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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure

European Parliament resolution on the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the EC Treaty and in particular Article 272 thereof,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure and in particular point 26 thereof¹,
 - having regard to its resolution of 8 June 2005 on policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013²,
 - having regard to its resolution of 1 December 2005³,
 - having regard to its resolution of 18 January 2006⁴,
 - having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas at the triilogue of 21 February 2006 the three institutions agreed to consider all the Commission's proposals as elements for the negotiations with a view to reaching an agreement that matched political priorities and financial needs, improved the structure and flexibility of the budget and improved the quality and efficiency of implementation of EU financing,
- B. having regard to Article 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999, which states that unless the existing financial perspective is expressly denounced by one of the parties to the agreement, the current financial perspective is extended on the basis of a technical adjustment,
- C. whereas the provisions of Article 26 are not acceptable as such because the structure of the current financial perspective does not correspond to the EU's new political priorities, because the appropriations provided for enlargement cannot be used and, finally, because the year of reference for the extension will be the year 2006 based on an EU of 25,
- D. whereas a positive outcome of the negotiations which will allow the European Union to face future political, economic and social challenges and which reflects Parliament's priorities remains uncertain,
- E. whereas the preparation of the annual budgetary procedure for 2007 should be conducted

¹ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.

² *Texts Adopted*, 8.6.2005, P6_TA-PROV(2005)0224.

³ *Texts Adopted*, 1.12.2005, P6_TA-PROV(2005)0453.

⁴ *Texts Adopted*, 18.1.2006, P6_TA-PROV(2006)0010.

in compliance with the principle of cooperation in good faith between the institutions,

1. Confirms its will to achieve an agreement with the Council on a new Interinstitutional Agreement which guarantees quantitative, structural and qualitative elements;
2. Reminds the Council of its readiness to negotiate since 8 June 2005;
3. Considers that the current Interinstitutional Agreement should not be extended under the provisions of Article 26;
4. Recalls that the EC Treaty (Article 272) provides for the adoption of annual budgets;
5. Therefore decides to denounce the existing financial perspective and Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the other institutions and bodies concerned, as well as to the national governments and parliaments of the Member States.