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Amendment 15

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Joint motion for a resolution

PPE, S&D, Renew, Verts/ALE

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Paragraph 17

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17. Calls on the European Commission to propose a massive recovery and reconstruction package for investment to support the European economy after the crisis, beyond what the European Stability Mechanism the European Investment Bank and the European Central Bank are already doing, that is part of the new multiannual financial framework (MFF); believes that such a package should be in place while the economic disruption caused by this crisis lasts; the necessary investment would be financed by an increased MFF, the existing EU funds and financial instruments, and recovery bonds guaranteed by the EU budget; this package should not involve the mutualisation of existing debt and should be oriented to future investment;

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17. Calls on the European Commission to propose a massive recovery and reconstruction package for investment to support the European economy after the crisis, beyond what the European Stability Mechanism the European Investment Bank and the European Central Bank are already doing, that is part of the new multiannual financial framework (MFF); believes that such a package should be in place while the economic disruption caused by this crisis lasts; the necessary investment would be financed by an increased MFF, the existing EU funds and financial instruments, and recovery bonds guaranteed by the EU budget; ***considers it essential that, in order to preserve the cohesion of the European Union and the integrity of its monetary union, a substantial share of the debt that will be issued to combat the consequences of the Covid-19 crisis is mutualised at EU level;*** this package should not involve the mutualisation of existing debt and should be oriented to future investment;

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Paragraph 39

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39. Calls for full respect of the Geneva Convention and European asylum law; points out that provisions have to be made for the reception of new asylum seekers in appropriate sanitary conditions and medical support, and therefore expresses its deep concern at the situation of refugees and asylum-seekers arriving at the Greek islands, and in hotspots and detention centres, who do not have access to adequate health care and who are particularly at risk; considers that necessary solutions, including the preventive evacuation of the population at high risk, must be found to ensure the appropriate material conditions and social distancing to avoid contamination; stresses the important contribution of many migrants and descendants of migrants who are working to ensure the proper functioning of many essential sectors across the EU, and in particular in health and care sectors;

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Paragraph 47 a (new)

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47a. Calls for the EU and its Member States to abide by the call from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to suspend all debt payments by the poorest countries to other governments as well as the call from African finance ministers to suspend all interest payments in 2020, and all principal and interest payments by fragile states, including for 2021; urges the Commission and Member States to develop a new debt relief initiative for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries affected by COVID-19; recalls that rising debt levels limit the capacity of these countries to provide basic health care systems and services designed to guarantee basic human rights; stresses, accordingly, the need to link debt relief measures with additional mobilisation of Official Development Aid (ODA); calls for the creation of a multilateral debt workout mechanism to address both the impact of the crisis and the financing requirements of the Agenda 2030;

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Paragraph 46 a (new)

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46a. Acknowledges the lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis with regard to the resilience of our European food system; notes that the EU's dependence on international trade for imports or exports could lead to the emergence of overproduction crises in some EU countries; recalls the contribution of the dominant industrial agricultural model to the repeated outbreak of various crises through its involvement in climate change and the collapse of biodiversity; stresses, therefore, the need for an in-depth reform of the common agricultural policy to consider all these issues in the framework of the Green Deal and in order to achieve sustainable European food sovereignty;

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Paragraph 18

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18. Stresses that this recovery and reconstruction package should have at its core the European Green Deal and the digital transformation in order to kick-start the economy, improve its resilience and create jobs while at the same time assist in the ecological transition, foster sustainable economic and social development – including the strategic autonomy of our continent – and assist in implementing an industrial strategy *that preserves core EU industrial sectors; highlights the need to align our responses with* the EU's objective of climate neutrality;

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Paragraph 34 a (new)

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34a. Calls on the Commission to see to it that its Interpretative Guidelines on EU passenger rights regulations in the context of the developing situation with COVID-19, published on 18 March 2020, are properly implemented;

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Paragraph 26

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26. Stresses the immediate need to do more for SMEs, help them maintain jobs and manage their liquidity; urges European prudential and supervisory authorities, as well as the Member States, to explore all options to relieve the burden on SMEs; calls for a European horizontal strategy for SME recovery to support them by reducing red tape, costs for access to finance, and by fostering investments in strategic value chains;

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26. Stresses the immediate need to do more for SMEs, help them maintain jobs and manage their liquidity; urges European prudential and supervisory authorities, as well as the Member States, to explore all options to relieve the burden on SMEs, ***including adjusting public procurement rules to allow local firms to be favoured in public tenders***; calls for a European horizontal strategy for SME recovery to support them by reducing red tape, costs for access to finance, and by fostering investments in strategic value chains;

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