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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr ESTIER, Mr VON DER VRING, Mr COLLA, Mr GLINNE,
and Mrs VIEHOFF

with request for urgent debate pursuant to
Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on attempted suppression of freedom of the
media

The European Parliament,

- being informed of the reactions to the broadcasting of the television film 'The Death of the Princess',
 - deploring the attempt to suppress the freedom of the media by political forces in a democratic country,
 - emphasizing the need to keep the media free from political interference, this being one of the basic necessities of a democratic society,
1. Expresses its opinion that the pressure being brought to bear on British Independent Television (ITV) and the Nederlandse Omroep Stichting (NOS) is a gross interference with the functioning of a free and informative television system;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Governments of the Member States.

JUSTIFICATION

The urgency of this debate is justified by the current pressure being exerted on the media.