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MOTION FOR A EUROPEAN RESOLUTION

on the European Commission's work programme for 2015,

(Committed to the Foreign Affairs Committee, failing the appointment of a special committee in the time period set down by Articles 30 and 31 of the Rules of Procedure)

TABLED,

ON BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,

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Rapporteure,

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Single article

The National Assembly,

In the light of Article 88-4 of the Constitution,

In the light of the political guidelines presented by Jean-Claude Juncker, candidate for president of the European Commission, to the European Parliament on 15 July 2014,

In the light of the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, to the European Economic and Social Committee and to the Committee of the Regions of 16 December 2014: 'The Commission's work programme for 2015, a new start',

Considering our ambition to reorient the European Union towards growth and employment,

Considering that as the European Union is based on a collective aspiration for economic and social development and peace, the construction of a social Europe must be a priority,

Considering the need for Europe to get all global players to make a collective effort in providing a strong response to climate change,

Considering that, following the many attacks that have occurred in recent years in Europe, and especially the latest events in France, a coordinated European policy combating terrorism and all forms of intolerance forms a priority,

Hails the initiative taken by the European Commission to launch a three year investment plan targeted at strategic sectors such as energy transition and the development of SMEs; desires that this plan may benefit from greater resources, especially as regards European and national public contributions, thanks to the development of: the means of intervention of the European Investment Bank, the issue of project bonds, introduction of genuine own resources necessary to strengthen the EU's budgetary

means, especially regarding the liquidity crisis it is experiencing, and necessary to set in place mechanisms encouraging States to participate in the European fund for strategic investments;

Also calls for the setting in place of a stronger coordination of investment policies at European level, a prerequisite for 'better spending' reflected in particular in: a common industrial policy, greater pooling of the research effort in sectors with future potential and a reform of European competition policy;

Welcomes the fact that the European Commission has made digital technology a policy in its own right in the European agenda; calls however on the European Commission to be most vigilant in its determination to push ahead changes to the regulations on copyright, which forms one of the pillars of European creation;

Insists on the need, in the current economic downturn, to adapt the pace of fiscal consolidation to national situations and conduct fiscal policies targeting support for economic development and job creation;

Calls for the taking into account of all the fiscal flexibilities set forth in the European treaties;

Calls on the European Commission to intensify the fight against tax fraud and evasion as well as against aggressive tax optimisation, the first steps towards European tax convergence;

Calls for European Commission action in 2015 to develop a social progress pact, by developing the youth guarantee, by setting in place the principle of a minimum European wage, differentiated per country, by heading towards the upward convergence of social systems, including through enhanced cooperation, and by introducing in the follow-up of the European semester mandatory social indicators as well as environmental indicators; supports the initiative for the revision of the posting of workers Directive, provided the revision contributes to a high level of worker protection; welcomes the new measures to promote worker mobility and improve the coordination of social security systems; invites the Member States to reach an agreement in the next six months on the maternity leave directive;

Welcomes the determination of the European Commission

to adopt a strategic framework for the energy Union, in order to implement energy transition; calls for a reform of the governance of European energy policies and for strengthening of the cooperation mechanisms regarding supplies and interconnection;

Considers that a highly ambitious European energy and climate policy is decisive in creating the necessary momentum for the success of the Climate Conference to be held in Paris in December 2015;

Calls for the maintenance of the legislative package on the circular economy;

Expresses its support for the maintenance of the proposal for the energy tax directive, calls on the Member States to shoulder their responsibilities on this issue requiring unanimity, in order to reach a compromise in keeping with the goals laid down in the second energy-climate package, and desires that the European Commission commits to holding a forward-looking debate on carbon taxation at the borders of the European Union;

Opposes the amendment of the proposal for a directive on the reduction of national emissions of pollutants, which would lead to postponing once again these new provisions, to the detriment of the protection of European citizens and the environment;

Calls on the European Commission to propose an ambitious plan to combat terrorism based on three priorities: a common foreign and defence policy, increased judicial, police and intelligence cooperation, and a debate on the common values of the European Union and togetherness;

Reaffirms the need for a responsible and solidarity-based approach as regards the management of migratory flows, in keeping with the new challenges Europe must face today; desires that the European Commission should intensify cooperation with third countries;

Reaffirms the need to relaunch, in 2015, Defence Europe, so that action by the Union serves the security of its citizens, by implementing the provisions of the treaty concerning structured cooperation and tactical groups via the revision of the European Security Strategy defined in 2003;

Invites the European Commission to be very vigilant in conducting the negotiations of the free trade agreement with the United States; recalls the red lines defined by the National Assembly regarding these negotiations: refusal of any challenging of European collective preferences, refusal of any levelling down of social and environmental standards, refusal of the mechanism for the arbitration of disputes between States and investors, and respect for cultural exception;

Calls for maintenance of the proposal on reciprocity of access to public procurement markets; considers that the new proposal must remain ambitious and be based on the work already accomplished.