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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE and Mr BALFE

for entry in the Register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on Nelson MANDELA

PE 85.909

The European Parliament,

- A. NOTING that 18 July is the 65th birthday of Nelson Mandela,
 - B. NOTING that after 20 years on Robben Island, Nelson Mandela and five other leading political prisoners were transferred to a maximum security prison outside Cape Town a year ago;
 - C. NOTING that, according to Mrs Winnie Mandela, the transfer was effected to increase the severity of their punishment and that the political leaders are confined together in one damp cell and isolated from other prisoners;
 - D. NOTING that the small privileges that made their lives bearable have been withdrawn;
 - E. NOTING that a member of the Socialist Group has requested of the Prime Minister that interviews be arranged with Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and David Kitson;
1. Expresses its solidarity with these prisoners and requests the South African Government to release them.
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the South African authorities and to the Council of Ministers.