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Amendment 2
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on behalf of the PPE Group

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### Motion for a resolution Recital J

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Amendment 3
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## Motion for a resolution Paragraph 12

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Amendment 4
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