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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 non-proliferation and the future of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)

European Parliament recommendation to the Council on non-proliferation and the future of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to UN Security Council Resolutions 1540 (2004) and 1673 (2006) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD),
 - having regard to the implementation of the European Security Strategy and, in particular, of the EU strategy against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction adopted by the European Council on 12 December 2003,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on the NPT,
 - having regard to Rule 114(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. underlining the consensus within the European Union on revitalising and reinforcing the NPT in the period leading up to the forthcoming 2010 NPT Review Conference,
- B. whereas, in view of the growing threat of an erosion of the non-proliferation regime, it is vital to re-establish international consensus on the urgent need for nuclear disarmament,
1. Addresses the following recommendations to the Council:
 - (a) to engage and contribute pro-actively to the work in preparation for the NPT review conference in 2010;
 - (b) to devise a strategy on how to reinforce NPT, working in close cooperation with non-EU partners in NATO;
 - (c) to initiate the establishment of the Nuclear Weapons Convention that would incorporate and reinforce the existing non-proliferation and disarmament instruments, including the NPT, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as proposals for a Fissile Materials Cut-Off Treaty and continental/regional treaties on nuclear weapon free zones;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this recommendation to the Council and, for information, to the Commission, the Member States, the United Nations and the parliaments of states party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).