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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SEAL, Mr LOMAS, Mr CABORN,
Mr BALFE, Mr ADAM, Mr ENRIGHT, Mr MEGAHY,
Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr BOYES, Mr VAN MINNEN,
Miss QUIN and Mrs CLWYD

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

on the /cancellation of elections in Pakistan

The European Parliament,

- considering the close commercial ties which the Community has developed with Pakistan;
 - considering, in particular, the five-year Commercial Cooperation Agreement concluded between the Community and Pakistan on 1 July 1976;
 - considering that democratic parliamentary elections are now overdue in Pakistan;
 - deeply concerned at the postponement of these elections for a second time;
1. Condemns the actions of the President of Pakistan in
 - cancelling the promised November elections;
 - outlawing opposition parties;
 - ordering the arrest of prominent members of opposition parties;
 - declaring that women in Pakistan should be deprived of the right to vote;
 2. Considers that any strengthening of the Community's trade and development aid links with Pakistan must be conditional upon a restoration of democratic political rights in that country;
 3. Urges the President of Pakistan to restore these rights as soon as possible;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Presidents of the Commission and of the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation in order that the Government of Pakistan may be informed of this resolution.

Justification

The announcement last week of the cancellation of the elections in Pakistan.