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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 110(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Palestine

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**European Parliament resolution on the situation in Palestine**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the Middle East,
  - having regard to the conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council meeting of 18 July 2011,
  - having regard to the Middle East Quartet statements,
  - having regard to Rule 110(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on the occasion of the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, asked for recognition of Palestinian statehood and membership of the UN;
- B. whereas at an informal meeting on 2 and 3 September 2011 Ministers of Foreign Affairs of EU Member States presented different positions when discussing the Middle East peace process and relevant diplomatic initiatives envisaged during the September Session of the United Nations General Assembly;
1. Calls on the High Representative/Vice President of the Commission and the governments of EU Member States to make all the necessary efforts to find a common EU position on the request of the Palestinian Authority for membership in the UN, and avoid divisions among Member States;
  2. Stresses that direct negotiations leading to a two-state solution between Israelis and Palestinians should be resumed, without delay and according to prior agreement on deadlines, in order to overcome the unacceptable status quo;
  3. Insists on the fact that any resulting resolution should not affect the dignity of either side;
  4. Underlines the importance of achieving a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, and between Israelis and Palestinians in particular; calls on both parties to resume direct negotiations without delay, in the framework of the agreed roadmaps to peace, to reach a comprehensive agreement based on the existence of two democratic, sovereign and viable states whose people live within secure and internationally recognised borders in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions; calls on both parties not to add further obstacles or pretexts for either side not to start talks again; calls on both parties to avoid any step that may undermine the perspective of a two-state solution; calls on the Palestinian Authority as well as all Palestinian leaders to do their utmost to put an end to the multiple attacks using Qassam missiles fired indiscriminately from the Gaza strip into Israeli territory; calls on the Israeli Government to stop the extension of the settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-

President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliament of the Member States, the UN Secretary-General, the Knesset and the Israeli Government, the President of the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian Legislative Council.