


Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2010/2753(RSP)	Procedure completed
Conclusions of the European Council meeting (24-25 March 2011)		
See also 2010/2710(RSP)		
Subject 8.40.14 European Council		

Key players		
European Parliament		
European Commission		
	Commission DG Secretariat-General	Commissioner BARROSO José Manuel

Key events			
25/03/2011	Additional information		Summary
05/04/2011	Debate in Parliament		Summary
05/04/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2010/2753(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
	See also 2010/2710(RSP)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 132-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

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See the [conclusions](#) of the European Council.

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The President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy, reported back to MEPs on the results of the EU summit in March 2011. He said that the summit was an important step forward in resolving the economic crisis. He welcomed the package of economic measures approved by the European leaders to preserve the euro zone's financial stability and strengthen economic governance.

The majority of members were critical of the Summit's results, judging the measures proposed by the Heads of State to be inadequate.

Recalling that EUR 400 billion has already been invested, the representative of the ALDE group considered that these measures were insufficient to resolve the crisis. The representative of the S&D group regretted the fact that these measures were not taken a year earlier. Both representatives stated that economic governance was a hostage to national interests and warned that the crisis won't be resolved until the banking sector has been cleaned up.

The representative of the Greens questioned the real meaning of economic measures for citizens whereas the ECR representative feared the crisis would be exploited to encourage a move to tax harmonisation and a tax union.

On the other hand, the EPP leader defended the results, stressing that the agreement on the Euro Plus Pact (which sets up an economic coordination mechanism) showed that there is a strong will among European leaders to draw lessons from the financial and economic crisis.

As regards the European stance on Libya, the S&D group highlighted the lack of consensus between France and Germany which showed that the European Council was not in control of the situation. The Greens also criticised the EU for not respecting human rights in its trade policy. The GUE/NGL regretted that Gaddafi is fighting demonstrators with weapons that he bought from the European Union.

Lastly, the EFD group representative strongly criticised Gaddafi's actions. He believed that many had turned a blind eye because of the influence of his money and oil.