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08.30 Opening of the General Assembly

08.45 Mock Debate

09.00 AFET II

09.45 DEVE

10.30 Coffee Break

10.45 AFET I

11.30 EMPL

12.15 SEDE

13.00 Lunch Break

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16.15 Coffee Break

16.30 INTA

17.15 IMCO

18.00 Closing Ceremony

18.30 End of the Session

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS II

Conflict near Europe's eastern borders: With the United States and Russia competing over the control of the Caucasus region and the former Soviet democracies, what can the EU do to gain influence in the region while securing its economic, trade and strategic partnerships with both sides?

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The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Deeply concerned by Georgia's history crisis and the existence of cultural diversity in the Caucasus region,
 - B. Taking into consideration the fact that Russia and the USA are the major EU trade partners,
 - C. Alarmed by the ban of the EU observers in Abkhazia, S. Ossetia and yet the existence of Russian troops and US advisors in the region,
 - D. Affirming the importance of the:
 - a) PCA,
 - b) Helsinki act,
 - c) ENP,
 - E. Recognizing the destabilizing effects of the involvement of third countries in the region due to its geopolitical role;
1. Recommends that the EU assists Georgia to recover from the war through :
- i. enhancing the role of the EU observers force which will evaluate whether the circumstances allow the implementation of any treaties and agreements,
 - ii. supervising the distribution of financial aid to infrastructure institutions and humanitarian aid,

- iii. reporting the general situation in the region including any military movement and humanitarian crisis,
 - iv. providing the necessary know how to achieve a judicial reform;
2. Calls for the formation of a new solid CFSP, as defined by the common interests of the EU member states, that will ensure:
 - i. security,
 - ii. stability,
 - iii. sovereignty,
 - iv. neutrality;
3. Calls upon the creation of an EU defensive military force (Euroarmy) to assure the territorial integrity of EU Member States and assert the role of the EU as a strengthened economic, political and military entity;
4. Confirms that the Euroarmy will bring a balance of power between existing geopolitical forces;
5. Urges the re-establishment of the PCA agreement with Russia in order to promote:
 - i. further stability in the region,
 - ii. bilateral economic relations,
 - iii. energy issues,
 - iv. investment and trade.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT

Does saving lives need to endanger the environment? Which is the best way to preserve biodiversity while catering for basic health needs of the world's poorest countries?

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The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Bearing in mind both the positive and negative effects of DDT,
 - B. Taking into account the need for immediate assistance towards poorest countries,
 - C. Recognising the challenge of maintaining the balance between nature and human health,
 - D. Fully aware of the Millennium Development Goals and the Stockholm Convention,
 - E. Deeply concerned about the controversy on the so called “separation of scientists”;
1. Emphasizes the importance of cooperation between governments and NGOs on issues apt to sustainable development through:
 - a) increased diplomatic activity and intergovernmental relations,
 - b) programs that strengthen the aforementioned;
 2. Proclaims the preservation of biodiversity throughout:
 - a) the development and use of environmentally friendlier pesticides,
 - b) the avoidance of the use of DDT,
 - c) the increase of research funds on alternative solutions, such as pyrethroids, IRNs, LLINs, ITNs in order to enhance the latter's function and reduce their cost;

3. Stresses the need for basic social welfare provisions in developing countries, like clean water, sanitation facilities and habitation through measures like:
 - a) the draining of bogs,
 - b) environmental modifications,
 - c) vaccination,
 - d) changing human habitation practices;
4. Encourages medical research and information exchange between scientists and the pharmaceutical industries;
5. Expresses its hopes towards finding an equal alternative to DDT in the purpose of combating diseases like malaria.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS I

The creation of new states, instability and polarization in the Balkans: How can the EU respond in an emergence of independent entities while preserving the European perspective in the area?

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The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Deeply concerned by the lack of political stability and insufficient leadership of several Balkan states,
 - B. Noting with regret the financial problems, the poverty and lack of infrastructure in most of the Balkan region, caused by continuous disputes and conflicts,
 - C. Deeply regretting the conflicts caused by ethnic and religious differences of citizens of the Balkan region, enhanced by the lack of proper education,
 - D. Emphasizing that the EU has implemented several plans with the aim to assist Balkan countries fulfill its membership criteria and proceed to become Member States,
 - E. Fully aware of the rights of a country to declare its independence;
1. Recommends the creation of an institution that protects minorities, which will ensure:
 - i. their access to education,
 - ii. their access to employment,
 - iii. the respect of their rights,
 - iv. their participation in matters concerning their country;
 2. Calls for the increase of the number of EU observers during the elections in Balkan states and also in the number of EU experts dealing with proper management and overseeing EU financial investments in the region;



3. Supports the promotion of a better educational system and the introduction of courses on all educational levels, concerning Europe's history and values;
4. Has resolved to form a common immigration policy based on the EU values;
5. Further calls for the creation of an EU committee that will examine the case of a possible independent state entity, its claim for independence and present its findings to the EU Institutions, in order the Member States achieve a common policy regarding state recognition.

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**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY
THE COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS**

On the question of healthcare: what action, if any, should the EU and its member states take to bridge the gap in the quality of healthcare systems and ensure that citizens receive more equal treatment?

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The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Alarmed by the fact that public insurance is not equally and sufficiently provided to European citizens,
- B. Noting with regret that healthcare system problems may arise due to :
 - a) lack of education and public awareness,
 - b) political negligence,
 - c) insufficient medical treatment in rural areas,
- C. Acknowledging the fact that big differences arise in the new EU member states in terms of:
 - a) healthcare service provision,
 - b) doctor to patient ratio,
- D. Condemning the existing discrimination towards patients by the healthcare personnel in the EU member states based on:
 - a) political or religious beliefs,
 - b) sexual orientation,
 - c) financial status,
- E. Taking into consideration that cross-border healthcare is not reflected with the same minimum standards in all the EU member states;

1. Calls upon the EU to endorse a human-centered approach in healthcare policy;
2. Encourages the EU member states to raise public awareness through:
 - i. informative advertisements and programmes, campaigns and school courses,
 - ii. the citizens' more active participation in decision-making processes,
 - iii. promoting the idea of preventive medicine;
3. Emphasizes on the improvement of public health by:
 - i. funding medical research,
 - ii. supporting the wider use of new technologies,
 - iii. motivating physicians to work in public hospitals through financial benefits;
4. Strongly recommends a common basic medical training for the physicians studying in the EU;
5. Draws attention to the need of specialized healthcare and psychological support to the most vulnerable groups of our society.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY

THE COMMITTEE ON SECURITY & DEFENSE POLICY

In light of the scheduled installation of the US missile defence shield in Poland; stressing the flaws of the EU approach towards an efficient common foreign policy. How can the EU achieve a coherent security and defence policy?

Submitted by: *Constantinos Al Alaoune, Vasilis Apostolidis, Panagiotis Didaskalou, Evgenia Fardi, Phillip Fuchs, Stelios Kanellopoulos, Emmanouil Koulas, Vasilis Koutsomarkos, Giorgos Melitos, Andreas Fokidis, Mara Dona (Chairperson), Alexandros Simoglou (Chairperson).*

The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Deeply concerned by the lack of mutual commitment of EU Member States on common foreign policy,
 - B. Keeping in mind the political circumstances that influence the Union's foreign policy formulation,
 - C. Realizing the need to reinforce the values of unity and mutual trust among EU Member States,
 - D. Recognising the necessity of forming a European defence force that will act within EU borders,
 - E. Noting with deep concern that the enlargement process of the EU could pose certain difficulties in the creation of a Common Security and Defence Policy;
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- 1. Calls upon the Council of Foreign Ministers of the EU to elect a High Representative, in order to coordinate the actions of Member States on foreign security and defence policy;
 - 2. Urges for the resumption of negotiations on the new Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Russia, which includes security and defence issues;
 - 3. Proclaims that the EU will remain neutral towards current conflicts outside its borders;
 - 4. Further recommends the creation of a defence force to which the Member States will contribute military and financial resources;



5. Encourages the EU to continue and enhance its diplomatic role as a mediator in international crises;
6. Calls upon the EU to benefit from NATO's defensive military capabilities;
7. Requests the temporary suspension of the enlargement process, in order for the Member States to be able to achieve deeper political integration.

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**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY
THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY
AFFAIRS**

Is it the end of an era: In the light of current financial market crisis and the government interventions to the market worldwide, what further steps should the EU take to ensure economic growth and prosperity to the EU?

Submitted by: *Amfithea Aivalioti, Alkmini Baira, Alexandros Chalkias, Nefeli Chatzipoufli, Stefania Efstathiou, Patrick Geiger, Ana Hysneli, Athanasia Morali, Asteris Papaioannou, Irene Pegiou, Erikos Vlahbeis, Dimitris Chatzigiannis (Chairperson), Annie Tentokalli (Chairperson).*

The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Recognizing the current financial crisis as the worst since the Great Depression of 1929,
 - B. Believing that the main agents responsible amongst others are governments and banking systems,
 - C. Keeping in mind that the U.S. economy differs a lot from the EU economy,
 - D. Convinced that the two economies are interdependent,
 - E. Acknowledging the existence and importance of the free market,
 - F. Fully alarmed by the economic and social effects such as unemployment, instability and lack of credibility of the banking system;
- 1. Calls for measures to restore depositors' confidence by building on transparency, accountability and credibility of the banking system;
 - 2. Urges for the stimulation of consumer demand by reducing taxes and increasing salaries in order to boost the market;
 - 3. Demands healthy competition in order to prevent market manipulation, speculation and monopolies;
 - 4. Proclaims the subsidization of business that are on the verge of collapse and support of SME's in order for them to expand and develop;



5. Considers coordination and cooperation to be vital while guaranteeing the flexibility of each member state;
6. Expresses its hope that environmental problems turn into opportunities through investment in green technologies.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY

THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

In light of the democratic deficit: What conditions should the EU meet in order to secure that the citizens feel included in the decision making process?

Submitted by: *Maria Archonti, Irene-Kiratsoula Balala, Grigoris Baharis, Nikoleta Georgakoudi, Anna-Maria Georgiadi, Kevin Kengelbacher, Chrisodora-Kristina Sotiriou, Haritini Tsafaridou, Maria Vasli, Panagiotis Zagorianos, Vera Geck (Chairperson), Kiki Kiriazidou (Chairperson).*

The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Fully aware of the democratic deficit in the EU,
 - B. Deeply concerned by the lack of awareness concerning EU issues, affairs, institutions and rights,
 - C. Fully alarmed by the fact that citizens are not sufficiently informed as far as the decision making process of the EU is concerned,
 - D. Bearing in mind the lack of:
 - a) efficient democratic control over the EU institutions,
 - b) direct involvement of the EU citizens in the decision-making process,
 - c) communication between EU citizens and MEP,
 - E. Observing that the European Parliament, although directly elected by EU citizens, does not play an important role in the decision-making process;
1. Endorses information of citizens by:
 - i. the creation of a wider forum for disseminating information through media with financial support from the EU,
 - ii. introducing political science lessons in schools funded by the EU,
 - iii. making the Council's meetings accessible to public through TV;
 2. Proposes the National Parliaments and the institutions of the EU to communicate more productively;
 3. Declares that the European Parliament should have more power and the right to propose laws;



4. Encourages the use of referenda for serious matters, such as the implementation of Treaties;
5. Calls for the drafting of a constitution, which is necessary for the EU to proceed.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY

THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC
HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Unconventional ideas for saving species: After many years of proposing and trying, what steps, if any, should the EU take towards this direction?

Submitted by: *Rafailia Afatidou, Andrianna Balla, Efthymia Kournouti, Natalia Moustaka-Christodoulou, Zisis Sdoukos, Vasileios Seitaridis, Natalia Spiridaki, Angelos Tsarouchas, Melpomeni Vyzika, Georgia Panagiotaropoulou (Chairperson), Stamos Tahas (Chairperson).*

The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Recognising that species are threatened by:
- a) pollution,
 - b) climate change,
 - c) natural disasters,
 - d) small numbers of populations,
 - e) habitat loss,
- B. Keeping in mind that animals and plants are not as highly adaptable as humans,
- C. Aware of the fact that biodiversity is crucial for the stability of ecosystems,
- D. Noting with deep concern that threats to biodiversity also affect the human species,
- E. Having considered that captive breeding and translocation of species have both negative and positive aspects;
1. Encourages captive breeding on the provision of eliminating its negative drawbacks, such as:
 - i. charismatic endangered species,
 - ii. inbreeding,
 - iii. its expense;
 2. Approves that wildlife translocation projects be planned ahead and executed only by experts;

3. Calls for the EU to introduce a new subject to preliminary and junior high school curriculum and create campaigns and advertisements to inform citizens about environmental issues;
4. Endorses new methods of saving energy and conserving species such as cross-fostering and artificial incubation;
5. Further requests the reinforcement of existing legislation such as the Natura 2000 Network and the passing of new legislation concerning illegal hunting and fur trade;
6. Trusts the EU to support NGOs and conservation programmes such as the EEP by:
 - i. advertising,
 - ii. funding,
 - iii. promoting innovations such as “Adopt an Animal”
 - iv. inviting citizens to do voluntary work.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY

THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Maintaining the European business competitive: In the aftermath of the global financial crisis, the shortage of raw materials and the high food prices and labor costs, what actions can the EU take in order to tackle these obstacles and maintain its leading position in the globalised economy?

Submitted by: *Miltiades Georgiades, Andreas Kalocheris, Democratis Karamanlis, Anna-Maria Keramidopoulou, Zoe Kokogia, Stavros Pagonidis, Eleni Sarantidou, Ioanna Sotiriou, Erifili-Christina Tsitsou, Ioannis Zafeirides, Thanos Karagiannis (Chairperson), Zacharias Dimitris (Chairperson).*

The European Youth Parliament,

- A. Fully aware of the fact that the EU industries have moved their production sights to low labor cost areas, mainly in developing countries,
 - B. Alarmed by the fact that for the past three years, food prices rose over 83%,
 - C. Emphasising that over-consumption has led to massive shortage of raw materials,
 - D. Noting with deep regret that the EU is greatly dependent on non- EU financial institutions,
 - E. Acknowledging that the mass production of bio fuels, following the escalating oil price, imposed great changes on food prices;
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- 1. Recommends that Member States attract businesses in order for the latter to move their production sights on EU grounds by providing incentives such as:
 - i. necessary infrastructure,
 - ii. loan programmes under premium conditions;
 - 2. Supports the signing of profitable contracts with developing countries in order to gain long term access to raw materials in the spirit of mutual respect and trust;
 - 3. Encourages businesses to reduce their dependence on foreign natural resources by:
 - i. exploiting the benefits of remaining domestic sources,
 - ii. recycling;

4. Calls upon the signing of bilateral agreements between the EU and developing countries, considering the exchange of know-how for trading necessary quantities of raw materials and energy resources;
5. Asks governments to impose regulations on imports policies through:
 - i. raising tariffs on non-EU imported products,
 - ii. setting maximum and minimum purchase prices in accordance to the quality level;
6. Encourages the media to inform consumers about the quality of EU products through campaigns and advertisements;
7. Further declares the promotion of political stability and fertile business ground in order to attract foreign investments;
8. Urges all EU Member States to ensure a high level of security, so as for legal trade to be protected.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION BY
THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL MARKET AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

With member states complaining about the strict regulations on Protected Designation of Origin products (PDOs) and many others proclaiming the right to produce similar to already existing PDO products, what steps should the EU take to lead its policy on the quality of European products?

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The European Youth Parliament,

- A) Deeply disturbed by the infringement of consumer rights, occurring more and more often, and the economical issues all member states are going through,
 - B) Fully aware of the complaints made by member states upon the issues of fraudulent behavior in the EU,
 - C) Realising that the enforcement of the PDO directive may significantly contribute to economic growth,
 - D) Seeking international cooperation to facilitate a more efficient PDO policy,
 - E) Viewing with appreciation, the existence of institutions providing certificates such as ISO and HACCP,
 - F) Noting that countries trying to reproduce and imitate PDO products of third countries, leads to the cultural and traditional impoverishment of the latter;
1. Calls for coherent regulations and strict appliance of existing legislation concerning consumers and producers, in order to diminish unfair competition and increase marketing efficiency;

2. Urges for the creation of a European body of scientists, experts and producers, to inform consumers upon PDO products via seminars and exhibitions and protect them, by applying quality control methods;
3. Recommends a new system of labelling of PDO products in order to ensure characteristics, identity, originality and authenticity;
4. Strongly condemns fraudulent PDO producers by introducing a series of strict fines upon them;
5. Considers market competition to be achieved via:
 - i. export,
 - ii. advertising,
 - iii. exhibition of PDO products;
6. Taking into consideration the existence of businesses illegally producing similar to those of PDO products.