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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

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

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

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on behalf of the ALDE Group

on the UN Summit

**European Parliament resolution on the UN Summit**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution on EU-UN relations of 29 January 2004 and its resolutions on the reform of the UN of 9 June 2004,
  - having regard to the report ‘A more secure world: our shared responsibility’ by the High level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change of 1 December 2004,
  - having regard to the report ‘Investing in development: a practical plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals’ by the UN Millennium Project of 17 January 2005,
  - having regard to the report ‘In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all’ by the Secretary-General of the UN of 21 March 2005,
  - having regard to the statement of the EU to the general debate of the 60th Session of the UN General Assembly,
  - having regard to the outcome document of the UN Summit which took place in New York (14th-16th September 2005),
  - having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas world leaders gathered at the United Nations Summit in New York (14-16 September 2005) to fight world poverty and to implement the necessary reform of the UN,
- B. recalling the pressing need for an enhanced and increased partnership between the UN and the EU given that the latter is best suited to coordinating with other countries or regional entities the effective implementation of global policies, and although pending the ratification of the Treaty establishing a European Constitution, the European Union still lacks a single juridical personality,
1. Reaffirms its commitment to a strong UN as a pillar of the international order, reiterating that genuine multilateralism is the most appropriate tool for solving the challenges, problems and threats faced by the international community; believes that the Summit outcome is a step forward along the road of reform for which an even greater effort is required in the future and which must be completed successfully if the UN wants to continue playing a leading role in today's international system;
  2. Welcomes the renewed commitment by the international community to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and promoting sustainable development. Recalls that reducing extreme poverty and child mortality, providing education and access to clean water and enhancing gender equality must remain at the centre of the development agenda. Regrets the lack of a precise timetable committing all developed countries to the

pursuit of the intermediate and final MDG targets;

3. Commends the decision to create a Peacebuilding Commission to help countries transition from war to peace, backed by a support office and a standing fund, thereby raising the UN's profile in crisis areas;
4. Welcomes the clear condemnation of terrorism; at the same time regrets the lack of a comprehensive definition on terrorism and urges the heads of state and government to correct this failure within the coming year;
5. Had hoped, as stated in its recent resolution, for greater progress in some areas, more substantial terms of reference for the new Human Rights Council, which should be composed of States that 'abide to the highest human rights standards' and of which 'membership is a privilege not a right'; welcomes the agreement to give the Secretary General more flexibility and authority as Chief Administrative Officer of his secretariat;
6. Deeply regrets the Summit's failure to reach agreement on measures for non-proliferation and disarmament and insists that work and efforts to make progress on both these issues must be considerably intensified;
7. Regrets that no agreement was reached for the reform of the UN Security Council but welcomes the fact that the General Assembly will have to report on the Security Council by the end of the year; reiterates the commitment of the European Parliament to the perspective of a common European seat in the SC as soon as the political, constitutional and legal conditions for such a seat are met;
8. Believes that the UN definition of terrorism must go further and affirms that the targeting of civilians and non combatants cannot be justified or legitimised by any cause or grievance, including the invocation of the right to resist;
9. Deplores the vague language relating to the decision to establish a Human Rights Council and welcomes the Summit's commitment to reinforcing the role and doubling the resources of the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, allowing for a better monitoring and a better implementation of existing resolutions;
10. Supports and welcomes the new commitment by the UN on the Democracy Fund as an important tool for the promotion of democracy world-wide and calls on the member states and the Commission to fully support it politically and financially;
11. Reaffirms its belief that the UN itself needs to considerably enhance democracy within its structures, and therefore underlines its call for a caucus of democracies within the UN's General Assembly in order to foster wide and systematic reflection on further institutional changes to the UN system to enable it to face global challenges;
12. Welcomes the recognition by the heads of state present at the UN Summit of the International Community's responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing or crimes against humanity, although the evaluation 'on a case by case basis' by the Security Council represents a weakening of the principle mentioned

above;

13. Restates its opinion that, while the establishment of a long lasting Council Presidency would guarantee a more effective role in the negotiation process, streamlining the EU's diplomatic representation to the UN is of the utmost importance for improving relations between them and for the influence of the EU on the international stage; therefore encourages the Council and the Commission actively to pursue the merging of their liaison offices and delegations into a common external EU delegation in each one of the following UN headquarters: New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, the Governments and Parliaments of the EU Member States, the Secretary-General of the UN, the President of the UN Security Council, the President of the UN General Assembly and the President of the UN ECOSOC.