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## JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 108(5) of the Rules of Procedure, by

- Willi Piecyk and Ulrich Stockmann on behalf of the PSE Group
- Paolo Costa and Dirk Sterckx on behalf of the ALDE/ADLE Group
- Michael Cramer, Evelin Lichtenberger, Margrete Auken and Sepp Kusstatscher on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Erik Meijer on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PSE (B6-0037/2004),
- Verts/ALE (B6-0039/2004),
- ALDE/ADLE (B6-0042/2004),
- GUE/NGL (B6-0050/2004),

on the forthcoming 35th session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), from 28 September to 8 October 2004

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**European Parliament resolution on the forthcoming 35th session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), from 28 September to 8 October 2004**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the forthcoming 35th session of the Assembly of the International, Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to take place in Montreal, Canada, between 28 September and 8 October 2004,
  - having regard to the draft text to replace ICAO Assembly resolution A35-WP/77, Appendix I on 'Market-based measures regarding aircraft engine emissions',
  - having regard to the Commission's Communication COM(1999) 640 of 1 December 1999 and the corresponding European Parliament resolution of 7 September 2000<sup>1</sup> on air transport and the environment,
  - having regard to Rule 108(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. concerned about the rapidly growing impact of global emissions from air transport on climate change,
- B. whereas the proposed amendment to resolution A35-WP/77 explicitly rules out unilateral action to introduce emission-related levies on aviation, notwithstanding existing ICAO guidance on the matter; whereas this would be counterproductive when it comes to integrated environmental and transport policies and the EU would lose its rights to initiate legislation in this area,
- C. having regard to the work undertaken by the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) in February 2004,
1. Considers that the proposed amendment to resolution A35-WP/77, aimed at overall exclusion of international aviation from emissions levies, is unacceptable, constitutes a retrograde step for ICAO and would undermine the organisation's credibility in the emissions field; supports the European Council, the Member States and the Commission in registering a reservation against excluding economic measures for developing a more sustainable aviation policy; urges the Assembly to reject the amendment and calls on all ICAO members to work towards a constructive contribution to the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) on climate change (6-17 December 2004);
  2. Urges the representatives of EU Member States at the Assembly to press for urgent additional progress by ICAO in aviation environmental protection measures, as regards:
    - (a) adoption of new, more stringent standards for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions;
    - (b) implementation of an international open emissions trading scheme;
    - (c) development and eventual introduction of international CO<sub>2</sub> emissions-related levies;
  3. Takes the view that the European Commission should have a seat in the ICAO Assembly;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 135, 7.5.2001, p. 265.

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the applicant countries, the Government of the United States of America, and the President and members of the ICAO Assembly.