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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure
on ~~/~~ action to secure respect for human rights.

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The European Parliament,

- confirming its view that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is essential to any political system based on the dignity of man and is also a cornerstone of all international relations,
 - wishing this fact to be acknowledged by all governments of the world, irrespective of differences in political systems, social conditions, religious creeds or ideologies,
 - concerned by the increasingly tenuous link between the advancement of societies and the protection and extension of human rights,
 - observing a growing disregard for and threat to human rights on every continent of the world, even though the causes and extent of infringements vary,
 - whereas the military invasion of independent countries and the survival of many authoritarian régimes all over the world demonstrate the persistence of oppression in its most brutal forms,
 - whereas in many countries fundamental freedoms protecting human and civic rights, but also those protecting workers' rights, are in grave jeopardy,
 - whereas liberty is threatened within the European Community and to an even greater extent in other regions of the world,
 - whereas the role of every democratic assembly is to fight for the establishment of new areas of freedom on all fronts: political, economic, social and cultural,
1. Emphasizes that it is resolutely opposed to violations of human rights irrespective of the geographical situation or political system of the countries concerned;
 2. Is aware that its role in the fight against infringements of human rights is dependent on the legal protection available to the victims of such infringements;
 3. Calls attention in this connection to the essential difference between states which grant their citizens such legal protection and those where victims of human rights infringements can in the first instance be helped only by appeals from outside;
 4. Emphasizes the great significance of the additional protection of human rights afforded through the organs of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms to the citizens of those countries which are parties to the Convention, particularly insofar as these countries give their citizens the opportunity to take action against human rights infringements by bringing individual complaints;
 5. Instructs its appropriate committees to give immediate consideration to any infringement of freedoms committed in the countries of the European Community;
 6. Considers that on this basis comparisons should be made with the situation as regards freedoms in the other countries of Europe and the other regions of the world;
 7. Instructs its appropriate committees to submit to it an annual report on this matter;
 8. Decides to contribute actively, in the context of preparations for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to be held in Madrid in 1980, in efforts to make human rights an integral element of international relations;
 9. Instructs its President to forward ~~this~~ resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and the governments of the Member States.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The human rights situation in the Europe of the Nine and in the world calls for urgent action by the European Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage.