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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CECOVINI

on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure on the detention in Yugoslavia of Gianfranco Ladini, an Italian national

The European Parliament,

- considering its fundamental moral and political obligation to protect human and civil rights in whatever part of the world they are infringed,
- taking the view that this obligation should a fortiori be met in relation to countries which, although not Member States of the Community, are linked to it by a cooperation agreement,
- having been informed that:
 - (a) Gianfranco Ladini, an Italian national, has been held in solitary confinement for eight months in Belgrade prison, Yugoslavia;
 - (b) no specific charges have yet been brought, thus depriving him of all means of defence;
 - (c) rumours of mental and physical maltreatment of Mr Ladini have been circulating and his poor state of health is now causing grave concern:
 - (d) the measures taken by Amnesty International have so far been unsuccessful and the International Red Cross states that it has no power to act since the two countries are not at war with one another;
 - (e) the prisoner has not been visited by his own legal advisers or members of his family;

Requests the Commission of the European Communities and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to approach the Government of the Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia in order to:

- 1. Clarify the charges brought against Mr Gianfranco Ladini, and the dates of and procedure for the trial;
- 2. Enable an international representation to ascertain the physical and mental conditions under which he is being held and his present state of health in relation to a normal state of health;
- 3. Enable him to be assisted by a legal adviser and to have contact with his own family;
- 4. Identify and punish any persons who may be responsible for acts of physical or psychological violence to which Mr Ladini is shown to have been subjected.