

*Thursday, 29 September 2011 - Strasbourg*

*Explanation of vote:*

Motion for a resolution [B7-0522/2011](#)

*Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing.* – I sustained this Resolution because the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012 represents a unique opportunity for world leaders to set the sustainability agenda for the next 10 years.

The Rio+20 Summit represents a crucial occasion to reinforce the political commitment for sustainable development at global level and to discuss an integrated approach to address the multiple challenges such as poverty eradication, health, food, employment, gender equality, climate change and energy supply. I want to highlight that those problems cannot be solved in isolation. For this reason with this resolution we call the Commission and the Council to ensure a strong and unified EU position is submitted to the UN before 1 November 2011, as input to negotiations starting early in 2012.

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