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## **Amendment 2**

**Iratxe García Pérez**

on behalf of the S&D Group

### **Joint motion for a resolution**

**PPE, S&D, Renew, Verts/ALE**

EU coordinated action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences

### **Joint motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 2**

##### *Joint motion for a resolution*

2. Stands in awe and admiration of all those that stand in the frontline fighting the pandemic and have worked tirelessly such as doctors and nurses but also is deeply grateful to all the anonymous heroes, who fulfil essential duties such as those working in the fields of food retail and delivery, education, agriculture, transport, members of emergency services, civil society, volunteers, cleaning and waste collection to maintain public life and services and to guarantee access to essential goods; considers that it is the duty of the EU and its Member States to provide maximum support to these key workers and recognise the daily sacrifices they make; urges the Member States to ensure safe working conditions for all workers at the front line of this epidemic, in particular front-line medical staff, by implementing appropriate and coordinated national measures, including the provision of sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE); calls on the Commission to supervise the implementation of these measures;

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**Amendment 3**

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

**PPE, S&D, Renew, Verts/ALE**

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 17 a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***17a. Believes that the European Semester and the new Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy need to be further reframed and updated to guide the European economic and social recovery strategy while fully integrating the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular by putting economic, social and ecological goals on an equal footing and by becoming the governance tool for achieving a truly sustainable, fair and resilient European Union;***

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**Amendment 4**

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 29**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

29. Insists that the EU institutions and the Member States ensure that public financial support provided to firms in order to combat the economic effects of COVID-19 is conditional upon the funding being used to benefit employees and the recipient firms refraining from paying out dividends or offering share buy-back schemes for as long as they receive such support;

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29. Insists that the EU institutions and the Member States ensure that public financial support provided to firms in order to combat the economic effects of COVID-19 is conditional upon the funding being used to benefit employees and the recipient firms refraining from ***bonuses to the management, tax evasion***, paying out dividends or offering share buy-back schemes for as long as they receive such support;

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## **Amendment 5**

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### **Joint motion for a resolution**

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EU coordinated action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences

### **Joint motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 30**

#### *Joint motion for a resolution*

30. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to prioritise aid and crisis-mitigation measures for the most vulnerable citizens, women and children exposed to domestic violence, the elderly, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and people from remote and isolated regions, including the Overseas Countries and Territories and outermost regions by means of a dedicated exceptional support fund focused on the healthcare system and sectors hit by the COVID-19 outbreak, and people at risk of poverty or social exclusion, who all run the greatest risk of being infected with COVID-19 but also suffer the most from its economic effects; calls for a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy, with a European Child Guarantee; urges the EU and the Member States to incorporate a gender analysis across all response efforts in order to avoid exacerbating gender inequalities, to ensure that services for victims of violence remain open, and to reinforce helpline services, emergency shelters for victims, online legal support and reporting services in order to combat and protect all women and children from domestic and gender-based violence;

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#### *Amendment*

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## **Amendment 6**

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## **Joint motion for a resolution**

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## **Joint motion for a resolution**

### **Paragraph 31**

#### *Joint motion for a resolution*

31. Believes that the Member States must take measures to ensure that workers in Europe, including the self-employed, are shielded from income loss and that the most affected companies, in particular SMEs, and sectors have the necessary support and financial liquidity; welcomes in this respect the Commission's new Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) proposal and calls for its swift implementation; encourages the Member States to better coordinate social and fiscal legislation in order to avoid ramifications in terms of social security and fiscal systems for cross-border workers as a result of emergency measures;

#### *Amendment*

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**Amendment 7**

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 34 a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***34a. Calls for support to be provided, both at Union and national level, to the cultural and creative sectors as they are severely affected by the current crisis and play an important role for our economy as well as for our social life; highlights that the current crisis has shown that our educational systems are not as resilient as they should be, and therefore considers it essential that educational infrastructure, online and offline, be significantly upgraded, and that educators and pupils are provided with the necessary skills and equipment for home schooling situations; welcomes in this regard the Commission's initiative to revise and update the Digital Education Action Plan; considers, however, that it is not enough, and calls on the Commission and the Member States to come up with a coordinated investment plan in order to improve our education systems;***

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**Amendment 8**

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EU coordinated action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences

**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 49 a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***49a. Welcomes the EU package for the global response to COVID-19 and the EUR 20 billion allocated to the fight against the pandemic in partner third countries;***

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**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 49 b (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***49b. Underlines that the IMF Board's decision to provide immediate debt service relief to 25 of the poorest and most vulnerable member countries is a first clear positive example of concrete and rapid solidarity, and calls for further similar measures by international donors;***

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