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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's
Party (CD Group)

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

on the situation in Nicaragua

The European Parliament,

- seriously concerned by the situation in Nicaragua and a number of other countries in Central America,
- convinced that a conflict of principle is being enacted in which the equality of the various populations is at stake,
- considering that no foreign military intervention in any form whatsoever is permissible,
- considering that the only solution which offers any prospect of success is one based on a political dialogue between the government and opposition and an understanding on the major political orientations,
- considering it essential, to stop any use of violence and to free political prisoners,
- considering that the high turnout in the elections in El Salvador was a sign of men's desire to participate in decision-making by means of elections, which is something which has so far been denied in Nicaragua,
- having regard to the terms of imprisonment imposed for 'crimes of opinion', the censorship of the press and the closing down of the Catholic radio station,
- noting that the Nicaraguan military government has demonstrated no serious intention of restoring civil and democratic freedoms,
- having regard to the consequent lack of credibility of the regime's attachment to democracy,
- having regard to the militarization of Nicaraguan society and the expansion and re-equipment of the army,
- having regard to the regime's systematic expulsion and murder of Indians (Misquitos),
- having regard to the military support given to the guerillas in El Salvador,
- aware of the position taken by the European Parliament in the resolutions it has adopted this year on El Salvador (Doc. 1-1098/81) and Turkey (Doc. 1-),
- in the hope that after the inevitable fall of the Somoza regime the Nicaraguan people will finally return to democracy and social justice,

1. Condemns the fact that the people of Nicaragua are deprived of their democratic and civil freedoms;
2. Condemns the current acts of violence and particularly the measures taken against the Indians (Misquitos);
3. Demands the immediate release of political prisoners, the completely free re-establishment of democratic and trade union organizations and the restoration of democratic institutions in Nicaragua;
4. Demands the holding of early, free and unimpeded elections and the setting of a date for them in the near future;
5. Requests the ministers meeting in political cooperation to see to it that the serious violations of human rights in Nicaragua and other countries of Central America are brought up for discussion in the UN Commission on Human Rights;
6. Urges the Commission and Council to end the Community's general financial aid to Nicaragua until respect for human and civil rights and democratic freedoms is guaranteed in that country;
7. Urges the Commission to provide greater humanitarian aid directly to the population in need;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.