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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

- Philippe Morillon and Gerardo Galeote Quecedo on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Pasqualina Napoletano, Raimon Obiols i Germà, Renzo Imbeni, Joan Colom i Naval, Jannis Sakellariou and Margrietus J. van den Berg on behalf of the PSE Group
- Pere Esteve on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Hélène Flautre, Daniel Marc Cohn-Bendit, Monica Frassoni, Carlos Bautista Ojeda and Alima Boumediene-Thiery on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Yasmine Boudjenah and Luisa Morgantini on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
- Cristiana Muscardini on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- UEN (B5-0263/2002),
- ELDR (B5-0266/2002),
- PSE (B5-0271/2002),
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- Verts/ALE (B5-0275/2002),
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European Parliament resolution on Euromed

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Barcelona Declaration and the work programme of 28 November 1995 adopted at the Barcelona Conference,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions and, in particular, that of 11 April 2002 on the Commission communication to the Council and the European Parliament to prepare the Fifth Conference of Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Ministers,
 - having regard to the conclusions of that conference, which was held in Valencia (Spain) on 22 and 23 April 2002,
- A. having regard to the political context of the conference, in a climate influenced by the state of affairs in the Middle East,
- B. having regard to the action plan submitted by the Spanish Presidency on the basis of the Commission's proposals, which should permit the relaunching of the Barcelona process in more effective terms,
1. Congratulates the Council Presidency on its efforts to ensure that the conference went ahead, despite the uncertainty arising from the grave events in the Middle East, and on its success in obtaining positive conclusions based on consensus;
 2. Strongly regrets the absence of the Syrian and Lebanese delegations; considers a settlement to the Middle East conflict to be an essential precondition for stability in the region; and welcomes the attendance as observers of delegations from Libya, Mauritania, the Arab League and the Arab Maghreb Union, all of which are key players in the region;
 3. Supports the action plan adopted by all the countries present, and calls on the Commission and Council to take all possible steps to ensure that the recommendations of this action plan are translated into genuine operational decisions;
 4. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue has a politico-strategic objective based on peace and progress and on a fair and viable settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and that it is not reduced to the creation of a multilateral free-trade area, since the latter is a means rather than an end;

5. Welcomes the fact that the conference took due account of the proposals made in Parliament's resolution of 11 April 2002, including those relating to the decisions on the financial instruments to support Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and the setting-up of a Euro-Mediterranean parliamentary assembly;
6. Supports the proposal for closer cooperation between the partner states in the Euro-Mediterranean process in those particularly sensitive areas which are suitable for partnership activities with the countries interested; also supports the proposals for developing cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs, which should be applied in the context of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
7. Welcomes the decision to hold a ministerial conference on immigration and the social integration of migrants;
8. Insists on the deepening of the dialogue on human rights, and reiterates its call on all contracting parties to the Euro-Mediterranean association agreements to translate the human rights clause into a programme for action to enhance and promote respect for human rights, and to put in place a mechanism for the regular assessment of compliance with Article 2 of the Association Agreement; also reiterates its call on the Commission to draw up an annual report on human rights in the Mediterranean countries, which could form a basis for further development of the partnership;
9. Reaffirms the importance of cooperation in the fight against terrorism, and stresses the need to ensure that the UN plays a key role in the application of that strategy;
10. Reaffirms its belief in the need to respect a decentralist perspective when implementing the various Euro-Mediterranean programmes and projects, and calls on the Commission to ensure, by this means, that there is broad participation by the different institutional, social and cultural parties involved; recalls that the budget allocated to Euromed countries should be spent appropriately, and that it is vital for the MEDA programme to be better managed and for financial aid cooperation to be much more decentralised, with the objective of making progress in the areas of human rights and democratisation of public affairs, the rule of law, and sustainable development;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, and the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States and of the Mediterranean partner countries which are signatories to the Barcelona Declaration.