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Adopted this week in Strasbourg, Pervenche Berès' report, the final report from Parliament's Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis, makes a clarion call for stronger co-operation and 'more Europe' to tackle the current crisis, supporting long-held European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) demands.

The ETUC fully endorses its recommendations for a European "New Deal" to foster innovation, job creation and R&D investment, so as to give an urgently-needed boost to European competitiveness ensuring sustainable, green growth. Recommendations on tax policy and the promotion of euro-bonds reflect ETUC demands for a constructive exit from the crisis rather than the current proposals for aggressive austerity and pressure on working people across Europe.

"At last European institutions and politicians are endorsing and demanding an alternative agenda, based on jobs and investment", stated ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségal. "Together with MEPs, we will now hold the Commission and Council to account on these demands. This is crucial to create a European solution and avoid a renationalisation of policies which will only intensify the social damage, fuel xenophobia and provoke conflict".

The link to the final text adopted: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&reference=P7-TA-2011-0331&language=EN&ring=A7-2011-0228>



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