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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI,
Mr HABSBERG, Mr KLEPSCH, Mr BERSANI, Mr RYAN,
Mr PENDERS, Mr HERMAN, Mr SEITLINGER,
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and Sir John STEWART-CLARK

on behalf of the Group of the
European People's Party (CD Group) and
European democratic group

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

on the /situation in Malta.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the privileged relationship between the Maltese Parliament and itself and to the agreements governing relations between Malta and the European Community,
 - aware of the important and courageous contributions made by Malta to the cause of freedom and democracy,
 - deeply shocked by the acts of violence committed against the printing offices of the Times of Malta on 15 October 1979,
 - alarmed by the reports of widespread destruction of private property on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of Mr Dom MINTOFF's leadership of the Maltese Labour Party,
 - recalling the attack on the family of the leader of the opposition, Dr Fenech ADAMI,
1. Stresses, in the interests of pluralist democracy, the importance of upholding freedom of the press and respecting the political forces in opposition;
 2. Asks the Maltese Government to assure Maltese and world opinion of its unwavering commitment to human rights and democratic principles;
 3. Asks the Maltese Government to compensate individuals and firms for the material losses and damages they have suffered, to hold an impartial enquiry into the outrages that have been perpetrated and to bring to trial those responsible in order to prevent the recurrence of such incidents;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, the governments of the Member States, the President of the Maltese Parliament and the President of the Court of Human Rights.

JUSTIFICATION

The outrages perpetrated in Malta.