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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 behalf of the PPE-DE Group

on the Social Package

**European Parliament resolution on the social package**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the presentation by the Commission and the Council on the Social Agenda,
  - having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there is now widespread acceptance that, in order to meet the objectives of the revitalised Lisbon strategy for growth and jobs, the European social model needs to be modernised and developed,
- B. whereas the global 'credit crunch' is putting many European companies under pressure, with, among other things, possible reductions in jobs and the need for restructuring,
- C. whereas it is important, especially during such periods of upheaval, that there be appropriate levels of employment protection, so that society as a whole can be better equipped and motivated to cope with the challenge of change,
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for a new social package, which attempts to address important issues, including demographic change, globalisation and the fight against poverty;
  2. Agrees with the need for common principles for more active inclusion of citizens currently excluded from the labour market; calls on Member States to strengthen the fight against poverty and take into consideration successes achieved by other Member States;
  3. Welcomes the intention of the Commission to promote social dialogue, since a trust-based partnership within enterprises is a key element for success in the market;
  4. Considers, however, that proposals could be strengthened on how elderly people could be better integrated into the job market, how education and training for young people can be improved, and how globalisation can be seen by people more as an opportunity and less as a threat;
  5. Considers it urgent to address the need for greater geographical and professional mobility;
  6. Points out that differences between men and women still persist in terms of the quality of jobs and equality of remuneration; expects more concrete measures for equal treatment in employment in order to promote a better work-life balance for women as well as men;

7. Considers that some of the topics covered by the Commission fall, to some extent, under the responsibility of the Member States according to the subsidiarity principle;
8. Reminds the Commission of the agreement that there should be thorough and independent impact assessments of any new proposals;
9. Notes that, while there are a number of sensitive dossiers to be addressed by Parliament, the Council has recently been able to make considerable progress in the spirit of compromise despite differences of view; pledges its commitment in principle to seeking an equivalent consensus within Parliament so that the EU can move forward with greater speed and certainty;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.