Enlargement of Europe

A. Insisting on the vital interest of the EU and its Member States in building stability in Central and Eastern Europe through the development of European unity;

B. Aware that the further strengthening of democracy, the rule of law and the market economy in Central and Eastern Europe largely depends on the enlargement of the European Union to include the states that have formally applied to join;

1. Calls on the Member States to agree, without further delay, to the internal reforms, notably the extension of qualified majority voting in the Council of Ministers, which are required if the efficient conduct of an enlarged Union is to be achieved;

2. Calls on the EU and its Member States to agree a precise schedule to allow enlargement to take place when the states in question have established the acquis communautaire;

3. Calls on Liberals and democrats throughout the EU to promote these policies, stressing to their electorates the importance of promoting peace and stability through the enlargement of the EU;

4. Instructs its secretariat to transmit this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the European Parliament, the governments and parliaments of all candidate states and the member parties of the ELDR