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## JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

- Brigitte Langenhagen, Caroline F. Jackson and Bernd Posselt, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Joan Colom i Naval and Margrietus J. van den Berg, on behalf of the PSE Group
- Ole Andreasen, Graham R. Watson, Elly Plooi-j-van Gorsel and Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Monica Frassoni and Per Gahrton, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Gerard Collins, on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- ELDR (B5-0132/2002),
- Verts/ALE (B5-0138/2002),
- UEN (B5-0147/2002),
- PPE-DE (B5-0150/2002),

on observer status for Taiwan at the May 2002 annual meeting of the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva

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## European Parliament resolution on the observer status of Taiwan

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the importance of good health for every citizen of the world and the related need for access to the highest standards of health information and services in order to improve public health,
  - having regard to the benefits that worldwide participation and direct and unobstructed involvement in international health cooperation forums and programmes can bring, especially when account is taken of the greater potential today for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis and malaria,
  - having regard to the substantial progress already achieved by Taiwan in the health field, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of Western countries, the eradication of infectious diseases such as cholera, smallpox and the plague and the fact that Taiwan is the first country in the area to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations,
  - having regard to the important practical assistance and financial aid provided by Taiwan to El Salvador in the aftermath of the terrible earthquake which occurred there on 14 January 2001,
- A. whereas in recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international aid and health activities supported by the WHO,
- B. reiterating that Taiwan should be better represented in the international organisations,
1. Believes that Taiwan's experience in dealing successfully with important health issues at home can be of benefit not only regionally but also globally and that therefore Taiwan should be invited to participate in an appropriate and meaningful way in the next World Health Assembly meeting which takes place in Geneva on 14 May 2002;
  2. Calls accordingly on the World Health Assembly in Geneva to accept observer status for Taiwan;
  3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support the application for observer status to be granted to Taiwan at the forthcoming WHA;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Member States, the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Government of Taiwan and the WHO.