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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BARBAGLI and Mr VERGEER
on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in GUATEMALA

The European Parliament,

- A recalling its resolution of 17 September 1982 on the violation of human rights in Guatemala,
- B having regard to the repeated condemnations by AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL and the recent conclusions of a fact-finding mission by the Council of North American Churches.
- C alarmed at the scale of the campaign of repression which, in the guise of an anti-guerilla operation, is mainly affecting the defenceless rural populations, particularly the Indians,
- D disturbed at the change of course by the new regime which is failing to provide the necessary guarantees for the launching of a genuine process of democratization;
- 1. Condemns the criminal actions of the Guatemalan authorities, who are controlling and covering up these operations;
- 2. Appeals to the United Nations to set up an international committee of inquiry;
- 3. Calls for urgent humanitarian aid to be granted by the EEC to the displaced populations who are threatened with hunger and to those who have sought refuge in Mexico;
- 4. Calls on the Commission to ensure that European aid reaches the populations affected, through the intermediary of organizations which are independent from the authorities and with full guarantees as to the management and delivery of the aid;
- 5. Calls on the Foreign Ministers of the Ten meeting in political cooperation to make joint diplomatic representations to the Guatemalan authorities;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Secretary-General of the UN, the UNHCR and the Government of Guatemala.