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 climate and environment emergency
(2019/2930(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on the climate and environment emergency (2019/2930(RSP))

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol thereto,

– having regard to the Agreement adopted at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP21) in Paris on 12 December 2015 (the Paris Agreement),

– having regard to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD),

– having regard to the latest and most comprehensive scientific evidence on the damaging effects of climate change detailed in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) special report entitled ‘Global Warming of 1.5 °C’, its fifth assessment report (AR5) and the synthesis report thereon, the IPCC special report on climate change and land, and the IPCC special report on the ocean and cryosphere in a changing climate,

– having regard to the massive threat of biodiversity loss described in the global assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in its report of 6 May 2019,

– having regard to the 25th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to be held in Madrid, Spain, from 2-13 December 2019,

– having regard to the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC to be held in December 2020, where all the parties to the UNFCCC will be required to increase their nationally determined contributions in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement,

– having regard to the 15th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) to be held in Kunming, China in October 2020, where parties need to decide on the post-2020 global framework to halt biodiversity loss,

– having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Declares an environmental and climate emergency, and calls on the Commission and the Member States, and commits itself, to take immediate action accordingly;

2. Considers that immediate and ambitious action in the next five years is crucial if we are to limit global warming to under 1.5 °C and avoid a mass extinction;

3. Urges the new Commission to fully assess the climate and environmental impact of all legislative and budgetary proposals, and ensure that they are all fully aligned with the objective of limiting global warming to under 1.5 °C and of reaching climate-neutrality in the Union as soon as possible, and by 2040 at the very latest, and that they are not contributing to biodiversity loss;
4. Calls on the new Commission to put forward an ambitious proposal for a European Climate Law, including the binding objective of reducing the Union’s domestic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 65% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels;

5. Urges the new Commission to address the inconsistencies of current Union policies on the climate and environmental emergency, in particular through a far-reaching reform of its agricultural, trade, transport, energy and infrastructure investment policies;

6. Commits to ensuring that not a single euro from the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) will be used to finance activities or projects that run counter to the objectives of the Paris Agreement or that contribute to biodiversity loss;

7. Commits to giving its consent to trade agreements with third countries only if they are signatories to the Paris Agreement, and have adopted binding and enforceable measures to achieve its objectives;

8. Demands that climate measures be accompanied by strong social measures to ensure a fair and equitable transition, especially through tax justice and a green tax shift;

9. Acknowledges that fossil fuel companies are historically responsible for a substantial share of the world’s GHG emissions, and therefore urges the Commission to draft a mandatory framework for these companies, and the private sector more broadly, to comply with the Paris Agreement and global biodiversity goals;

10. Considers it essential to involve citizens and in particular younger generations in the definition of policies in this field, so that they have a say in their future; calls on the future Commissioner responsible for the ‘European Green Deal’ to convene a citizens’ assembly in early 2020 in order to involve the whole population, and especially youth, in this process;

11. Calls on the Member States’ public authorities at the national, regional and local levels to take concrete actions to achieve climate neutrality, stop environmentally harmful subsidies, and commit to closely monitoring the implementation of these plans;

12. Recognises Parliament’s institutional responsibility to reduce its carbon footprint, and proposes to adopt, as of 2020, measures to reduce emissions including adopting a single seat policy and replacing its fleet with zero-emission vehicles;

13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.