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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 37(4) of the Rules of Procedure by

- Jacques Santer and Jas Gawronski on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Glyn Ford, Margrietus J. van den Berg and Jannis Sakellariou on behalf of the PSE Group
- Bertel Haarder on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Patricia McKenna, Per Gahrton and Nelly Maes on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Luigi Vinci on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
- Luís Queiró on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PPE-DE (B5-0398/2001),
- ELDR (B5-0400/2001),
- UEN (B5-0401/2001),
- PSE (B5-0402/2001),
- GUE/NGL (B5-0403/2001),
- Verts/ALE (B5-0404/2001),

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European Parliament resolution on the outcome of the Council and Commission mission to Korea

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolutions of 23 March 1999 and 17 January 2001 on EU-DPRK relations following the visits of its ad hoc delegation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in December 1998 and November 2000,
 - having regard to the Declaration for Peace on the Korean peninsula issued at the third Asia-Europe meeting (ASEM 3) in Seoul in October 2000,
- A. whereas the Stockholm European Council of 23/24 March 2001 agreed to enhance the role of the EU in support of peace, security and freedom on the Korean peninsula,
 - B. whereas the EU troika, led by the Council President and accompanied by the CFSP High Representative and Commissioner Patten, visited the DPRK for the first time and met with President Kim Jong-Il on 3 May 2001,
 - C. expressing disappointment, however, at the fact that no Members of the European Parliament were able to travel with the EU delegation,
 - D. whereas these talks aimed at contributing to a revival of the process of reconciliation between the North and South of the divided peninsula,
 - E. whereas the majority of EU Member States have established diplomatic relations with the DPRK and the Commission has announced, following consultations with the Member States, the establishment of diplomatic relations with the DPRK,
 - F. expressing concern at the fact that exports of military technology and missiles by the DPRK are continuing,
 - G. whereas the human rights situation in the DPRK continues to be precarious and there is a lack of progress towards establishing the rule of law,
 - H. whereas the peninsula is experiencing its second drought season in a row, adding to the agricultural problems of the DPRK caused by inappropriate policies, and threatening its population once again with starvation,
1. Strongly supports the inter-Korean reconciliation process and the EU and international efforts to promote peace and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula;
 2. Welcomes President Kim Dae Jung's role and efforts in the search for peace and stability in the North East Asia region;

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3. Welcomes the EU troika's visit, aimed at making a positive contribution to peace in the region;
4. Notes President Kim Jong-Il's confirmation that a moratorium on medium-range missile testing will continue at least until 2003 but considers that the North Korean government should be judged on its behaviour;
5. Welcomes the Commission's announcement of the establishment of diplomatic relations with the DPRK and believes that this will facilitate the EU's efforts in support of the process of reconciliation on the Korean peninsula initiated last year between the two Korean republics and reiterates its attachment to the undertakings entered into in June 2000 during the summit between the two Korean heads of State;
6. Invites the Council and the Commission to expand EU assistance in a measured way linked to North Korea's response to international concerns with regard to progress on inter-Korean reconciliation, non-proliferation issues, respect for human rights and political and economic structural reforms and to coordinate their policies with the other major actors of the international community in order to enhance the dialogue with the DPRK;
7. Welcomes the formal arrangements made for dialogue between the European Union and the DPRK on human rights issues and signals that it will henceforth pay particular attention as regards concrete results achieved in this field;
8. Invites the Commission to continue humanitarian assistance, insists that the non-governmental organisations and international agencies distributing humanitarian aid in the DPRK should be given greater freedom of movement and believes that easier access to the DPRK, e.g. for journalists and international observers, would increase the world's public awareness of the humanitarian crisis;
9. Hopes that the European Union will also provide support for the development of non-nuclear energy in the Korean peninsula;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the President, government and parliament of the Republic of Korea and the President, government and parliament of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea..