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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs CASTLE, Mr GLINNE, Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL, Mr COLLA, Mr ENRIGHT, Mr SCHMID, Mrs HOFF, Mrs VIEHOFF, Mrs ROUDY, Mr ZAGARI, Mr LYNGE, Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL, Mr LEZZI, Mr JAQUET, Mr VON DER VRING, Mr MEGAHY, Mr CABORN, Mr VAN MINNEN, Mr WALTER, Mr BALFE, Mrs GREDAL, Mrs BUCHAN, Mr ADAM, Miss QUIN, Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr WETTIG, Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM, Mr MUNTINGH, Mr WOLTJER, Mr ALBERS, Mr SARRE, Mr ESTIER, Mrs FUILLET, Mr LOO, Mrs WEBER, Mr OEHLER, Mrs VAYSSADE, Mrs LIZIN, Mrs CHARZAT, Mr RUFFOLO and Mr RIPA DI MEANA, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr BERSANI, Mr MICHEL, Mr HENCKENS, Mr BEUMER, Mr RUMOR, Mr LIGIOS, Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI, Mrs GAIOTTI DI BIASE, Mr DESCHAMPS, Mr VAN DER GUN, Mr BARBAGLI and Mr VERGEER, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party, and Mrs BADUEL GLORIOSO, Mr D'ANGELOSANTE, Mr FERRERO, Mr BONACCINI and Mr FANTI, Italian members of the Communist and Allies Group

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on political rights of the people of South Africa

The European Parliament,

- noting that Nelson Mandela and other leaders of the African National Congress in South Africa have been held in maximum security prison since 1963,
 - believing that there can be no peaceful evolution towards democracy in South Africa unless the accepted leaders of the African people are allowed to play a full political role,
1. Deplores the continued imprisonment of Nelson Mandela and other leaders of the African National Congress in South Africa;
 2. Condemns the persistent refusal by the South African Government to extend the most elementary political and human rights to all the people of South Africa;
 3. Declares its support for the oppressed majority of that country in its struggle for these rights and calls on the South African Government to release Nelson Mandela and the other members of ANC immediately;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The extremely tense situation in South Africa calls for an affirmation by the European Parliament of its support for the political rights of all the South African people.