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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of  
the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in ERITREA

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas the Eritrean war of liberation between the people of Eritrea and the Ethiopian army has now lasted more than twenty years,
- B - whereas, despite the change of regime in Addis Abeba, Ethiopia is continuing to deny the Eritrean people the right to self-determination,
- C - whereas the war in Eritrea has intensified under the new Ethiopian authorities, with the involvement of 10,000 Cuban soldiers, numerous East German military instructors and a number of Russian military advisers,
- D - whereas Ethiopia's aggression, fuelled by the use of more sophisticated arms including chemical and bacteriological weapons, is increasingly assuming the appearance and proportions of a veritable genocide,
- E - having regard to the profound attachment of the Eritrean people to their own identity, history and culture, which distinguishes them totally from their Ethiopian neighbour,

Calls for :

1. The recognition of the Eritrean Liberation Front as the sole representative of the Eritrean people;
2. The Council of Ministers to request the withdrawal of all foreign troops currently in Eritrea;
3. The respect of Eritrea's territorial integrity;
4. Emergency aid to be sent to the populations afflicted by the war;
5. Consideration to be given to a financial aid programme in favour of the Eritrean Liberal Front, for the construction of hospitals and schools in the zones it has already liberated;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.