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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr van AERSSSEN, Mr LUSTER, Mr NOTENBOOM
and Mr KLEPSCH, on behalf of the Christian-
Democratic Group (Group of the European People's
Party),

Mr BETTIZA, on behalf of the Liberal and
Democratic Group,

Mr de la MALENE, on behalf of the Group of
European Progressive Democrats, and

Lord BETHELL

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

/ on the conviction of Rudolf BAHRO, a German
national, and of Niko HUBNER, a German national
from East Berlin

The European Parliament

- deeply disturbed by the increasingly frequent attacks which are again threatening freedom of opinion in East Germany and by the wave of repressive measures accompanying them,
 - dismayed by the parodies of justice which serve as a pretext for this repression,
 - recalling that the commitments set out in the Helsinki Final Act, which was signed by the German Democratic Republic, include the principle of 'respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief',
 - recalling its resolutions
 - of 9 July 1976 on the ill-treatment of Vladimir BUKOVSKY (Doc. 228/76),
 - of 11 May 1977 on the protection and defence of human rights (Doc. 89/77),
 - of 18 November 1977 on the abuse of psychiatric medicine in the Soviet Union (Doc. 373/77),
 - of 18 January 1978 on compliance by the signatory states with their obligations under the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference, with particular reference to the reunification of families (Doc. 424/77),
 - of 6 July 1978 on the conviction of the physicist Yuri Orlov (Doc. 197/78),
1. Declares its respect for the scientist Rudolf BAHRO, who, having courageously defended the freedom of opinion, belief and thought, has been given a heavy prison sentence on the pretext that he had engaged in espionage, and for the young Niko HUBNER, who, having refused on legal grounds and for reasons of conscience to fulfil his military service, suffered unlawful punishment;
 2. Expresses its disapproval of and aversion for the mounting psychological and physical terror by which the East German authorities are attempting to secure servile obedience as a means of reducing citizens to silence;
 3. Appeals to the ministers for foreign affairs of the Member States meeting in political cooperation to ensure that all possible steps are taken to induce the Government of the German Democratic Republic and the other states signatory to the Final Act of Helsinki to comply with all the commitments into which they entered under that Act;
 4. Calls for an immediate end to illegal repressive measures;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the ministers for foreign affairs of the Member States of the Community meeting in political cooperation and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.