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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the expulsion of members of the East German
peace movement

PE 85.170

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas in late 1982, forty East German citizens were arrested during a peace demonstration in Jena (GDR) and interrogated,
- B - whereas in May 1983, the GDR authorities deported ten members of a peace organization (six men, two women and two children) to West Berlin after giving them 48 hours to leave the country,
- C - noting that these ten citizens belonged to the group of 40 that had been detained previously and that the only charge that can be brought against them is membership of an unofficial peace movement,
- D - fearing that further expulsions are expected because the East German authorities wish to destroy the leadership of the unofficial peace groups,
- E - whereas severe pressure is being exerted on the East German peace movement in this manner with the aim of halting its activities,
1. Expresses its indignation at the expulsion of ten members of the peace movement in the GDR;
 2. Appeals to the East German authorities to allow these citizens to return to their country with their constitutional and legal rights fully guaranteed;
 3. Calls upon the GDR authorities to cease all persecution of members or leaders of the independent peace movement in their country and to refrain from ordering new expulsions;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and the East German authorities.