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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BLANEY, Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE,

Mrs CASTELLINA, Mr CAPANNA, Mr GENDEBIEN,  
Mr BALFE, Mrs CASTLE, Mr LOMAS, Mr BOYES,  
Mr LYNGE, Mr MARCOPOULOS, Mr DAVERN,  
Mr FLANAGAN, Mr CRONIN, Mrs EWING,  
Mrs BOSERUP, Mr KYRKOS, Mrs BADUEL GLORIOSO,  
Mrs SQUARCIALUPI, Mrs CARETONI, Mr DE GOEDE  
and Mr EISMA

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on right to imprisonment near place of origin

'The European Parliament,

- A. reiterating its concern that basic human rights should be respected throughout the Community,
  - B. considering in particular that the basic human rights of prisoners and their families deserve equal respect with those of other citizens,
  - C. considering that the maintenance of family relationships is a basic right of prisoners and their families,
  - D. considering that imprisonment far from a prisoner's home imposes on his or her family, in the effort to maintain contact, sacrifices and stresses which constitute cruel and inhuman treatment of those concerned,
  - E. noting with regret that numbers of Irish Republican prisoners are serving long sentences in jails on the British mainland and are not permitted to opt for transfer to prisons near their homes,
1. Calls on member governments to allow all prisoners to be transferred to prisons near their homes, whether in the same or in another member country, in order to permit regular visits by their families without unnecessary hardship,
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council of Ministers, the governments of Member States and the European Commission and Court of Human Rights.'