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## **JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

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

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replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PSE (B5-0666/2001),
- PPE-DE (B5-0668/2001),
- UEN (B5-0674/2001),

on the Extraordinary European Council meeting in Brussels on 21 September 2001

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## **European Parliament resolution on the Extraordinary European Council meeting in Brussels on 21 September 2001**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the conclusions of the Extraordinary European Council meeting in Brussels on 21 September 2001, and the statements in plenary on 3 October by the Commission and Council on the outcome of that summit,
  - having regard to the conclusions of the Justice and Home Affairs Council of 20 September 2001 and the ECOFIN Council of 21 September 2001,
  - having regard to the Joint Declaration by the Heads of State and Government of the EU, the Presidents of Parliament and the Commission and the High Representative for the CFSP of 14 September 2001 on the terrorist attack on the WTC and the Pentagon, the large number of victims and the far-reaching implications for the security of members of the public,
  - having regard to Security Council resolution 1368 (2001) of 12 September 2001 in which these acts are condemned unequivocally, expressing the Council's readiness to take all necessary steps to respond to the attack of 11 September 2001 and to combat all forms of terrorism in accordance with its Charter responsibilities,
  - having regard to Security Council Resolution 1269 (1999) of 12 September 1999 condemning all acts of terrorism, irrespective of motive, wherever and by whom committed, and reaffirming that the suppression of international terrorism, including that in which States are involved, is an essential contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security,
  - having regard to UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001,
  - having regard to its recommendation of 5 September 2001 on the role of the European Union in combating terrorism (2001/2016(INI)),
- A. deeply shocked by the murderous terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington,
- B. whereas these terrorist attacks, and terrorist activities in general, constitute a crime against humanity and the values of an open, democratic, multicultural society and, as such, are a threat to international peace, stability and security,
- C. noting the declaration by the 19 NATO Member States invoking for the first time Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty as a clear sign of Euro-American solidarity and as a guarantee of their involvement in combating terrorism together at all its stages, which is a Treaty obligation;
- D. whereas combating international terrorism implies a distinct strengthening of the relevant European Union competencies,

- E. whereas combating terrorism first of all requires a criminal justice approach as well as a stronger crime prevention policy at international level,
1. Expresses its solidarity with the people and the government of the United States and its sympathy with the injured and the bereaved families of the victims from the USA and many other countries who suffered as a result of this terrorist attack;
  2. Recognises the heroism displayed by the emergency services of New York and Washington, notably the fire fighters, many of whom gave their lives to save others, and commending the selfless courage of the passengers who overpowered the hijackers of the fourth plane at the cost of their own lives, but saving countless others;
  3. Condemns the shameless abuse of religion by those who commit these murderous acts, which cannot be reconciled with the peaceful Islam, and reaffirms that measures against terrorism should be reconciled with respect for fundamental freedoms and in this context expresses its full support for and solidarity with Muslims residing in the EU countries;
  4. Supports the idea outlined by the European Council of negotiating an international EU-US agreement on judicial and police cooperation based on the treaties;

#### *Foreign Affairs and Security*

5. Calls on the regime in Kabul to implement the Security Council Resolution demanding the handing over of those who are responsible for the attacks to international justice;
6. Underlines that, independently of the current developments, the Afghan people are affected tremendously by international terrorism and the Taliban regime and calls therefore for a major humanitarian effort to be undertaken;
7. Calls on the Commission to assign particular priority to cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in connection with the problem of Afghan refugees;
8. Welcomes in this context the EU Troika visit to a number of Asian and Arab countries for dialogue, with the aim of succeeding in the common objective of the fight against terrorism;
9. Stresses the need to bring forward the convening of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Forum in connection with the Barcelona process in order to further intensify the political dialogue;
10. Supports the call made by the European Union for the broadest possible coalition against terrorism under the aegis of the United Nations;
11. Shares the conclusion of the Council that the fight against terrorism will be all the more effective if it is based on an in-depth political dialogue with those countries and regions of the world in which terrorism originates and on continuing investment and support for conflict prevention activities;

12. Urges in particular the EU to step up its fight against uncontrolled and illegal arms exports

and the worldwide proliferation of heavy weaponry and light weapons, as well as the fight against chemical and biological weapons;

13. Calls on the Council and the Member States to cooperate with the Government of the United States on the basis of Resolution 1368 in finding the perpetrators, organisers and sponsors of the attacks as well as all those who protected them; considers that all actions have to be appropriate and targeted, avoiding damage to innocent civilians and their property;
14. Strongly supports the conclusion of the Extraordinary European Council that the Union must further develop the Common Foreign and Security Policy and development cooperation policy, focusing on the prevention and stabilisation of conflicts, and, to this end, make the European Security and Defence Policy, including the Rapid Reaction Force and the Rapid Reaction Facility, operational at the earliest opportunity;
15. Welcomes the renewed commitment by the European Council to bringing peace to the Middle East; demands in this context the prompt reestablishment of a dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians on the basis of all the recommendations outlined in the Mitchell report in order to reach a comprehensive settlement in accordance with the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;

### ***Internal Security and Justice***

16. Welcomes the two proposals recently adopted by the Commission on combating terrorism and on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedure between the Member States, and calls on the Commission to initiate further legislation to combat terrorism, which would introduce a distinct added value compared to existing national and international instruments and which would take the most stringent national legislation as the point of departure;
17. Urges the Council to make this agreement immediately applicable by submitting as soon as possible to the European Parliament the framework decision on the European Warrant, the common definition of terrorism, and the framework decision on joint investigation teams;
18. Urges the Member States to implement, immediately after the consultation of the European Parliament, the framework decision on the European Warrant, the common definition of terrorism and the framework decision on joint investigation teams;
19. Hopes that the Council and Parliament will reach a consensus on the directive on money laundering;
20. Encourages the police forces and the intelligence services of the EU Member States to work closely together with the American authorities in trying to fight terrorism and bring those responsible to justice;
21. Welcomes the call by the European Council for the implementation of all existing international conventions on the fight against terrorism, and therefore calls on the Member States, where appropriate, to speed up the process of accession and/or ratification and effective implementation of the existing conventions on terrorism, including the International

Convention on the suppression of the financing of terrorism (1999), so far ratified by only one Member State;

22. Calls for the ratification of the statute of the International Criminal Court, linked to the United Nations system, with jurisdiction over the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole;
23. Undertakes to take the budgetary measures necessary to meet the increased needs in the fields of combating terrorism, providing aid to refugees and combating poverty;
24. Urges the Council to take seriously into account the possibility of integrating judicial and police cooperation – or at least, the fight against organised crime, including terrorism – in the first pillar, with the means of Article 42 of the TEU, as the best way to give an appropriate answer to the challenges facing the European Union;

### *Air safety*

25. Urges the Council to promote security measures with regard to all forms of public transport, particularly aviation and shipping, as well as with regard to industrial installations and nuclear power plants;
26. Deplores the fact that, just a few weeks before the terrorist attacks in the US occurred, two EU Member States, motivated by unresolved problems over the status of Gibraltar, vetoed the OECD final report on fighting tax havens and offshore centres; calls on the EU to finally agree on binding measures to eliminate loopholes in financial supervision in its own Member States and their associated territories;

### *Economic issues*

27. Calls on the Commission to present to the European Parliament a report on the effects of the terrorist attacks on the world economic situation; instructs its appropriate committee to give a suitable follow-up to this report;
28. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Government and Congress of the United States of America.