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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KAPPOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on the violation of human rights in Northern
Ireland

The European Parliament,

- whereas the rights of the people of Northern Ireland are being violated in a cruel and merciless fashion,
 - whereas political prisoners are being detained in inhuman conditions in solitary confinement and in damp, unheated cells and whereas they are obliged to do compulsory work and their rights to receive visitors, correspondence and education are restricted,
 - whereas strong international protests are being voiced against the behaviour of the British Government,
 - whereas the British Government is refusing to grant political prisoner status to the Northern Irish patriots with the result that a second hunger striker, Francis Hughes, has died and two further prisoners are in immediate danger of losing their lives,
 - whereas the stance adopted by the European Parliament so far has been negative and whereas any continuation of this stance is tantamount to encouraging the British Government to commit crimes against political prisoners in Northern Ireland,
1. Condemns the British Government for its inhuman treatment of political prisoners and, more generally, for violating human rights in Northern Ireland;
 2. Convenes a committee of its members to examine the conditions under which prisoners are detained and the violation of human rights;
 3. Calls on the Council of Ministers to intervene directly to ensure that political prisoner status is recognized and that the lives of the political prisoners on hunger strike are saved;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and governments of Member States.