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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation of the Bahai community in Iran

The European Parliament,

- A. Recalling its resolutions of 19 September 1980¹ and 18 April 1981² on the persecution of the Bahai community,
- B. Alarmed by the fresh wave of arrests and execution of members of the Bahai community,
- C. Appalled by the ultimatum issued to the community to convert to Islam or suffer reprisals,
1. Roundly condemns this violation of human rights and the behaviour of the Iranian authorities;
 2. Calls on the Iranian Government to put an end to such practices forthwith and recognize the right of the Bahai minority to practice their religion;
 3. Calls on the Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting in political cooperation to make representations to the Iranian authorities and take steps to ensure that the members of the Bahai community are set free and allowed freely to exercise their rights;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Iranian Government and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

¹OJ No. C 265, 13.10.1980, p. 101

²OJ No. C 101, 4.5.1981, p. 112