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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Council and the Commission
pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework and own resources: time to
meet citizens' expectations
(2019/2833(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework and own resources: time to meet citizens' expectations (2019/2833(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 312 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),
 - having regard to the Protocol (No 2) of the TFEU on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality,
 - having regard to the Commission communication of 2 May 2018 entitled ‘A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends – The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027’ (COM(2018)0321),
 - having regard to the Commission proposal of 2 May 2018 for a Council regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (COM(2018)0322) and the Commission proposal of 2 May 2018 for a Council decision on the system of Own Resources of the European Union (COM(2018)0325),
 - having regard to its Interim Report of 14 November 2018 on the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027 – Parliament’s position with a view to an agreement¹,
 - having regard to the statements by the Council and the Commission of 10 October 2019 on ‘Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and own resources: time to meet citizens’ expectations’,
 - having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the multiannual financial framework (MFF) and the EU’s budgetary policy quickly proved to be ineffective in responding to the needs of citizens and the Member States and the challenges they increasingly face, such as unemployment, economic recession, poverty, the migration crisis and security threats;
- B. whereas, on 2 May 2018, the Commission presented a set of legislative proposals on the 2021-2027 MFF and the EU’s own resources, followed by legislative proposals for the setting-up of new EU programmes and instruments;
- C. whereas the EU institutions have not taken into account the devastating effects of their political and economic choices on citizens and SMEs in the EU;
- D. whereas many EU citizens feel that the EU does not work for them and only benefits the European elite and their followers;

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0449.

1. Stresses that the 2021-2027 MFF must respond to the actual needs of EU citizens; points out the need to avoid previous mistakes by ensuring that the EU budget is more efficient, transparent and performance-based, and by reducing administrative expenditure in real terms and preventing money being wasted;
2. Is conscious of the economic difficulties experienced in several Member States and assumes its responsibility to enter into negotiations with the Council in order to build a more efficient, transparent and performance-based MFF;
3. Expresses its disappointment that the Commission proposal for an overall increase in the next MFF does not take into account the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU and all its related financial consequences, meaning that national taxpayers will have to pay more; highlights the need to properly evaluate which funds can be better managed at national level in order to guarantee full respect of the subsidiarity principle;
4. Asks for the resources of the 2021-2027 MFF to be reduced from their current levels and for these resources not to exceed 1 % of EU-27 GNI;
5. Regrets the outrageous increase in the EU's administrative expenditure, which also fails to take into account the economic difficulties experienced in several Member States;
6. Objects to the proposed introduction of new EU own resources, which will ultimately lead to further taxation of businesses and increased tax pressure on citizens;
7. Suggests that, instead of extending the list of potential own resources, the EU should rationalise its excessive administrative expenses and evaluate whether some funds could be managed more efficiently at national level in order to guarantee full respect of the subsidiarity principle;
8. Recalls the fact that the Member States are responsible for their own fiscal policies and stresses that the power to levy taxes lies at the heart of the Member States' sovereignty;
9. Stresses that no EU institution is entitled to collect taxes from national taxpayers;
10. Strongly objects to the use of any form of conditionality to turn EU financing into an instrument of political blackmail, as provided for under the new Heading II - Cohesion and Values; considers this to be a further attack on the EU Member States and their freedom and independence;
11. Opposes any attempt to use the EU budget for defence or military-related purposes, as provided for under the new Heading V;
12. Stresses that EU propaganda campaigns, such as those stating that the reduction of the GNI contribution to the MFF combined with new EU taxes will lower the contributions of citizens to the EU budget, are marketing operations and are neither ethical nor fair;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the President of the European Council, the Commission, and the Council.