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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GONTIKAS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the assassination of Mr BENIGNO AQUINO and the
violation of human and political rights in the Philippines

PE 86.966

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the Declaration of Human Rights and the International Convention on individual and civil liberties,
- B. having regard to the European Parliament's resolution on human rights in the world and its document on the amnesty of persons imprisoned for their political beliefs throughout the world (PE 84.168),
- C. alarmed because Mr BENIGNO AQUINO, a leading political figure in the Philippines, was assassinated while endeavouring to restore democracy and the constitutional order by non-violent means, and this creates additional obstacles for the restoration of the constitutional rule of law in the Philippines in the short term,
 - 1. Calls on the Philippine authority to notify it of the exact circumstances surrounding the assassination of Mr BENIGNO AQUINO, and of the progress in the investigations to find those responsible;
 - 2. Calls on the Philippine authorities to allow representatives of Amnesty International to take part in the Committee of Inquiry;
 - 3. Expresses the desire that political prisoners be judged by a court which is impartial and independent of the regime;
 - 4. Proposes the immediate implementation of the International Convention on individual and civil liberties so as to enable citizens of the Philippines to enjoy freedom of conscience, of speech and of assembly;
 - 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission of the European Communities, the Governments of Member States of the EEC and to the Government of the Philippines.