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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK and Mrs VIEHOFF

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the imprisonment of Czechoslovak citizens

PE 81.454

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to its resolution of 20 July 1979 on the final acts of the Helsinki and Belgrado conferences on security and cooperation¹, which was reaffirmed in the resolution of 15 October 1980 on the conference of security and cooperation in Madrid² as well as its resolution of 18 June 1981 on the arrest of Czechoslovak citizens of 'Charter 77'³,
- B - deeply disturbed by the recent prison sentences inflicted upon Czech intellectuals,
- C - alarmed at the fact that the appeal court of Ustinad-Labem has confirmed the long prison sentence for Mr Ivan JIROUS former artistic director and cultural animator accused of having participated in the editing of a non official cultural journal entitled Vokno,
- D - concerned at the fact that Mr Frantisek STAREK, Michal HYBEK, and Milan FRIC have also been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment,
1. Declares that these arrests and subsequent sentences are an open violation of the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act that guarantee freedom of expression;
 2. Calls for the immediate liberation of these Czechoslovak citizens;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the governments and the parliaments of the Member States and the Governments of Czechoslovakia.

¹ O.J. No C 203, 13.8.1979, p. 37

² O.J. No C 291, 11.11.1980, p. 24

³ O.J. No C 172, 13.7.1981, p. 100