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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs THEOBALD-PAOLI, Mr GLINNE, Mr RADOUX,
Mr LINKOHR and Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL
on behalf of the Socialist Group

with a request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on improved observance of human rights and civil
liberties in Brazil and the defence of two imprisoned
priests

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the results of the Europe-Latin America Conference organized by the Socialist Group in Bonn on 22 and 23 September 1983,
 - A' anxious to protect human rights and civil liberties wherever they are in danger of being challenged and flouted,
 - B recalling the progressive role played in Latin America by a fraction of the clergy which is trying to help and remain close to the large numbers of underprivileged people,
 - C stressing that, in the same way as political leaders, many clergymen have been victims of the hostile attitudes of the Brazilian authorities and the groups which they control for nearly 20 years,
 - D whereas the promises of liberalization which were made on several occasions by the Brazilian leaders have not all been kept,
 - E informed that two European priests, Aristide CAMIO and Francois GOURIOU, were sentenced on 22 June 1982 by the Brazilian military tribunals to 15 and 10 years' imprisonment respectively for incitement to rebellion against the police on the basis, it seems, of false evidence given by co-defendants (from underprivileged countries) who were bribed by soldiers,
 - F aware of the fact that the Brazilian authorities are anxious to improve their image and that they have still only partially attained their objective,
1. Draws the attention of the Brazilian authorities to the procedures which seem to have been used to convict Father CAMIO and Father GOURIOU and requests them to carry out all checks required for genuine justice which has regard for human rights and democratic freedoms;
 2. Hopes keenly that in future relations between the Community and Brazil will not be affected as a result of behaviour which infringes human rights and civil liberties;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Government of Brazil, the Council, the Commission, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting in political cooperation and the governments of the Member States.

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