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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr REMILLY, Mr VIE, Miss de VALERA, Mr CRONIN  
and Mrs WEISS, on behalf of the Group of  
European Progressive Democrats

with request for urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in El Salvador

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the dramatic situation in El Salvador, of which the assassination of Monsignor ROMERO while actually saving mass was, unfortunately, but one incident,
  - having regard to the increasing poverty and malnutrition in El Salvador,
  - whereas an economic oligarchy is desperately trying to maintain unjustifiable control over the country,
  - having regard, furthermore, to the armed intervention by subversive elements quite foreign to El Salvador and in particular from Cuba,
  - having regard to the massive material aid from abroad to the various militarist or revolutionary factions,
  - whereas the final act of the Bogota Conference between the European Parliament and the Latin American Parliament, which was adopted unanimously, condemned all supplies of arms from whatever source to El Salvador,
  - adopting the principle that the dramatic situation in El Salvador can be resolved only by radical social reforms, by the restoration of democratic rights and freedoms, by respect for the dignity of man and by the suspension of all outside intervention except for humanitarian purposes,
1. Demands that none should use violence or force against powerless and terrorized civilians;
  2. Resolutely condemns any interference in the domestic affairs of the people of El Salvador since this would only prolong the state of terror and civil war imposed by the military factions and the guerillas;
  3. Calls upon the Government of El Salvador not to yield to the temptation to seek support from the forces of conservatism or to resort to repression but to seek only peace and justice, respecting the rights of all, particularly the weaker members of society.
  4. Requests the Commission to provide as soon as possible and by the appropriate means the aid of 400,000 EUA which it was decided to allocate to ensure the supply without delay of food, medicines and 2,000 tonnes of cereals to the people of El Salvador;

5. Insists that the Community must work for a democratic settlement of this conflict which takes fully into consideration the aspirations of the people of El Salvador and guarantees them the effective exercise of democratic rights and freedoms;
6. Urgently requests the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to assume their responsibility and to adopt as soon as possible, taking all the facts of the problem **into** account, a common position on the basis of the considerations set out in paragraph 5;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and the American, Soviet and Cuban governments.

Justification of urgent procedure

Urgent procedure is justified by the steadily worsening situation in El Salvador