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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mr LEZZI, Mrs DURY and Mr FUCHS
on behalf of the Socialist Group,

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the mass expulsions from Nigeria

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned at the measures decreed and executed by the Government of Nigeria to expel a million illegal foreign workers,
 - B. in view of the fact that Ghana is 'temporarily re-opening' its border with Togo so as to admit Ghanaian citizens,
 - C. alarmed at the consequences of this decision by Nigeria or Benin, a small country which will be unable to absorb this wave of tens of thousands of starving people,
 - D. noting the 'deep concern' of the Secretary-General of the UN who has appealed to 'ease the heavy burden of Benin',
 - E. alarmed by the increasingly dramatic and inhuman conditions of this forced exodus of immigrants and their families,
 - F. concerned at the possible damage to property and persons in the host countries that might occur as a result and by the repression to which those illegally remaining in Nigeria might be subjected,
1. Calls on the Council of Ministers of the Community to indicate its firm disapproval to the authorities of Nigeria, a country associated with the EEC under the Lomé Convention;
 2. Expresses its support to the Commission as regards the emergency aid already granted to the refugees but considers that this aid is only a first step towards improving the situation;
 3. Asks the Commission to implement as soon as possible other more substantial forms of emergency aid;
 4. Urges the Council to implement without delay any proposals the Commission might make on granting food aid;
 5. Urges the Council and Commission to use all the means available to the Community to resolve this dramatic state of affairs and assist the countries and the populations affected by Nigeria's decision;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.