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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group,  
Mr BLUMENFELD, Mr SEITLINGER, Mr PENDERS,  
Mr HERMAN, Mr RYAN and Mr ANTONIOZZI  
on behalf of the Group of the European People's  
Party (C-D Group),  
Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS, Lady ELLES, Lord O'HAGAN  
and Mr KELLETT-BOWMANN  
on behalf of the European Democratic Group,  
Mr BETTIZA and Mr DAMSEAUX  
on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group,  
Mrs DIENESCH, Mrs CHOURAQUI, Mr ANSQUER,  
Mr LALOR, Mrs EWING and Mr DRUON  
on behalf of the Group of European Progressive  
Democrats

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

on the seizure of hostages and the occupation of  
the United States Embassy in Teheran

The European Parliament,

- considering the seizure of hostages as utterly inadmissible, since it is patently contrary to elementary humanitarian principles and respect for the most fundamental rights of the human individual,
  - whereas respect for the inviolability of diplomatic missions constitutes one of the most imperative obligations under the law of nations, and whereas without such respect there can be no security or progress in international relations,
  - whereas the Iranian State has an obligation to respect Articles 22 and 29 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations which it ratified on 3 February 1965, relating to diplomatic personnel and premises,
  - having on many occasions manifested its solidarity with the Iranian people in the cause of defending human rights in Iran,
1. Solemnly condemns this exceptionally serious violation of humanitarian principles as well as international law and the Iranian authorities' condoning thereof;
  2. Urges the Iranian authorities to bring to an end without delay the seizure of hostages and the occupation of the United States Embassy in Teheran;
  3. Condemns the deliberate encouragement of blackmail and violence vis-à-vis a diplomatic mission;
  4. Expresses its solidarity with all those who are opposed to this seizure of hostages;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Ambassadors of Iran accredited to the Nine and to the Government of the United States of America.

JUSTIFICATION

Urgent intervention is required to preserve the lives of the one hundred hostages being held and to prevent the rise of violence in the international community.