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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs DURY

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the problem of forcible abduction

PE 84.902

The European Parliament,

- whereas forcible abduction is a flagrant violation of the letter and the spirit of the United Nations Charter and, in general terms, an unacceptable attack on human rights,
  - having regard to the human consequences both for the victims themselves and for their families,
  - noting also that kidnapping and forcible abduction irrevocably deprive those subjected to them of any opportunity to enjoy the right of defence,
1. Expresses its grave concern at this problem;
  2. Takes the view that kidnapping and forcible abduction should be viewed as crimes against humanity;
  3. Considers that the only effective way of penalizing the use of such methods is to set up an appropriate international court for that purpose;
  4. Believes that the inspiration behind such a court should be the Convention on Forced Disappearances adopted in Lima by the Latin American Federation of Associations of the Families of the Detained-Disappeared (FEDEFAM);
  5. Calls on the Council of Ministers to examine the issue of missing persons and support, at international level, the Convention on Forced Disappearances drawn up by FEDEFAM;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of Ministers and the Governments of Member States.