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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of European Progressive
Democrats

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

on the expulsion of foreigners by the
Government of Nigeria

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- A. Considering the intolerable circumstances of the expulsion of 2 million foreign workers by the Nigerian government,
- B. Considering the short deadlines imposed and the brutality of the methods used,
- C. Considering the grave situation of the populations forced to leave the country immediately,
- D. Considering the serious economic consequences of these measures for the neighbouring countries,
- E. Whereas all the countries concerned are members of the Lomé Convention and of ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States),
- F. Whereas it is desirable that all the countries which have concluded preferential agreements with the Community should respect fundamental human rights,
1. Deplores the expulsion measures taken by the Government of Nigeria against workers who are nationals of other member states of ECOWAS;
2. Deplores the inhuman conditions in which this exodus is taking place;
3. Considers that these measures will probably only have a limited effect on the economic situation in Nigeria;
4. Emphasizes the risk of economic instability for the entire region entailed by these measures;
5. Feels that Nigeria's economic partners should have been consulted before such drastic measures were implemented;
6. Calls on the Nigerian Government to reconsider the decisions taken and to extend the deadlines;
7. Hopes that more humane provisions can be rapidly adopted;
8. Asks the Foreign Ministers of the Ten meeting in political cooperation to impress on the Government of Nigeria the serious humanitarian and economic problems its decision is causing;
9. Asks the Council and the Commission to provide emergency food aid to the populations affected;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

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