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COMPROMISE MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the oral question to the Commission

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

by

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on the forthcoming 35th session of the Assembly of the International Civil
Aviation Organisation (ICAO), 28 September to 8 October 2004

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European Parliament resolution on the forthcoming 35th session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), 28 September to 8 October 2004

The European Parliament,

- having regard to rule 108 of its rules of Procedures
 - having regard to the forthcoming 35th session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to take place in Montreal, Canada between 28 September and 8 October 2004,
 - having regard to the draft text to replace ICAO Assembly resolution A35-WP/77, Appendix I on "Market-based measures regarding aircraft engine emissions"
 - having regard to European Commission's Communication COM(1999)640 and corresponding European Parliament's resolution A5-187/2000 on 'air transport and environment'
- A) Concerned about the rapidly growing impact of global emissions from air transport on climate change
- B) Considering that the proposed amendment on resolution WP35-WP/77, explicitly ruling out unilateral action to introduce emission-related levies on aviation, notwithstanding existing ICAO guidance on the matter, would be counterproductive when it comes to integrated environmental and transport policies and the EU would lose its rights to initiate legislation in this area
- C) Following the work undertaken by the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAPE) in February 2004
1. Urges the representatives of EU Member States at the Assembly to press for urgent additional progress by ICAO in aviation environmental protection measures, as regards :
 - (a) adoption of new, more stringent standards for NOx emissions;
 - (b) implementation of an international open emissions trading scheme;
 - (c) development and eventual introduction of international CO2 emissions-related levies.
 2. Considers that the proposed amendment for overall exclusion of international aviation from emissions levies on resolution A35-WP/77 is unacceptable, constitutes a retrograde step for ICAO and would undermine the organisation's credibility in the emissions field. Supports the European Council, the Member States and the Commission to make reservation against excluding economic measures for developing a more sustainable aviation policy. Urges the Assembly to reject the amendment.
 3. Expresses its view that the European Commission should have a seat in the ICAO Assembly.
 4. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the applicant countries, the government of the United States of America and the president and the members of the ICAO Assembly.