint Press Release, The Hague, 25 November 2004,
 - having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas enhanced cooperation between the EU and Russia is of strategic importance for the stability and security of the whole of Europe,
- B. whereas enlargement has extended the borders of the EU with Russia, thereby strengthening the interdependence of the two sides and underlining the need for good-neighbourly relations,
- C. whereas both sides underline the importance of the strategic EU-Russia partnership and their intention to further intensify their cooperation in Europe and beyond based on common values and shared interests,
- D. whereas both the EU and the Russian Federation regard countries such as Belarus, Ukraine

and Moldova as their common neighbourhood for which both the EU and Russia share responsibility,

- E. whereas at the St Petersburg Summit in May 2003 the EU and Russia agreed to reinforce their cooperation by creating in the long term four common areas in the framework of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement consisting of a common economic area, a common area of freedom, security and justice, an area of cooperation in the field of external security, and an area of research and education, including cultural aspects,
- F. whereas at the 14th EU-Russia Summit in The Hague on 25 November 2004 the participants agreed to postpone the establishment of the four common areas until the next EU-Russia Summit in Moscow in May 2005,
1. Regrets that the 14th EU-Russia Summit in The Hague on 25 November 2004 did not achieve substantial progress on the establishment of the four common areas;
 2. Expresses its intention to strengthen cooperation between the EU and the Russian Federation with a view to the creation of the common areas;
 3. Strongly supports the efforts made by the Council and Commission to use the opportunity provided by the EU-Russia Summit on 25 November 2004 to underline that Russia bears a great responsibility in our common neighbourhood and in particular in Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus;
 4. Welcomes the announcement made by President Putin at the summit that Russia will sign 'in the near future' the border agreements with Estonia and Latvia; acknowledges that these two EU members have demonstrated goodwill to agree on the new border with Russia since the mid-1990s;
 5. Firmly rejects allegations made by the Russian authorities that the European Union and the international community, by expressing support for the Ukrainian people's right to exercise their constitutional rights, have encouraged violence in the Ukraine; reminds Russia that it, like Ukraine and the EU, is committed to upholding the principle of free, fair and transparent elections under the Council of Europe and OSCE undertakings in all the signatory states;
 6. Is concerned about the path taken by the democratisation process in Russia and the further increasing centralisation of the power of the Kremlin;
 7. Welcomes the ratification of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement by the Russian Duma and the Federation Council at the end of October 2004;
 8. Welcomes the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by the Russian State Duma on 22 October 2004; notes the positive impact this will have in the broader context of enhancing long-term, strategic cooperation between the EU and the Russian Federation; calls on both sides to make additional efforts to improve energy efficiency and to develop energies that produce zero CO₂ emissions;

9. Strongly condemns the recent series of terrorist attacks in Russia and supports all measures to step up EU-Russia counter-terrorism cooperation, in full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
10. Is convinced that the repeated and unacceptable violations of human rights in Chechnya act as a destabilising factor in the region and calls, therefore, on the Russian authorities to put an end to these violations and start a genuine dialogue with the objective of finding a political solution accepted by all sections of the Chechen people;
11. Underlines that the development of the Kaliningrad region is an important factor for the overall development of the Baltic Sea area and therefore encourages Russia and other parties concerned to promote the social and economic development of the region through its openness and economic integration;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the President, Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation, the OSCE and the Council of Europe.