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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr SPAUTZ and Mr LUSTER

on behalf of the Group of the European People's  
Party (Christian-Democratic Group)

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

on the arrest of six Czechoslovakian citizens

The European Parliament,

- having learned of the arrest on 10 September of four Catholic priests and two laymen in various cities of Bohemia and Moravia and of their continuing detention on the charge of dissidence,
  - deeply concerned at the attitude of countries which continue to violate and transgress those parts of the Helsinki Final Act which guarantee freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and respect for human rights and other fundamental freedoms,
  - mindful as a democratic assembly, of its role as defender of fundamental freedoms and recalling its many previous resolutions on respect for human rights in various countries,
1. Expresses its deep regret at the new arrests in Czechoslovakia which, moreover, are a poor preparation for the Madrid meeting in 1980;
  2. Requests the Foreign Ministers of the Member States meeting in political cooperation to follow closely all violations of the Helsinki Final Act;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The request for urgent debate is justified by the current imprisonment of 6 Czechoslovakian citizens.