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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HAHN, Mrs LENZ
and Mr von HASSEL

pursuant to Rule 47 of
the Rules of Procedure

on the forcible repatriation of
Ethiopian refugees in Djibouti

The European Parliament,

- A. conscious of the vulnerable position of the Ethiopian refugees in the DIKHOL and ALI SABIEH camps in Djibouti,
 - B. aware that the refugees fled from the repression prevailing in Ethiopia at the risk of their lives,
 - C. aware that the fledgling Republic of Djibouti is experiencing difficulties in accommodating within its territory the tens of thousands of refugees who are placing a severe strain on its economy,
 - D. regretting that the Djibouti authorities have begun forcibly repatriating to Ethiopia certain refugees whom they regard as illegal immigrants,
 - E. wishing to ensure that the right of asylum is respected,
1. Requests the Djibouti authorities not to forcibly repatriate Ethiopian refugees fleeing from a regime which threatens their lives,
 2. Requests the Commission and UN humanitarian organizations such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to increase their aid to Djibouti in order to improve the position of the Ethiopian refugees on its territory,
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Government of Djibouti and the UN.