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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr FELLERMAIER and Mr PRESCOTT
on behalf of the Socialist Group

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

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on certain violations of human rights in Argentina

PE 53.507

The European Parliament,

- deeply concerned about the situation as regards human rights in Argentina where, according to some reports, there are 20,000 to 30,000 political prisoners, including 8,000 people whose fate is not known and who have either disappeared or are being held illegally;
 - noting that, according to the figures given by Amnesty International, over 100 citizens from the Member States of the European Community have disappeared or are being held in prison in Argentina, including two French nuns;
 - drawing attention to the information given by the President-in-Office of the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation that he is unable to guarantee the security of citizens from the Member States of the European Community visiting Argentina for the world football championship;
 - drawing attention to the respect for human rights on which the standards of behaviour of the international community and the external relations of the European Community must be based;
 - drawing attention to its resolution of 9 July 1976 on the situation in Argentina following the suspension of constitutional guarantees;
1. Requests the Commission and Council and the Governments of the Member States urgently to take all appropriate measures to bring about an improvement in the situation as regards human rights and the respect of democratic freedoms in Argentina;
 2. Resolves to use all its contacts outside the Community, particularly with the Latin-American Parliament and the United States Congress, with a view to generating parallel and concerted action in this field, including action within the framework of the United Nations;
 3. Hereby instructs its Committee on Political Affairs to hold a public hearing in Brussels on 25 May 1978, as was unanimously recommended by that Committee, to investigate further and in more detail the violations of human rights mentioned above;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Governments of the Member States.