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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr FERGUSON on behalf of the European Democratic Group, Mr BLUMENFELD on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), Mr HAAGERUP on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group and Mrs EWING on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats¹

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the violation of the French Embassy in Monrovia

¹The following also voted for the urgent debate:

Mr WOGAU, Mr PENDERS, Mr D'ORMESSON, Mr HABSBERG, Mr PININFARINA, Mr Brøndlund NIELSEN, Mr GALLAND, Mr BERKHOUWER, Mr BOUCHOU, Sir Fred WARNER, Mr WELSH, Mr HUTTON, Mr KIRK, Mr PROUT, Mr HOWELL, Mr PATTERSON, Mr JAKOBSEN, Mr COLLINS and Mr ENRIGHT

The European Parliament,

- mindful of the fierce condemnation it has already expressed of the violation of diplomatic immunity and privilege in its resolution of 16 November 1979,
 - aware that its detestation of this uncivilized behaviour is shared by the whole international community and has been endorsed by Resolutions No. 457(1979) and No. 461 (1979) of the Security Council of the United Nations,
 - concerned that the inadmissible precedent set in Tehran should already have been emulated elsewhere,
 - noting the cynical indifference to basic human rights displayed by the present Liberian authorities,
1. Condemns in the strongest terms the action of the Liberian Government in violating the sanctity of the French Embassy in Monrovia and in removing by force a refugee from its premises;
 2. Calls on the Liberian Government as a subscriber to the Vienna Convention forthwith to take all possible steps to restore the status quo ante;
 3. Asks the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to review the Community's relations with the Liberian Government as a signatory of the Lomé Convention;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of Ministers and to the ambassadors of Liberia still holding office in the capitals of the Nine.

JUSTIFICATION

The danger to the life of Mr Adolphus Tolbert, and the need to reassert the European Parliament's adherence to fundamental diplomatic practice and to condemn as soon as possible any breach of that practice, lest further breaches follow.