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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50(5) of the Rules of Procedure by:

- Doris Pack, Arie M. Oostlander and Bernd Posselt on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Johannes Swoboda, Anna Karamanou and Anne E. M. Van Lancker on behalf of the PSE Group
- Bertel Haarder on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Joost Lagendijk, Daniel Marc Cohn-Bendit and Nelly Maes on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Luigi Vinci on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
- Olivier Dupuis, Emma Bonino, Marco Pannella, Maurizio Turco, Marco Cappato, Gianfranco Dell'Alba and Benedetto Della Vedova

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- ELDR (B5-0782/2000),
- PPE-DE (B5-0786/2000),
- Verts/ALE (B5-0788/2000),

on FYROM – Law on higher education and universities

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European Parliament resolution on FYROM – Law on higher education and universities

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas FYROM has been able in recent years to prevent the outbreak of ethnic confrontations despite the violent clashes taking place in bordering countries and its fragile ethnic composition,
- B. welcoming the new law on higher education and universities, which was adopted by the Parliament of FYROM on 25 July 2000 and allows for the possibility of private universities being founded in that country,
- C. welcoming the fact that, in this way, a problem which for years has been simmering in FYROM could finally be solved, much to the benefit of multiethnic cooperation,
- D. noting that this law establishes, in particular, conditions and a legal framework whereby members of FYROM's Albanian-speaking community may have access to a proper university education,
- E. noting that this law also creates conditions for the re-integration of about 7 000 Albanian-speaking students into FYROM's official education system,
- F. welcoming the fact that some countries have already promised financial assistance for this project, and calling on the other EU Member States to support this project as well,
- G. welcoming the fact that FYROM has signed the Statute of the International Criminal Court, but regretting that its Parliament has not yet ratified it,
 - 1. Welcomes the adoption of a new law on higher education and universities by the Parliament of FYROM, since it represents an important political condition for the positive development of multiethnic cooperation in FYROM as well as for the democratisation and stabilisation of the entire region;
 - 2. Welcomes the courage which the Government and the majority in FYROM's Parliament have demonstrated and pays tribute to the role which the OSCE's High Representative for Minorities has played when dealing with this question;
 - 3. Calls on all political forces in FYROM to accept the agreed compromise, for the benefit of multiethnic cooperation in that country;
 - 4. Calls on the Commission and Council to give top priority to the success of this project, within the framework of financial assistance to the Balkans;

5. Is of the opinion that successful multiethnic cooperation in FYROM may be used as a model in the region with a view to the promotion of the process of democratisation and stabilisation of all the countries in South-east Europe;
6. Urges both FYROM and the Commission to do their utmost to ensure that the Association and Stabilisation Agreement is duly signed under the French Presidency before the end of the year;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Government and Parliament of FYROM and to the OSCE's High Representative for Minorities.