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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Socialist Group

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

on the condemnation of repression in Argentina.

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The European Parliament,

- considering the scale of the severe repression now being practised in Argentina,
 - outraged by law No. 22068 of 14 September 1979, which legalizes the death of thousands of opponents of the regime who 'have disappeared', that is, been kidnapped, tortured, detained or assassinated in concentration camps run by the regime,
 - mindful of the appeal launched by the highest moral and intellectual authorities in Latin America,
1. Strongly condemns the dictatorship of General VIDELA, terrorism by the state and the massacre of opponents of the regime;
 2. Calls for the repeal of the law in question and the immediate release of all political prisoners;
 3. Appeals for a strong reaction from European public opinion to prevent these crimes being passed over in silence;
 4. Requests the Governments of the Member States to suspend economic and military relations with the regime in Buenos Aires;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Community.

REASONS SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The law passed by the military dictatorship in Argentina legalizes or provokes the death of thousands of opponents of the regime who have 'disappeared', that is, been kidnapped, tortured or detained in concentration camps run by the state.

According to Amnesty International, fifteen thousand people are affected; other organizations put the figure at thirty or thirty-five thousand.

The European Parliament has an absolute duty to take action, while there is still time, to prevent the Argentinian regime from implementing its evil policy.