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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Ms QUIN, Mr SEAL, Ms CLWYD, Mr CABORN, Mr ROGERS,
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the cricket tour of South Africa

The European Parliament,

- noting that 1982 has been designated by the United Nations as International Year for Mobilisation of Sanctions against South Africa,
- aware that there is a 'Gleneagles Agreement' (Commonwealth Countries agreed to sever sporting links with South Africa),
- believing that increasing amounts of money are being provided by government and semi government organizations to attract international sports stars to play in South Africa,
- noting with disgust the decision of the renegade English cricketers to play a series of games in South Africa thereby providing massive propaganda value for the South African governments,
- conscious that a number of opponents of apartheid have 'committed suicide' in South African prisons, the most recent example being Neil Aggett,
- concerned that the present tour poses a serious threat to the future of international test cricket in particular and international sport in general,

1. Resolves

- (a) to condemn the visit of the English cricketers to South Africa;
- (b) to support those cricket authorities who will no longer employ those who participated in the present tour;
- (c) to continue to emphasize the necessity of withholding sporting links from South Africa;

2. Calls upon the President of the Parliament and the Commission to write to the appropriate authorities, government and cricket, in the United Kingdom and to communicate the text of this resolution to the governments of those countries which play international test cricket.