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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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

/ on the situation in Nicaragua

The European Parliament,

- denouncing unequivocally the long continuing oppression of the Nicaraguan people by the Dictator Somoza, which recently manifested itself particularly horribly in a massacre of citizens struggling for their legal rights,
 - learning that thousands of refugees, mainly women and children, are arriving daily in Costa Rica,
 - reaffirming the conclusions of the third Latin America-European Parliament Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Mexico in July 1977,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Governments of the Member States :
 - to give immediately all possible aid to the refugees - in the form of food aid, medicines etc.,
 - to give all possible assistance to the Government of Costa Rica to enable it to cope with the thousands of Nicaraguan refugees;
 2. Supports the democratic Latin-American governments in their joint efforts to put an end to a repression which is taking on the appearance of genocide;
 3. Calls for the release of all political prisoners;
 4. Appeals to the Government and the Congress of the United States of America to exert all its influence to put an end to the oppression in Nicaragua and generally in favour of the respect of human rights throughout Latin America;
 5. Requests the Foreign Ministers of the Nine, meeting in Political Cooperation, to make jointly the diplomatic approaches necessary, both to the government of Nicaragua and to the UN, to facilitate intervention by the Red Cross and all other humanitarian measures and to support mediation by certain countries of the OAS in order to establish a dialogue with the democratic opposition and a return to respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Foreign Ministers meeting in Political Cooperation.