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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs FUILLET, Mr GLINNE, Mr JAQUET and Mr SABY
on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation of Guatemalan refugees in Mexico

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the precarious situation facing the Guatemalan citizens who have taken refuge on Mexican territory,
 - B. aware of the difficult situation of the refugees in Mexico, whose numbers are increasing and who may have to remain there for a further period of time,
 - C. having regard to the United Nations resolution of 17 December 1982,
 - D. having regard to the report by the Madrid Peoples' Tribunal of 28 and 31 January 1983,
 - E. having regard to the resolution of 8 March 1983 by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights,
 - F. having regard to the violation of human rights in Guatemala,
 - G. having regard to the 1951 Geneva Convention,
 - H. having regard to the incursions by the Guatemalan army into refugee camps on 26 and 31 January 1983 denounced by Mr Poul HARTLING, the High Commissioner for Refugees,
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- 1. Calls on the Guatemalan Government to respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the refugees;
 - 2. Expresses its deep concern at the fate of the Guatemalan refugees on Mexican territory;
 - 3. Condemns the incursions by the Guatemalan army into Mexican territory,
 - 4. Welcomes the efforts of the humanitarian organizations in support of the measures being taken by Mexico in this region;
 - 5. Requests the governments of the Member States to take measures to assist the refugees, ensuring that their safety is guaranteed, and that they receive recognized refugee status for as long as Guatemala fails to respect human rights;
 - 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Foreign Ministers of the ten Community Member States.