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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Commission

pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the effects of the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group  
(2019/2854(RSP))

**Markus Buchheit, Christine Anderson, Jörg Meuthen**  
on behalf of the ID Group

**European Parliament resolution on the effects of the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group  
(2019/2854(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group,
  - having regard to Directive (EU) 2015/2302 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on package travel and linked travel arrangements<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to the political guidelines for the next European Commission 2019-2024,
  - having regard to the hearing of Executive Vice-President-designate for a European Green Deal, Frans Timmermans, in the European Parliament on 8 October 2019,
  - having regard to the statement by the Commission of 21 October 2019 on the effects of the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group,
  - having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas around 600 000 passengers were left stranded after the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group;
- B. whereas the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group has put around 22 000 jobs at risk;
- C. whereas there are still more than 1 000 000 customers who have booked trips in 2019 and will not be able to take them under the current circumstances;
- D. whereas the EU's environmental rules, in particular the emissions trading system, create a competitive disadvantage for European airlines and travel companies, such as the Thomas Cook Group;
- E. whereas the new climate goals under the 'European Green Deal' will make the situation significantly tougher for the travel industry, potentially leading to more cases like the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group;
- F. whereas the Executive Vice-President-designate of the European Commission has announced that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will have to be reduced by 55 % by 2040, putting all areas of European industry under enormous pressure;
- G. whereas the bankruptcy of the Thomas Cook Group is an example of an economic downturn that can potentially also affect other service industries and lead to further job losses;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 326, 11.12.2015, p. 1.

- H. whereas the new climate rules will significantly increase the costs of travel;
- I. whereas, depending on different calculations, the tourism industry in Greece is facing losses of EUR 250 to 500 million following the insolvency of tour operator Thomas Cook;
- J. whereas the Spanish tourism industry expects to lose at least EUR 200 million in unpaid hotel bills by Thomas Cook;
- 1. Notes with deep concern that the economic situation within the EU is getting more and more alarming;
- 2. Considers that the ‘European Green Deal’ will – in times of economic downturn – put European companies under unnecessary pressure;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to correct its course and reduce the burden that the European tourism sector is facing on account of stricter CO<sub>2</sub> targets and other excessive climate measures;
- 4. Stresses that climate measures result in higher travel costs for consumers; warns, therefore, that this endangers the functioning of markets and the ease of movement; insists that affordable travel – including for low-income citizens – must remain a standard component of the individual right to holidays;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.