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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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Mrs FUILLET and Mrs ROUDY

with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Central Africa

The European Parliament,

1. Welcomes the fact that international pressure, backed up by the report of the committee of enquiry of African legal experts, has succeeded in bringing about the downfall of BOCASSA;
2. Deplores the fact that his departure, far from putting an end to the flagrant interference by one of the Community Member States in the internal affairs of the Central African Republic, was used by the Government of that Member State to impose a successor;
3. Deplores the fact that the new authorities are more a reflection of intervention by a European Government than of a democratic choice by the Central African people;
4. Hopes that civil liberties and the rule of law will be reinstated as soon as possible and calls on the Community institutions to assist the restoration of democracy in the Central African Republic;
5. Calls, therefore, for the immediate withdrawal of foreign military forces;
6. Hopes that in future Community cooperation policy, in particular under the Lomé Convention, will take the greatest possible account of respect for human rights;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

In view of the political situation and the continuing threats to respect for human rights in Central Africa, the European Parliament should give immediate attention to this motion for a resolution.