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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Commission

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

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

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**European Parliament resolution on the World Economic Forum and World Social Forum (Davos and Porto Alegre)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the 2005 World Economic Forum held in Davos from 26 to 30 January 2005,
  - having regard to the 2005 World Social Forum held in Porto Alegre from 26 to 31 January 2005,
  - having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. taking into account the priority areas of the 2005 World Economic Forum, which included the adoption and use of technologies to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases and the creation of a specific fund to increase and prioritise the amount of financial aid to the poorest nations,
  - B. whereas poverty, equitable globalisation and climate change were identified as the top three issues facing the world, and the World Social Forum also focused on peace, health, education, trade, agriculture and human rights,
  - C. whereas recent events have shown that transatlantic partnerships and cooperation will be the anchor of future world stability,
  - D. whereas 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 European social model is the best example of the fact that it is possible to reconcile a free market economy with social cohesion,
  - F. whereas in Europe economic growth has been maintained because the financial markets are reflecting confidence that the central banks will keep inflation under control,
  - G. whereas the crisis in the Middle East, the threat of terrorism, increasing oil prices and a weak dollar have all created some uncertainty in the world economic situation,
1. Welcomes the choice of the theme 'Taking responsibility for tough choices' as being especially pertinent and as suggesting the will of political and economic decision-makers to re-establish the conditions for prosperity and peace and to provide the necessary leadership to this end;
  2. Believes that strong economic growth and employment generation, together with a high degree of social cohesion and environmental protection, is required to meet the expectations of Europe's population for a better quality of life; considers that it is only through dynamic and long-term growth that social welfare and environmental objectives,

such as tackling climate change, can be successfully attained; believes that a renewed and focused approach to the Lisbon Strategy is the most practical way of achieving this;

3. Considers that the global economy needs to be regulated not just in terms of financial systems but also in relation to environmental policy;
4. Welcomes the decision of 62 companies which at this year's Annual Meeting undertook to support the Principles for Countering Bribery of the World Economic Forum's Partnering Against Corruption Initiative, which highlights the priority which the corporate sector assigns to fighting corruption;
5. Welcomes the call for the international community to renew its efforts to tackle the problems of climate change and of poverty and deprivation in Africa and in this regard considers that transatlantic partners also need to contribute to the development of a global economic partnership that facilitates the alleviation of global poverty;
6. Strongly supports the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals and in this regard calls for strong European political will and investment to tackle Africa's crises;
7. Supports the view that growing corporate involvement in aid efforts assists active participation and demonstrates that business is a part of society, by providing expertise and investment to build on local resources;
8. Believes that transatlantic partnerships will be instrumental in addressing security challenges and conflicts worldwide, such as within the Middle East and the issue of nuclear proliferation;
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.