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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DENIS, Mr FERRERO and Mr VERGES
on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the death sentences pronounced on three
members of the African National Congress (ANC)
and on the death in prison of the trade union
representative Neil AGGETT

The European Parliament,

- extremely concerned at the possibility of three young blacks, N. LUBISI, P. MOSHIGO and N. MANASSA, being hanged after the rejection of their appeal by the Court of Bloemfontein;
 - whereas the use of the death penalty is on the increase in South Africa, where 296 persons were executed in 1981 under the 'special laws';
 - noting the extreme gravity of the attacks on the rights of accused persons, as demonstrated by the recent trial of the clergymen M. PHASEWANE and P.M. PHOSIWA;
 - shocked by the information given by his lawyer on the circumstances surrounding the death following torture of the young white doctor Neil AGGETT, the regional representative of the food-workers' union;
1. Condemns the South African régime for its apartheid policy, its crimes and its numerous attacks on human rights;
 2. Calls upon the Member States to comply without delay with the decisions contained in the resolution adopted by the ACP/EEC Joint Committee in Salisbury on sanctions against South Africa;
 3. Requests that the lives of N. LUBISI, P. MOSHIGO and N. MANASSA be spared;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments of the Member States and the South African Government.