65. Emphasises that this cooperation should include further support for exchange programmes for students, academics and professionals; deplores the fact that the Erasmus Mundus programme remains virtually unknown in the region as a whole, mainly because of a lack of information; welcomes the initiatives taken by French, British and German universities to establish university partnerships and exchange programmes; recalls, however, that Europe continues to lag behind the United States and Asia in this area; calls on the Commission to organise information days to promote teaching and European scientific research on the spot; insists that these exchange programmes should target students, teachers, researchers and administrative staff, while ensuring balanced gender representation; believes that exchange programmes should be established for younger age groups by targeting secondary school and high school students;

66. Welcomes the Al-Jisr project on EU-GCC Public Diplomacy and Outreach Activities which, with the Commission's support, has proven to be immensely beneficial; encourages, in this connection, the High Representative/Vice-President's staff to consider expanding public diplomacy activities in a region where the EU is still not clearly understood and mechanisms to overcome this deficit are limited; stresses the importance of developing a better communication strategy, including the need to explain EU policies and positions in Arabic, with a view to reaching a wider audience in the region;

67. Emphasises that the lack of cooperation programmes between the EU and the GCC in the field of the media is resulting in an information deficit; calls on the Commission to put forward measures to involve the GCC member states in closer cooperation in this area in order to raise the profile of the Union in the region and promote mutual understanding;

68. Considers it essential to remedy shortcomings in Europe with regard to research into and study of the Gulf states; encourages the establishment in universities of contemporary study programmes devoted to this part of the Arab world; believes that study programmes on the European Union should also be offered in universities in the region;

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69. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the President of the Council of the European Union, the President of the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission/ High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the GCC Secretariat and the governments and parliaments of the GCC member states.

Appointment of the executive director of the European Banking Authority (EBA)

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European Parliament resolution of 24 March 2011 on the appointment of the Executive Director of the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority)

(2012/C 247 E/02)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the letter of 10 March 2011 from the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority),

— having regard to Article 51(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority) ([1]),

([1]) OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 12.

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— having regard to the fact that, at its meeting of 17 March 2011, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs heard the candidate selected by the Board of Supervisors of the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority),

— having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas Adam Farkas fulfils the criteria set out in Article 51(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010),

1. Approves the appointment of Adam Farkas as Executive Director of the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority);

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority).

Appointment of the executive director of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)

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European Parliament resolution of 24 March 2011 on the appointment of the Executive Director of the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority)

(2012/C 247 E/03)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the letter of 10 March 2011 from the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority),

— having regard to Article 51(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority) ([1]),

— having regard to the fact that, at its meeting of 17 March 2011, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs heard the candidate selected by the Board of Supervisors of the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority),

— having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas Carlos Montalvo fulfils the criteria set out in Article 51(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1094/2010),

1. Approves the appointment of Carlos Montalvo as Executive Director of the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority);

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the European Supervisory Authority (European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority).

([1]) OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 48.