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PROPOSAL FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

pursuant to Rule 114(1) of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the ALDE Group

on the factors favouring support for terrorism and the recruitment of terrorists

European Parliament recommendation to the Council on the factors favouring support for terrorism and the recruitment of terrorists

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the declaration on the fight against terrorism adopted by the European Council of 24 and 25 March 2004,
 - having regard to the EU's revised action plan to combat terrorism adopted by the European Council of 17 and 18 June 2004,
 - having regard to the Hague programme for strengthening freedom, security and justice in the European Union, adopted by the European Council of 5 November 2004,
 - having regard to the conclusions of the European Council of 16 and 17 December 2004,
 - having regard to the conclusions of the European Council of 16 and 17 June 2005,
 - having regard to Rule 114(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas terrorism is one of the gravest threats to the safety of the EU's citizens and tackling it requires a global response based on equitable cooperation between the Union institutions,
- B. whereas the EU needs to confront, via the adoption of an appropriate policy, the closely linked factors which favour support for terrorism, the violent radicalisation of certain individuals, and their recruitment for the purpose of committing terrorist acts,
1. Addresses the following recommendations to the European Council and the Council:
- a) it is necessary to identify the factors that create breeding-grounds for the recruitment of terrorists, both in Europe and worldwide, and to define a specific long-term strategy and an action plan for its development in order to counteract those factors;
 - b) it is necessary to undertake a detailed study of the links between terrorist acts and extremist political or religious beliefs, socio-economic conditions and other potential factors;
 - c) it is necessary to utilise and expand external aid programmes in order to counter the factors which, in some countries, encourage the creation of a climate of support for and legitimisation of terrorism, with especial attention to good governance, the rule of law and the participation of civil society;
 - d) it is necessary to develop a strategy for the development of intercultural and inter-religious understanding between Europe and the Islamic world.

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2. Instructs its President to forward this recommendation to the Council and, for information, the European Council and the Commission.