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Reshaping the foundations of multilateralism

Motion for a recommendation

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

The Parliamentary Assembly takes into account the need to reinforce multilateral means for an efficient response and a prompt reaction to severe problems before mankind, such as climate change, migration waves, marine environment deterioration, economic turbulences caused by the increase of world oil prices and interest rates, the spread of fake news, the disrespect for international law, the formation of parallel societies and parallel systems of trust. Such problems cannot be solved through unilateral or bilateral measures.

The Assembly recognises that the current multilateral agreements aimed to address such problems are able to produce results rather slowly and not efficiently enough; it also reaffirms the position expressed in its [Resolution 1289 \(2002\)](#) on "Parliamentary scrutiny of international institutions" and especially the call for reform of the World Trade Organisation, as well as to take steps for greater accountability of the national and international institutions, and to regain public trust and support for the suggested reforms.

It commends the position in this respect expressed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Forum 2018 and the OECD Ministerial Council, as well as the G7 meeting, and expresses its satisfaction with regard to parliamentary scrutiny and co-operation between the Assembly and the OECD since 1962, as a mechanism to discuss such important issues with parliamentary involvement.

The Assembly recommends to the Committee of Ministers to initiate, after joint consultations with the OECD, the appropriate measures aimed to strengthen the system of multilateralism, able to achieve prompt and efficient responses to global problems. It also recommends to include such an item in the agenda of the Fourth Council of Europe's Summit, to keep the Assembly regularly informed about the progress of the consultations on this theme, and to take its position into account.

Signed (see overleaf)



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