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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the fate of Soviet detainees in 'psychiatric  
institutions'

PE 83.733

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the most recent Amnesty International report, according to which more than 200 Soviet citizens are being forcibly detained in psychiatric 'hospitals' for political reasons,
  - B. noting that these prisoners of conscience are given drug or insulin shock therapy as a punishment,
  - C. referring to the first report on the abuse of psychiatry in the case of Russian prisoners drawn up by Amnesty International in 1975 and to the figures produced in London which state that since then, 193 similar new cases have become known,
  - D. whereas psychiatrists from both the Soviet Union and other countries have, independently of each other, examined a number of people who have been interned in this way and have been unable to find any medical reasons for their detention,
  - E. referring more particularly to the fate of the Lithuanian psychiatrist, Yuri Ternopolsky, in detention since 1980, the fate of the priest, Vello Salum, imprisoned in 1981 after he had preached on Estonian Church traditions, and the situation of the 42 year-old Estonian architect, Parek,
1. Condemns strongly the psychiatric detentions in the Soviet Union and points out that these in human practices are totally contrary to the Helsinki Agreements;
  2. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to take all possible steps to bring these flagrant violations of human rights in the Soviet Union to an end;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities.