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1. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLENARY SESSION IN
STRASBOURG THIS WEEK WERE:

- ADOPTION OF A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION ON
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GUANTANAMO BAY REAFFIRMING THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S
SOLIDARITY WITH THE U.S. IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
TERRORISM AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE DETAINEES DO NOT
FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF PRISONERS OF WAR
ACCORDING TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS;

- ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON THE LAMFALLUSSY
REPORT ON FINANCIAL SERVICES PRESENTED BY KARL VON
WOGAU (EPP, GERMANY) AND UNBLOCKING THE DIFFICULT
INTER-INSTITUTIONAL DISAGREEMENT ON HANDLING
SECONDARY REGULATIONS;

- DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE-EAST IN PRESENCE OF HIGH

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REPRESENTATIVE, JAVIER SOLANA AND COMMISSIONER CHRIS PATTEN, FOLLOWED BY THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN EU INITIATIVE IN THE REGION TO HELP BRING AN END OF VIOLENCE.

- ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON THE GALILEO EUROPEAN SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEM REJECTING THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE JOINT UNDERTAKING BUT SUPPORTING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE GALILEO PROJECT;
- JOINT DEBATE WITH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOLLOWED BY THE ADOPTION OF A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION ON THE UN MONTERREY CONFERENCE AND FINANCING DEVELOPMENT.

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2. MEPS VOTED 47 TO 39 WITH 6 ABSTENTIONS, ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7, IN FAVOR OF A RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION OF THE PRISONERS IN GUANTANAMO. THE RESOLUTION EMPHASIZES THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE UN CHARTER AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. THE US AUTHORITIES ARE INVITED 'TO GUARANTEE HUMANE TREATMENT FOR ALL DETAINEES IN GUANTANAMO AS WELL AS THOSE IN US BASES IN AND AROUND AFGHANISTAN AND TO GUARANTEE RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS AND PRINCIPLES'. THE RESOLUTION CALLS ON THE US TO HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW WITH REGARD TO RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THERE IS A CALL FOR THE REVISION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION TO ENSURE THAT TERRORISTS ARE COVERED IN SITUATIONS WHERE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A DECLARATION OF WAR. THE UN IS INVITED TO ESTABLISH A TRIBUNAL TO DEAL WITH AFGHANISTAN AND TO CLARIFY THE LEGAL STATUS OF PRISONERS.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

3. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, MEPS APPROVED A RESOLUTION PUT FORWARD BY KARL VON WOGAU (EPP, GERMANY) ON BEHALF OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, ENDORSING THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING A SINGLE MARKET IN FINANCIAL SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE VOTE FOLLOWED AN ADDRESS BY

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COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROMANO PRODI IN WHICH HE
COMMITTED THE COMMISSION TO THE COURSE OF ACTION
LAID OUT IN VON WOGAU'S REPORT ON THE SO-CALLED
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LAMFALUSSY EXPERTS GROUP REPORT ON SECURITIES MARKET
LEGISLATION. PRODI'S ADDRESS MET PARLIAMENT'S
CONDITIONS FOR SAFEGUARDING ITS RIGHTS REGARDING
FINANCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AND BROUGHT AN END TO
A YEAR LONG, THREE WAY DISPUTE OVER INSTITUTIONAL
PREROGATIVES.

MIDDLE EAST

4. MEPS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DISMAY AT
THE CONTINUED SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
IN LIGHT OF THE STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE ON TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 5 BY JAVIER SOLANA AND FOLLOWING THE
CONCLUSIONS OF THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (EU FM'S)
MEETING OF 28 JANUARY, THE EP MADE THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- REQUEST BOTH SIDE TO PUT AN END TO TERRORIST
ATTACKS AND ASKED TO RESPECT INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTIONS.
- SHOCK AT THE INTERVIEW GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER
SHARON ABOUT YASSER ARAFAT.
- SUPPORT FOR AN EU INITIATIVE IN THE REGION TO HELP

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BRING AN END OF VIOLENCE.

- A VIABLE PALESTINIAN STATE IS AN IMPORTANT STEP
TOWARDS FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT AND THE
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BEST WAY OF ENSURING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO SECURITY.

- REGRET ATTEMPTS BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO
ISOLATE PRESIDENT ARAFAT.

- CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL
APPLICATION OF THE TENET PLAN AND THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MITCHELL REPORT AS VITAL TO
REDUCING TENSION IN THE AREA.

- REQUEST TO ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE
FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE CAUSED TO
PALESTINIAN BUILDINGS FINANCED BY THE EU.

- DESIRABILITY OF SENDING INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS TO
THE REGION. A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DELEGATION SHOULD
VISIT THE REGION IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE PEACE

- THE EP PRESIDENT IS REQUESTED TO INVITE NOBEL
PEACE PRIZEWINNERS SHIMON PERES AND YASSER ARAFAT TO
ADDRESS THE PARLIAMENT.

GALILEO

5. MEPS APPROVED A NUMBER OF NON-BINDING AMENDMENTS
TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL EXPRESSING PARLIAMENT'S
CONCERN OVER THE FINANCING OF THE GALILEO SATELLITE
NAVIGATION SYSTEM THAT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE EUROPE AN
INDEPENDENT TECHNOLOGY APPLICABLE TO A WIDE RANGE OF
ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, MEPS ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE

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COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR HOW PRIVATE COMPANIES
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WOULD BECOME ACTUAL MEMBERS OF THE GALILEO JOINT
UNDERTAKING. THEY BELIEVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST
WOULD ARISE IF PRIVATE COMPANIES WERE DIRECTLY
INVOLVED. THEREFORE, THEY WANT TO RESTRICT
MEMBERSHIP TO THE FOUNDING MEMBERS, THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES AND THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA), AND
POSSIBLY IN FUTURE THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK.

6. IN ORDER TO INVOLVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE
JOINT UNDERTAKING, PARLIAMENT SUGGESTS THAT A
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY BE SET UP. MEPS ALSO RECOMMENDED
SETTING A MONITORING COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE JOINT
UNDERTAKING IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE MEMBER STATES AND
THE COMMISSION TO SUPERVISE THE CONTENT AND THE
FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM. THE COMMITTEE WOULD MONITOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE AND ALSO
DEAL WITH PRIVACY AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE
SYSTEM. COMMENT: WHILE PARLIAMENT'S AMENDMENTS ARE
NON-BINDING, WE WOULD EXPECT THE COMMISSION TO WORK
TO INCORPORATE THEM, IF POSSIBLE, INTO ITS PROPOSAL
FOR THE JOINT UNDERTAKING. IF GALILEO IS APPROVED
FOR FINANCING AT THE ECOFIN AND TRANSPORT COUNCILS
MARCH 5 AND 26 RESPECTIVELY, THE COMMISSION'S
CURRENT PLAN IS TO HAVE THE JOINT UNDERTAKING UP AND
RUNNING IN JUNE OF 2002. END COMMENT

MONTERREY - DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

7. FOLLOWING THE JOINT DEBATE WITH SPANISH COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE, MR. DE MIGUEL, ON WEDNESDAY,
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FEBRUARY 6, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTED A NON-
BINDING RESOLUTION ON THE UN MONTERREY CONFERENCE ON
THE FINANCING DEVELOPMENT. THE RESOLUTION:

- CALLS ON THE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A FIRM TIMETABLE
FOR INCREASING EACH MEMBER STATE'S DEVELOPMENT
CONTRIBUTION TO 0.7% OF GNP.

- REITERATES ITS COMMITMENT TO THE UN MILLENNIUM
DECLARATION TO REDUCE POVERTY BY HALF BY 2015 AND
REAFFIRMS THAT DEVELOPMENT POLICY IS AN ESSENTIAL
COMPONENT OF THE EU'S EXTERNAL POLICY, ALONGSIDE

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TRADE POLICY AND THE POLITICAL DIMENSION.

- CONSIDERS MICRO FINANCING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR
ENHANCING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE
FINANCIAL SECTOR.

- CALLS ON THE COMMISSION TO FRAME A PROPOSAL FOR
THE CONVERSION OF DEBT INVOLVING CONTRACTUAL
ARRANGEMENTS TO PROMOTE USEFUL AND VERIFIABLE
INVESTMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT THE POPULATION IN
ORDER TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR DEBT REDUCTION.

- REAFFIRMS EU COMMITMENT TO SPEND 35% OF THE 2002
EU DEVELOPMENT BUDGET ON EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

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- CALLS ON THE COUNCIL TO AGREE TO THE INTEGRATION
OF THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND INTO THE EU BUDGET,
IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A TRANSPARENT OVERALL

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FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR EU DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

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