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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CAPANNA

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the case of the Italian journalist  
LUCA VILLORESI and the confidentiality of  
sources of information in Italy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the case of the Italian journalist LUCA VILLORESI of 'La Repubblica';
  - whereas, in particular, the law which in 1963 established the Journalists' Association provides for the confidentiality of sources of information;
  - whereas this law is a law of the Italian State which requires journalists, on pain of disciplinary action which could bring an end to their professional career, not to reveal the names of their informants;
  - having regard to the penal provisions still in force in Italy to which the journalist LUCA VILLORESI has been subjected, whereby journalists who do not reveal their sources of information to the legal authorities can be charged with withholding information, arrested and subsequently sentenced to imprisonment;
1. Calls upon the Italian Government to determine which rule should take precedence, so that journalists can work under conditions of greater legal certainty;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Italian Government.