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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PENDERS, Mr KLEPSCH, Mr VERGEER, Mr BERSANI, Mr HABSBURG, Mr HERMAN, Mr BEUMER, Mr D'ORMESSON, Mr RYAN, Mr FISCHBACH, Mr LANGES and Mrs BOOT on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group)

with request for urgent debate¹ pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the support measures to be taken following the elections in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia

¹The request for urgent debate bears the signatures of the following Members: Mr PENDERS, Mr KLEPSCH, Mrs WALZ, Mr MULLER-HERMANN, Mr BEUMER, Mr D'ORMESSON, Mr RYAN, Mr HERMAN, Mr BERSANI, Mrs LENZ, Mr FISCHBACH, Mr LENTZ-CORNETTE, Mr CLLNTON, Mrs BOOT, Mr FILIPPI, Mr BARBAGLI, Mr DALSASS, Mr VON BISMARCK, Mrs SCHLEICHER, Mr SEITLINGER, Mr JONKER, Mr VERGEER, Mr GOPPEL and Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Lancaster House Agreement, in which it was agreed inter alia that free and fair elections should be held in Rhodesia.
- having regard to the large turn-out of voters and the reports of the international observers, which testify to the free and fair nature of the elections,
- having regard to the outcome of the elections and the declared intentions of the political leaders to respect the election result,
- hoping that independent Zimbabwe will now embark on a period of peace,
- 1. Trusts that Zimbabwe will develop on a freely democratic, constitutional and economically sound basis;
- 2. Considers that Zimbabwe may, should it so wish, accede as soon as possible to the second Convention of Lomé;
- 3. Believes that it is necessary to strengthen Zimbabwe's economic structure without delay through investment from Community Member States;
- 4. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to support the attainment of the abovementioned objectives;
- 5. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation as well as to the Member States' parliaments, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization for African Unity.

Justification of request for urgent debate

The recent elections in Zimbabwe represent an important step in the liberation and independence of that country; this process should be given prompt support through a resolution of the European Parliament.