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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on a ban on the use of plastic bullets

'The European Parliament,

- A - noting that since April 1981 seven people, five of them children under 15, have been killed in the six counties of northern Ireland by plastic bullets fired by the security forces; and that 181 people have been seriously injured, (including several who were blinded), since the start of 1981,
- B - noting that many of the injuries have occurred in non-riot situations,
- C - noting that according to official statistics from the Northern Ireland Office a total of 24,830 plastic bullets were fired in the first seven months of 1981;
- D - noting that plastic bullets have also been used by riot control forces in other Member countries, including Belgium (at Komen on 21.9.79),
- E - noting that the British Home Secretary recently stated that plastic bullets had not been used during riots in England 'in case someone might get killed',
- F - noting that the Belgian Minister of the Interior admitted that such bullets can be fatal (Belgian Senate 22.11.79),
1. Calls on the governments of the Member States to ban the use of plastic bullets against civilians;
  2. Instructs its President to convey this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.'