

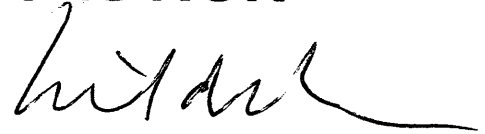
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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to rule 50



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on behalf of the EPP-ED Group

## ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 2 and 6 of the EC Treaty;
- having regard to the conclusions of the European Council of Stockholm of March 2001;
- having regard to the Kyoto Protocol of December 1997;
- having regard to its earlier resolutions relating to climate change of 26 October 2000, 9 February 1999, 11 March 1999, 7 October 1999 and 17 September 1998;

Whereas the latest statements of the USA authorities;

Whereas the climate change is one of the greatest world-challenge of the new century;

- 1 - Strongly reaffirms that the Kyoto Protocol adopted in 1997 is the basis for international action to reduce green house gas emissions with a view to fighting against climate change;
- 2 - Notes that the fight against global warming is an integral and central part of USA -EU external relations, with implications for trade and economic affairs which cannot be played down;
- 3 - Considers that the USA are presenting considerable resistance to the principles agreed in the Kyoto Protocol;
- 4 - Stresses that the new American approach will confine the USA to an environmental isolationism and its suggestion scrapping Kyoto and making a new agreement with more countries involved simply reflects a lack of understanding of environmental realities;

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5 - Underlines the contradiction existing between the fact that in 1997 the USA Presidency signed the Protocol and the latest official USA statements which withdraw all commitments relating to the fight against global warming and are clearly opposed to this Protocol;

6 - Deplores that the USA, being the world's largest polluter, renounce to a leading role in the fight against the climate change as an improvement of global welfare choosing to limit their efforts on local interests and therefore appeals to the USA to assume their own responsibility;

7 - Urges the European Union negotiators to plan a quick ratification of the Protocol even without the USA, in the run-up of the COP6-bis;

8 - Calls on the COP6-bis negotiators to maintain a high degree of ambition finding cost-efficient solutions;

9 - Considers that regarding the aim of preventing global warming, it is essential during the COP6-bis to reach to a successful outcome, in time in order to ratify and implement the Kyoto Protocol by 2002 and therefore supports all initiatives taken by the Council and the Commission going this way;

10 - Asks to its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, with the request that it will be circulated to all non-EU contracting parties.

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