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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the massive and continued repression of the
Chilean people by the Pinochet regime and the need
to help the victims thereof

PE 86.358
Or.fr.

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to its previous resolutions and, in particular, the report on the infringement of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile (PE 76.258/fin.),
 - B. noting the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 15 December 1977 on the protection of human rights in Chile which was supported by the 9 Member States of the EEC,
 - C. noting that the Chilean military regime which came to power ten years ago after a bloody coup d'etat, is constantly showing a blatant disregard for freedoms, and democratic political and trade union rights,
 - D. noting that State terrorism is being practised against trade union action and democratic political demonstrations in a brutal and violent manner,
 - E. noting that ten years of military dictatorship have brought the Chilean economy to the brink of disaster with excessively high levels of unemployment, hunger, misery and indebtedness of the country,
1. Places on record its deep indignation at the brutal and bloodthirsty conduct of the military junta which cost the lives of dozens of persons in 1983;
 2. Request the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States to give public expression by all appropriate and concerted means to their condemnation of the repressive measures taken in violation of the legitimate rights of the people of Chile;
 3. Points out in this connection that it has called upon the Council and Governments of the Member States to suspend all economic and military aid to Chile until human rights and fundamental freedoms are respected and justice and democracy restored;
 4. Expresses its support for and solidarity with the people of Chile and in particular with all the democratic forces which aspire towards the rapid and complete restoration of democracy and of democratic rights and freedoms;
 5. Condemns all forms of inhuman and degrading treatment inflicted on those citizens who manifest their opposition and calls for the release of all political and trade union prisoners;
 6. Welcomes the unification of the democratic political forces in an 'Allianca democratica' desirous of bringing about an early return to pluralist democracy and to a constitutional State;
 7. Demands, as in the case of Poland, full respect for the right of free trade unions to exist and of freedom of expression in all its forms;
 8. Calls for the formation of an international committee of inquiry responsible for investigating the crimes against human rights committed since 11 September 1973 and, in particular, for clarifying the circumstances under which several thousand persons have disappeared in Chile so that the persons responsible for these crimes can be brought to justice through an independent and impartial judicial authority;
 9. Calls upon the Chilean Government to put an end without delay to torture, secret detentions, mass arrests and the assassination of opponents;

10. Expresses its support for the appeals for solidarity voiced by the Chilean Committee for Human Rights through the Legal Committee of the 'Vicariat de la Solidaridad' in Santiago and 'Allianca Democratica' i.e. :
 - the granting by the Community and its Member States of special financial assistance for the victims of repression and to the humanitarian organizations acting on their behalf,
 - the subordination of all direct or indirect financial and military aid to Chile to the prior condition of respect for freedom and fundamental rights as laid down in the UN Charter of Human Rights;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Governments of the Member States and the Chilean authorities.

