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Report

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VAN MIERT

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pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on measures to combat the economic recession

The European Parliament,

- considering that the persistent economic recession is causing many incomes to stagnate and some to fall,
 - strongly convinced that, in times of economic recession, the heaviest burdens should be borne by the broadest shoulders,
 - considering that modest incomes should not be made to bear the adverse effects of the recession,
 - believing that in the sacrifices to be made people with high incomes should therefore show solidarity with the less well paid,
 - convinced that it is only in this way that a new climate of confidence can arise in which all persons will show increasing readiness to make the efforts needed to counteract the effects of the economic recession,
 - considering that the policy-makers in general and those with political responsibilities in particular ought to set an example in this field,
1. Requests the Bureau to amend the present rules governing reimbursement of the expenses received by Members of the European Parliament, and in particular of their travelling and hotel expenses, so that in future only those expenses actually incurred will be reimbursed;
 2. Requests the Bureau to reduce substantially the expenditure of parliamentary delegations;
 3. Requests the Bureau to make a thorough investigation of the activities for which Members of the European Parliament are entitled to expenses from other sources;
 4. Requests the Commission to take the necessary measures so that its members may set an example to all those called upon to make heavy sacrifices in these difficult times;
 5. Requests the Commission to carry out a thorough review of the entire system whereby a 'transitional allowance' is granted to its members for three years following expiry of their term of office;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.