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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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and Mr DE GOEDE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the arrest in Comiso of 11 pacifists from 5
member countries of the Community

PE 84.611

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas on 11 March the Italian police acted with brutal force against the international peace camp outside the Magliocco airbase in Comiso (an Italian site chosen for the installation of 112 American cruise missiles) burning tents, rucksacks and equipment belonging to the campers,
- B. whereas the Italian police arrested at the time 11 pacifists who are citizens of five member countries of the Community : Katherine Barker (British), Sara Blooker (Irish), Matya Blama (Danish), Margaret Brigitte Burges (British), Teresa Hoakjnes (British), Veronika Kelly (Irish), Susanna Klein (German), Maraika Kolenaar (Dutch), Mary Millington (British), Peggy Ravestejn (Dutch) and Mascia Von Open (German),
- C. having regard to the refusal of the Italian court to allow the request of the defence lawyers for a summary trial,
- D. whereas the 11 persons arrested were provisionally released on 16 March but were taken from prison to police headquarters where, on the instructions of the Ministry for the Interior, they were informed that deportation orders had been made against them obliging them to leave Italy at once,
- E. whereas a deportation order is an executive act that can be decreed only by the TAR for a minimum period of two years,
- F. whereas by taking such action the Italian authorities responsible prevented the accused from organizing their defence and collecting proof and evidence of the aggression by the police,
 - 1. Condemns the attitude of the Italian authorities responsible which, by deporting the 11 accused, have clearly prejudiced the right to defence ratified by international law and the Italian Constitution;
 - 2. Calls on the Italian Ministry for the Interior to ensure that the deportation order on the 11 accused is immediately withdrawn so that they can avail themselves of their right to defence;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and the Italian Government.